

Kirkwood set for regional basketball events

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If the Kirkwood basketball teams keep winning this week, all of their games in the regional tournaments will be played on their home court at Johnson Hall in southwest Cedar Rapids.

The men's regional basketball tournament is scheduled for Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. Kirkwood is the No. 1 seed and has the home-court advantage, beginning with the quarterfinals Tuesday at 7 p.m. against the Little Priest Tribal College.

The women's regional tournament is scheduled for Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday. Kirkwood is the No. 1 seed and has the home-court advantage, beginning with the quarterfinals Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. against Southwestern, which downed Little Priest, 60-51, in a play-in game Monday night in Creston.

Kirkwood earned the top seeds as league champions.

The regional champions will advance to the NJCAA Division II national tournaments. The Kirkwood men's team won the national title in 2016 and the Kirkwood women captured the national crown in 2017.

Here are the brackets:

MEN'S REGIONAL TOURNAMENT **Tuesday, 7 p.m.**

No. 8 Little Priest (14-16) at No. 1 Kirkwood (23-5)
No. 5 Iowa Central (19-11) at No. 4 Ellsworth (16-13)
No. 6 DMACC (17-12) at No. 3 Southwestern (23-7)

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No. 7 NIACC (14-15) at No. 2 Iowa Lakes (21-8)

WOMEN'S REGIONAL TOURNAMENT

Wednesday, 5:30 p.m.

No. 8 Southwestern (9-21) at No. 1 Kirkwood (28-3)

No. 5 DMACC (20-11) at No. 4 Southeastern (21-9)

No. 6 Iowa Lakes (13-17) at No. 3 Iowa Central (16-14)

No. 7 Ellsworth (8-21) at No. 2 NIACC (24-6)