

# Region 11 Proposal 2a - October 2025

## Proposal for the 11th Region Basketball Tournament

### Objective

To enhance the 11th Region Basketball Tournament by securing a premier venue, hiring a dedicated regional tournament manager, and implementing a district and super regional format to align with best practices across the state.

### Transition to a District and Super Regional Format

#### Model:

- Implement a similar format used by the 15th Region and endorsed by KHSAA.
- All teams qualify for the regional tournament.
- District champions receive an automatic bye into the Elite Eight of the regional tournament.
- Remaining teams compete in a preliminary round (Super Regional) to determine the final quarterfinalists.

#### Benefits:

- Ensures all teams have the opportunity to compete in the regional tournament, promoting inclusion and fairness.
- Provides district champions with a competitive advantage, rewarding regular-season success.
- Increases excitement and attendance for early-round games while maintaining the integrity of the championship rounds.
- Aligns with KHSAA's best practices and standardizes competition formats across the state.
- Larger revenues for all schools, not just the 8 making the regional tournament.

#### Implementation Timeline:

- Finalize the format details with district representatives and KHSAA by December 2025.
- Communicate changes to coaches, athletic directors, and stakeholders.
- Conduct a trial run in the 2026 tournament to evaluate effectiveness.

#### Conclusion

By securing a premier venue, hiring a dedicated tournament manager, and adopting a district and super regional format, the 11th Region Basketball Tournament will be positioned as one of the premier events in Kentucky high school basketball. These changes will enhance the competitive experience, increase financial support, and elevate the status of the tournament within the state.



## 2026 Sample Bracket and Seeding Rules - Boys and Girls

### Rules and Guidelines

- District champions get bye to Elite 8. District champions will be the home teams in the Elite 8.
- The draw will determine home/host teams of the rounds prior to the Elite 8.
- District tournaments must be completed and champion decided by the Thursday of district week. For districts with 5 teams, the 5v4 game will most likely need to be played on Sunday of district week.

### Draws

- Each round will create a pool to draw.

Group 1 (4v5 game losers and 1v4/5 game losers)

Group 2 (2v3 game losers, plus 1 bye from Group 1)

Group 3 (District Runner Ups)

Group 4 (District Champions)

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