



April 13, 2018

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Head Basketball Coaches

FROM: Jamie Lee, Assistant Director, Director of Special Programs

RE: Basketball Changes for 2018-2019

At the April 12, 2018, Central Board of Control meeting, the Board unanimously passed several changes in the sport of basketball. The board approved a change in regional basketball as well as a change in the allowed number of contests.

Beginning with the 2018-2019 season, two regional basketball sites will be held in the city of Montgomery. The SOUTHWEST Regional will be held at Alabama State while the SOUTHEAST Regional will be played at Garrett Coliseum. Included in this email, you will find the Sub-Regional crossovers for the 2018-2019 season under the new Regional Tournament format.

Also beginning with the 2018-2019 season, basketball teams will have a maximum number of games that can be played. The new rule will read:

*“Schools are permitted to play a maximum of **30** regular season games (inclusive of tournament and regular season area games). Post season play (area tournament sub-regional, regional, state) is not included in the maximum number allowed. All tournaments must be held on weekends or during school holiday periods except for one. One tournament may be held on regular school days with principal approval.”*

*“Each junior high or middle school is permitted to play a maximum of **24** regular season games (inclusive of tournaments). All tournaments must be held on weekends or during school holiday periods except for one tournament. One tournament may be held on regular school days with principal approval.”*

We hope the 30-game maximum will allow you to have a little more flexibility with your schedule as well as stop the misuse of the word tournament, classic, etc. We will continue to evaluate ways to improve our game while maintaining the integrity of the sport we have. If you have questions, please contact me or Tony Stallworth in our office.