

Districts 13 and 14 C are proposing to have a combined district tournament for volleyball and basketball beginning in the 2026-27 season. We will remain two separate districts competing in one district tournament.

Rationale: The schools of both districts are looking to enhance the district tournament, involving more teams and taking the best teams from both districts to create a more competitive tournament. We are asking to stay in two districts because of the way that All-State selections are handled in the Class C Constitution. Right now we get 4 all-state selections for both basketball and volleyball and if we were to combine districts that would be reduced to two selections with a higher number of schools. This combined tournament would also allow us to easily deal with the number of teams that some years have a team and other years do not. Another potential benefit would be needing only one venue to host district tournaments. This is becoming more and more challenging each year to find venues large enough and willing to accommodate us.

Details:

- Each district will play their normal regular season schedule, conference records will be used to place for play-in games and byes in the district tournament.
- Play in games will be used to determine which teams will play in the 8 team tournament bracket. The number of play-in games and byes will be determined after the number of teams in each district is finalized.
 - If all schools in district field teams, 14-C seeds 6-7 will play each other on Monday prior to the play in games to move on. This game will be at the home site of the higher seeded team.
 - The top two teams from each district would automatically qualify for the district tournament. The 3rd place teams will play the 6th place teams from the opposite district and the 4th place teams will play the 5th place teams from the opposite district.
- Play-in games will be played at the tournament site the day before the tournament starts.

This proposal was voted on at a meeting between both districts on April 20th. All schools were represented at the meeting and the proposal passed 11-2.