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## **West Coast Conference Announces 2012 Zappos.com Tournament Bracket 2012 Tournament Begins in February**

**LAS VEGAS** – West Coast Conference Commissioner Jamie Zaninovich announced a new bracket format for the conference's annual basketball championships on Sunday. The 2012 Zappos.com West Coast Conference Basketball Championships will begin on Wednesday, February 29, 2012 and run through the championship games on Monday, March 5, 2012. The format change is a result of the addition of Brigham Young University to the WCC beginning in the fall of 2011. It is the conference's first membership change since 1979.

The tournament will begin with an opening round game between the eighth and ninth seed on both the men's and women's sides. Each winner will then play on Thursday, March 1, against the tournament's fifth seed. Also on Thursday, the sixth and seventh seeds will square off. Friday's action will see seeds No. 3 and No. 4 play for the first time, while the top two seeds in each bracket will advance all the way to the semifinals on Saturday, March 3. There will be no games played on Sunday, March 4, with both the men's and women's championship games on Monday.

*A complete 2012 bracket follows...*

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