

# 2020 Gold Crown Competitive League – Open Conference League Championships

## Format and Important Information

All teams automatically qualify for the ‘Divisional Playoffs’. However, if for some reason your team is unable to participate in the tournament, you will need to notify the Gold Crown office by Thursday, February 13.

At the conclusion of the regular season (February 15), all teams will be seeded according to their final regular season standings.

**Tiebreakers for final league standings and divisional playoff seedings are as follows:** 1. Head-to-head competition between tied teams; 2. Strength of schedule between tied teams (which is measured by the combined win-loss record of each team’s regular season opponents); 3. Jump Rule if Applicable (see below for details) 4. Coin toss.

**The ‘Divisional Playoffs’ are scheduled for Saturday, February 22.** The following is an 8-team sample format for the Divisional Playoffs (all teams play two games):

Group A Sample Schedule for Saturday, February 22 at a site TBD

1) #1 vs. #8                      2) #4 vs. #5                      3) L1 vs. L2                      4) W1 vs. W2

The winner of game 4 qualifies for the single-elimination playoffs (Saturday, February 29, 2020).

Group	Team A	W-L	Team B	W-L	Team C	W-L	Team D	W-L
A	#1 Seed	--	#4 Seed	--	#5 Seed	--	#8 Seed	--
B	#2 Seed	--	#3 Seed	--	#6 Seed	--	#7 Seed	--

Divisional playoff winners will advance to the ‘Single-Elimination Playoffs’. The single-elimination playoffs and championship games scheduled for February 29 will all be played at the Gold Crown Field House. When the divisional playoff winners have been determined, we will seed all qualifying teams in a single-elimination playoff bracket based on each teams overall 14-game win-loss record (combined regular season and tournament records). **If necessary, we will use tiebreakers 1-4 (listed in the third paragraph) for the final single-elimination seeds.**

**Tiebreaker Note (Jump Rule):** When multiple teams are tied that did not all play head-to-head during the regular season, the “Jump Rule” could apply. For example, Team A may have defeated Team B during the regular season to win the head-to-head tiebreaker. However, if Team A and Team B are in a multiple-team tie with other teams who did not all play each other, and Team B’s strength of schedule is higher than Team A’s, Team B will receive the higher seed. An exception to this could occur: In the case of a multiple-team tiebreaker, if two or more teams end up seeded next to each other that played head-to-head during the regular season, the winner of the head-to-head tiebreaker would receive the higher seed. **Note:** This tiebreaker will also be used for the Single-Elimination Playoff seedings. In some cases, this could change a team’s overall seeding.

**Due to an uneven amount of teams in some divisions, the following divisions will feature one wildcard team that will also qualify for the single-elimination playoffs: Girls 7<sup>th</sup> Grade.** If necessary, tiebreakers 1-4 (listed in the third paragraph) will be used to determine the wildcard team. For Single-Elimination Playoff seedings where wildcard teams are involved: All qualifying teams (pool winners and wildcards) will be seeded based on their 12-game regular season win-loss record. Because of this, there is the potential that a wildcard team could be seeded higher than a pool winner.

## Important Information

**Divisional Playoff schedules will be available on the Internet no later than 5:00 pm Wednesday, February 19.** Coaches will be e-mailed when schedules are completed and posted on the Gold Crown website.

**Single-Elimination Playoff Brackets will be available on the Internet no later than 5:00 pm Wednesday, February 26.** Coaches will be e-mailed when schedules are completed and posted on the Gold Crown website.

**Please do not call or e-mail the Gold Crown office any time prior to these deadlines, as program directors will be scheduling hundreds of games during these limited time periods and will need every available minute to complete the schedules. If you have something urgent, please email [basketball@goldcrownfoundation.com](mailto:basketball@goldcrownfoundation.com).**