

## History of North Dakota High School Basketball Tournament Structure

From 1914 to 1932 all North Dakota High School Activities Association member high schools played basketball under a single classification. Some small schools played in the State Tournament under that format and three of them won state titles: Tower City in 1915, Michigan in 1917, and Petersburg in 1919.

In 1922, a number of schools from small towns organized the Consolidated League for the purpose of competing for a state championship with schools of similar enrollments. This league continued to operate through 1950.

In 1933, the schools still competing under the sponsorship of the NDHSAA were divided up into Class A and Class B and, in 1948, the Class C division was created by the NDHSAA. The Consolidated League joined the Class C in 1950 and that combined organization remained in operation through 1963. At the present time all high school basketball teams compete in either Class B or Class A.

### SUMMARY

1914-4 Team State Tournament for all high school teams. 4 Regional Champs went to State

1920-8 Team State Tournament for all high school teams. 8 Regional Champs went to State (Teams from smaller towns did compete in the state tournament playoffs)

1922-1950-Consolidated League playoffs. Held District, Regional and State Tournaments

1933-present-State A and State B playoffs began. Held separate District and Regional and State Tournaments.

1948-1963-Class C organized by NDHSAA. Held District, Regional and State Tournaments

1951-1963-Class C combined with Consolidated League, Held District, Region and State Tournaments.

### NORTH DAKOTA CONSOLIDATED LEAGUE AND CLASS C BASKETBALL HISTORY

The following research of North Dakota small school basketball tournaments was compiled by Bob Schaible of Bismarck. He gathered information from the microfilm of the Bismarck Tribune, Minot Daily News, Jamestown Sun and Valley City Times Record as found at the State Historical Society in Bismarck. Schaible was a member of the 1961 State Class B Champion Mott Cardinals.

#### 1922-1950 Consolidated League

The champions for each year are listed first and in bold type. The remaining teams have been put in at random and are not necessarily listed as they placed in the tournament.

- 1922 Hebron, Balfour, Erik, (York)  
 1923 Hazen, Leonard, York, Coleharbor, Niagara, Carson, Goodrich, Munich  
 1924 Oberson, Plaza, Cathay, Regent, Hazen, Ambrose, Goodrich, Aliceton  
 1925 Baldwin, Carson, Oberon, Lankin, Halliday, Goodrich, Balfour, Munich  
 1926 Leonard, Colgan, Balfour, Halliday, Goodrich, Flasher, Millarton, McHenry, Hansboro  
 1927 Deering, Baldwin, Halliday, Goodrich, Brocket, Flasher, Ross, Hazelton  
 1928 Lankin, Baldwin, Hazen, Elgin, Pingree, Deering, Goodrich, Van Hook  
 1929 Lankin, Ft. Yates, Deering, Svea, Gardner, Halliday, Oberon, Alamo  
 1930 Lankin, Killdeer, Arthur, Ft. Yates, Maxbass, Van Hook, Tuttle, Goodrich  
 1931 Lankin, Mapleton, Coleharbor, Isabel, Selfridge, Hamlet, Dodge, Brantford

- 1932 Munich, Tuttle, Hamlet, Grandin, Brinsmade, Ambrose, Lehr, Eckelson, Hazen  
 1933 Lankin, Ft. Yates, Grandin, Brinsmade, Ambrose, Lehr, Eckelson, Hazen  
 1934 Grandin, Hannah, Nome, Medina, Zahl, Tokio, Beulah  
 1935 Grand Prairie, Goodrich, Ft. Yates, Grandin, Hannah, Van Hook, Taylor, Adams  
 1936 Eldridge, Zahl, Kindred, Ft. Yates, Tokio, Halliday, Arthur, Munich  
 1937 Tokio, Des Lacs, Grand Prairie, Amenia, Courtney, Lehr, Lankin, Beulah  
 1938 Grand Prairie, Des Lacs, Sanish, Lankin, Ft. Yates, Amenia, Werner, Tuttle  
 1939 Munich, Dunn Center, Ayr, Klotten, Balfour, Hamlet, Eldridge  
 1940 Eldridge, Lankin, Arthur, Streeter, Foxholm, Gladstone, Leonard, Munich  
 1941 Sharon, West Fargo, Marion, Alsen, Gladstone, Calvin, Marion, Streeter  
 1942 Luverne, Davenport, Hensel, Max, Gladstone, Calvin, Marion, Streeter  
 1943 Arthur, Des Lacs, Sharon, Marion, Dawson, Hague, Calvin, Noltmeier  
 1944 West Fargo, Makoti, Amenia, Tappen, Calvin, Wimbledon, Hague, Pekin  
 1945 Fingal, Bowdon, Makoti, Hague, Willow City, Dazey, Arthur, Sharon  
 1946 Sharon, Rogers, Karlsruhe, Robinson, Leonard, Westhope, Calvin, Arthur  
 1947 Arthur, Churchs Ferry, Fingal, Luverne, Bowdon, Litchville, Van Hook  
 1948 Noltmeier, Churchs Ferry, Buxton, Robinson, Newburg, Rogers, Karlsruhe, Medina  
 1949 Churchs Ferry, Sharon, Fullerton, Amenia, Robinson, Makoti, Wheatland, Westhope  
 1950 Hope, Amenia, Makoti, Webster, Sykeston, Wimbledon, Mapleton, Tuttle
- 1948-Class C Tourney Organized. Separate tournaments were held from 1948-1950  
 1948 Carpio, Sheldon, Cathay, Alexander, Aneta, Scranton, Starkweather, Zap  
 1949 Alexander, Sheldon, Zap, Columbus, Marion, Reeder, St. John, Petersburg  
 1950 Columbus, Westhope, Aneta, Grenora, Kensal, Scranton, Kindred, Zap
- 1951-1963-Class C Championships (Combined with Consolidated League)  
 1951 Wildrose, Edinburg, Kensal, Litchville, Upham, Arthur, Bowden, Zap  
 1952 Butte, Jud, Bowden, Arthur, Arnegard, Ft. Totten, South Heart, Lawton  
 1953 Willow City, Kindred, Powers Lake, Bowden, Page, Ft. Totten, Edinburg, Rhame  
 1954 Westhope, Osabrock, Powers Lake, Esmond, Zap, Hope, Leonard, Oriska  
 1955 Osabrock, Max, Hope, Gackle, Rock Lake, Westhope, Litchville, South Heart  
 1956 Willow City, Abercrombie, Osabrock, Rogers, Sheyenne, Aneta, Flaxton, Golden Valley  
 1957 Alsen, Taylor, Ft. Totten, Nome, Arthur, Oriska, Portal, Tolley  
 1958 Alsen, Fullerton, Tower City, Reeder, Tuttle, McGregor, Ft. Totten, Berthold  
 1959 Plaza, Buffalo, Osabrock, Souris, St. Leo's of Linton, Mandaree, Ft. Totten, Nome  
 1960 Crary, Plaza, Newburg, Oriska, Rhame, Arthur, Tower City, Gardar  
 1961 Arnegard, Crary, Klotten, Oriska, Haynes, Butte, Munich, Fullerton  
 1962 Makoti, Crary, Klotten, Regan, Mandaree, Bergen, Clyde, Tower City  
 1963 Mapleton, Fordville, Flaxton, Sharon, Oriska, Butte, Mandaree, North Central of Rogers