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2003 GLIAC Basketball Tournament Information

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2003 GLIAC Basketball Tournaments To Have New Format

BAY CITY, Mich. -- The 2003 editions of the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference men's and women's basketball tournaments will have a new look, a new format and a new location.

The four previous GLIAC men's and women's basketball tournaments have been held at a neutral location, the last three at the DeltaPlex in Grand Rapids, Mich. The 2003 tournaments will return to on-campus sites for the first time since the 1998 season.

The tournaments will also feature a new format. Previously, quarterfinal, semifinal and championship games were held on consecutive days in the same location. The 2003 tournaments will feature the four quarterfinal games on Saturday, Mar. 1, with the top two seeds in the North and South Divisions hosting games. The team with the best conference record of the four remaining teams will host the semifinal and championship games on Friday, Mar. 7 and Saturday, Mar. 8. The four teams will be reseeded at that point, ranking the teams from one to four based on conference records, regardless of division.

The tournament format was changed because the NCAA Division II Elite Eight men's and women's basketball championships were moved back one week. The GLIAC schedule concludes on Feb. 22, allowing the Conference to spread the tournament format over two weekends with quarterfinal games being held on Mar. 1, and the semifinals and finals to be held on Friday and Saturday, Mar. 7 & 8.

"A scheduling conflict with the DeltaPlex precipitated moving the tournament to the campuses," stated GLIAC Commissioner Tom Brown. "We had already decided to move the quarterfinals back to campus sites and when the conflict arose with the DeltaPlex, the decision was made to hold the entire tournament on campus. With this format, teams that prove to be the strongest over the course of the conference season are truly rewarded for their efforts by gaining the right to host a tournament game."

The GLIAC men's and women's basketball teams will conclude regular season play on Saturday, Feb. 22. GLIAC Tournament quarterfinal match-ups and locations will be released on Sunday, Feb. 23.

For more information, please check the GLIAC web site at: www.gliac.org.

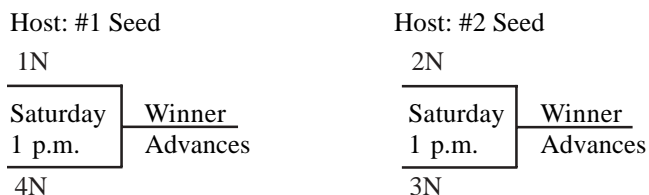
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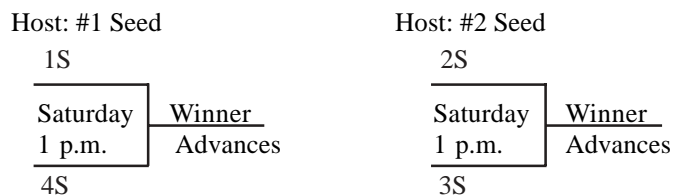
Quarterfinals (Saturday, March 1):

There will be four sites for each of the men's and women's tournament quarterfinal games. The host teams are the number 1 and 2 seeded teams in both the north and south divisions.

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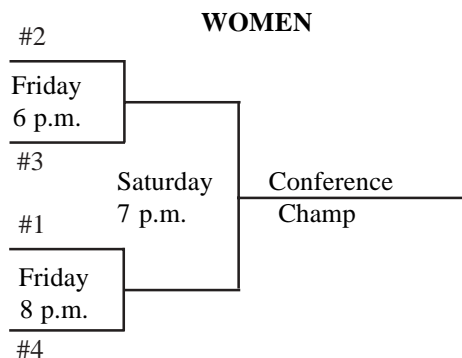
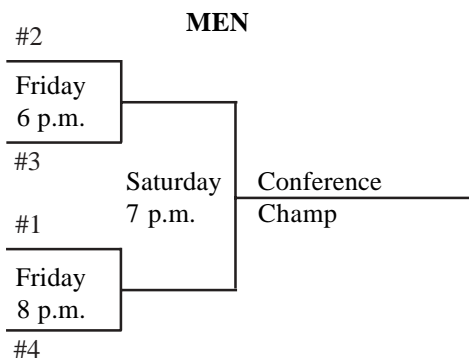
If one school has both men's and women's teams qualify to host, the following will be the schedule:

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| Session 1 | Saturday 1:00 p.m. | Women's game |
| Session 2 | Saturday 4:00 p.m. | Men's Game |

(There will be a new gate for each session)

Semifinals (Friday & Saturday, March 7 & 8):

The four winners (men's and women's) will be re-seeded by conference winning percentage through the quarterfinals. The number one seed (men's and women's) will host. (Session 1 – Friday; Session 2 – Saturday)



If one school has the No. 1 seed in men's and women's, the following will be the schedule: (new gate for each session)

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| Session 1 | Friday 1:00 p.m. | 2W vs 3W |
| | Friday 3:00 p.m. | 2M vs 3M |
| Session 2 | Friday 6:00 p.m. | 1W vs 4W |
| | Friday 8:00 p.m. | 1M vs 4M |
| Session 3 | Saturday 6:00 p.m. | Women's Final |
| | Saturday 8:00 p.m. | Men's Final |

Ticket prices shall be as follows:

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| Reserved seats | \$7.00 for a session |
| General Adult | \$5.00 for a session |
| Students (5 and above) | \$2.00 for a session |
| Children (under 5) | No charge |

Semifinals and finals: All-tournament pass:
\$10.00 (\$15.00 if hosting men's and women's)

Quarterfinals:

If a school has both a men's and a women's game:

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| Reserved seats | \$10.00 for both games |
| General Adult | \$8.00 for both games |
| Students (5 and above) | \$2.00 for both games |