State hockey meet to start Thursday

The 1980 Iowa High School Hockey League state tournament opens its fourday, 15-game run Thursday night at McElroy Auditorium.

The winners of Thursday's two games will face the top two teams in the regular season standings—Columbus High of Waterloo and Waterloo Public—in Friday night games.

Ankeny, fifth in the final standings, opens the tournament against Hoover-Roosevelt of Des Moines (eighth) in a 6 p.m. game Thursday. Defending state champion Dowling of West Des Moines (seventh) plays Sioux City (sixth) in the 8:30 p.m.

The Ankeny-Hoover-Roosevelt winner

will play Columbus at 6 p.m. Friday while Public will take on the Dowling-Sioux City victor.

The rest of the 10-team field sees its first action Friday afternoon. Urbandale (fourth) plays Mason City (ninth) at noon Friday while Ames (10th) and Valley of West Des Moines (third) are scheduled for 2:30 p.m.

Consolation games begin

The consolation bracket begins with two afternoon games SAturday.

The championship semifinals are set for Saturday night with the tournament title game scheduled for 6 p.m. Sunday.

Sunday's championship game will be preceded by four consolation games.