**APPENDIX 2 – TOURNAMENT FORMATS**

These are recommended formats for PRC-HS Tournaments. Alterations may need to be made due to facilities, number of teams competing or other factors at the discretion of the Tournament Director and with approval of the PRC-HS Executive Committee.

**Three Teams:**

Double round-robin, with no playoff games.

**Four Teams:**

Full round-robin, with a championship game and third-place playoff.

**Five Teams:**

Full round-robin, with a championship game and third-place playoff if time permits.

**Six Teams:**

2 seeded pools of 3 (based on results from the exchange) with 1v1, 2v2, 3v3 finals as detailed below:

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| 1 v 4 (Pool A) | 2 v 6 (Pool B) |
| 1 v 5 (Pool A) | 2 v 3 (Pool B) |
| 4 v 5 (Pool A) | 3 v 6 (Pool B) |
| Pool A #3 v Pool B #3 (5th Place Game) | Pool A #2 v Pool B #2 (3rd Place Game) |
| Pool A #1 v Pool B #1 (Championship Game) |  |

**Seven Teams:**

A pool of four and a pool of three, with crossover semifinals (A1 vs. B2, B1 vs. A2). The winners of those games play the championship game, the losers play for third place. The third placed teams in each pool play for fifth place, while the fourth placed team in the pool of four takes seventh place.

**Eight Teams:**

Two pools of four, with crossover semifinals (A1 vs. B2, B1 vs. A2). The winners of those games play the championship game, the losers play for third place. The third placed teams in each pool play for fifth place, and the fourth placed teams play for seventh place.

**Nine or more teams:**

In this scenario, shortening games will be appropriate. In soccer and basketball, this means shortening overall game time. In volleyball, sets can be reduced to 15 points. Tournament Directors should endeavor to keep pool play and playoff games, but can use their discretion to adapt the tournament to the situation. More than one team per school should not be allowed where this would lead to more than eight teams being involved in the competition