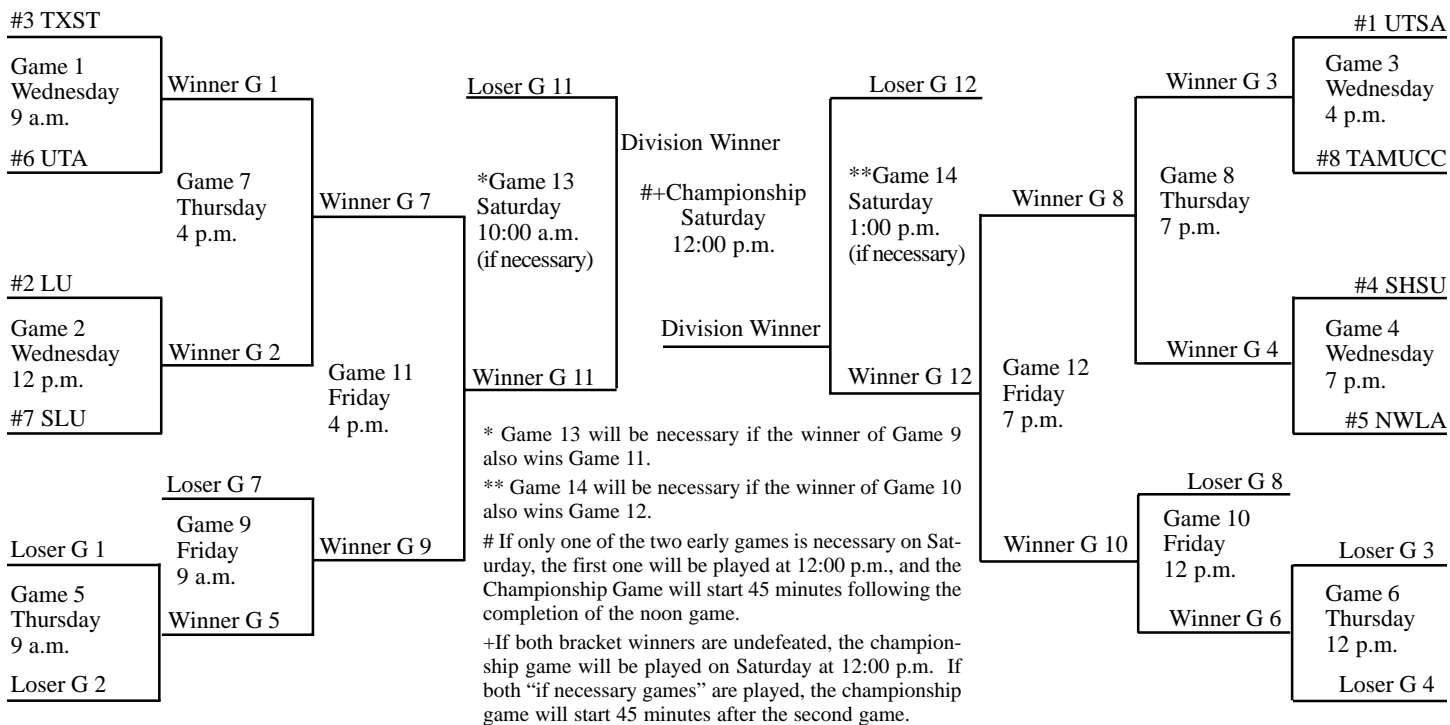


2008 SOUTHLAND TOURNAMENT BRACKET



Wednesday-Saturday, May 21-24 Huntsville, Texas - Don Sanders Stadium Sam Houston State University



NOTE: There will be a minimum of 45 minutes between games with no game starting prior to its scheduled start time.

Determination of Tournament Seeds

Format: Eight (8) teams with the top two divisional finishers (East and West) and the next six teams with the best winning percentage in the Conference regular-season schedule shall qualify for a double-elimination tournament to determine the automatic representative to the NCAA tournament. Seeds 1, 4, 5 and 8 will make up one side of the bracket while seeds 2, 3, 6 and 7 will occupy the other. As host, Sam Houston State will have the opportunity to play the 6:30 p.m. game on Wednesday.

Tournament Seeding: Tournament seeding, 1 through 8, shall be based upon regular-season winning percentage in Conference competition regardless of division. Ties shall be broken based upon the following tie-breaker system.

Tie-breaker: In the case of a two-way tie in the final standings, position in the tournament bracket shall be determined as follows:

- If two teams are tied and they are from different divisions, the winner of the series between the two tied teams shall be the higher seed. If the tying teams from opposing teams did not play a regular-season Conference series, the tie will be broken beginning with item (c) below and continue through item (f).
- If two teams are tied and they are from the same division, the team with an advantage in head-to-head competition shall be the higher seed.
- If two teams remain tied, there will be a comparison of overall record or winning percentage against division teams only (up to 15 divisional games).
- If two teams remain tied, there will be a *comparison of record against the highest ranked team(s) (based upon Conference winning percentage) in the division and proceeding through in order of divisional finish.
- If two teams remain tied, there will be a *comparison of record against the highest ranked team(s) (based upon Conference winning percentage) in the opposite division and proceeding through in order of divisional finish.
- If two teams remain tied, the higher seed will be chosen by draw.
- If three or more teams are tied, ties among divisional opponents will be broken by using steps (b) through (f) and the head-to-head results will be used to break ties between non-divisional teams. When three or more teams from the same division are tied step (b) will consist of a mini-round robin among those tied teams. At any point during the process of breaking ties among three or more teams that the number of tied teams are reduced to two, head-to-head competition would be used as the primary tiebreaker, followed by steps (c) through (f).

Note: When comparing against the 'highest' ranked team(s) in either division, the comparison will be based upon how tied teams did against all teams in a given placement, rather than a team that wins a tiebreaker at another position. For example, if two teams are tied for fifth and two teams are tied for first, the head-to-head comparison would be how the fifth place teams did against the first place teams combined, and vice versa.

(Note: UCA Impact on Tournament Qualification. Due to UCA's ineligibility for NCAA Championships, UCA cannot participate in Conference tournaments through 2009-2010. If UCA finishes the regular-season in a position that would normally earn a tournament berth, UCA shall be removed from consideration and replaced. If UCA finishes among the top divisional finishers, the advancing pool of divisional finishers shall be reduced from two to one, and the next five best records shall be selected.)