

HOW REGIONALS WORK

- **What is the Regional?** The Regional is the first round of the State Tournament. The purpose of the tournament is to determine which teams will qualify for the State Finals.
- **Teams in our Region:**
 - Caledonia
 - East Kentwood
 - Grand Haven
 - Union
 - Grandville
 - Holland
 - Hudsonville
 - Kalamazoo Central
 - Rockford
 - West Ottawa
- **How do you qualify?**
 - The top two teams in the Region automatically advance.
 - If a team takes lower than 2nd place, but earns 18 or more points at the tournament, they go (*About half the time a team does this*).
 - If the 1st singles player makes it to the finals of their flight, they may go the State Finals on their own.
- **So how do you earn points?**
 - The top 4 teams at each flight get seeds. If you are a seed and you win your first match, you get 2 points. This puts you in the semifinals of your flight.
 - If you win your next match to get into the finals, that gets you a third point.
 - If you win your flight, you get a fourth point.
 - This is a single elimination tournament.
 - Strategy is to get everyone seeded and to the semi-finals. This gets you 16 points alone.
- **How do you get seeded?**
 - #1 factor is how you do in the OK-Red tournament, since it takes place a few days before the Regional seed meeting and since they are mostly the same teams.
 - To get seeded above teams not in the OK-Red, we must show that we have dominant wins. This is a reason we play such a strong early season schedule.
- **How many points does it realistically take?**
 - The most points a team could possibly take at a regional is 32 points. This happened in 2008, where we won every flight.
 - The winning team generally is somewhere in the low to mid twenties. Last year we won the regional with 22 points.
 - Based on how the Conference Tournament played out, I think it will take 24 points to guarantee a regional title.