



3A and 4A

STATE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

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**WELCOME TO THE
STATE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS!**

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Dear Coaches, Athletic Directors and Supervisors:

Congratulations on qualifying for the 2024 WIAA 3A, 4A Basketball Hardwood Classic! I want to extend a sincere welcome to each of you. The hard work, sacrifices and dedication to your student athletes is commendable, and each of you have played an important role in your teams success.

As you prepare for participation in the 2024 State Basketball Championships please review all of the enclosed information carefully. The packet includes tournament rules/guidelines, goals and game day details. The Tournament Staff has worked very hard to plan an organized, safe, fun and competitive event.

One of my goals as Tournament Manager is to be proactive when addressing potential problem areas. Please give special attention to the following situations:

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Please contact me if you have any questions and most of all, **MAKE IT A FUN EXPERIENCE FOR EVERYONE IN YOUR PROGRAM.**

Sincerely,

Mark Albertine
Tournament Manager



TOURNAMENT MANAGER:	Mark Albertine
GAMES COMMITTEE:	Mark Albertine, Kevin Erickson, John Matteo
TEAM LIAISON:	Mark Haley, Curtis Fletcher
OFFICE STAFF:	Alyssa Reuble
FLOOR MANAGERS:	Pat McCarthy (Boys), Johnny Lee (Girls)
PASS GATE:	Rhonda Stinson, Judy Richardson
MEDIA:	Tom Gallo, Terry Manley, Mike Lewis, Mike McKay
LOCKER ROOM ATTENDENTS:	Greg Farias, Randy Hudson, Brenda Poole, Harry Sneed
BAND/CHEERLEADERS:	Marcus Bradford, Ty Williams
CHEERLEADER HOST:	Esha Ki’Kidd
ANNOUNCERS:	Mark Aucutt (supervisor), Larry Beck, Julie Campbell, Martin Dawood, Robert Gary Jr., Tom Lafferty, Paul Stabbert, Mark Westly
TIMERS:	Brian Solinsky (supervisor), Marc Langvad, Packy Rieder, Pierre Tutty, Dan Mackay, Chase Looker, Todd Penman, John Cummings, Lance Phillips, Shirley Phillips, Mike Williams, Sue Williams, Dan Rivera, Lissa Solinsky, Jennifer Hunt, Tim Ahern, Dave Sandberg, Tanner Solinsky
SCORERS:	Brenda Penman (supervisor), Gary Loucks, Ryan Simmons, Kevin Zylstra, Sarah Larson
OFFICIALS COORDINATOR:	Kevin Erickson
OFFICIALS LIAISONS/FLOOR LEADERS:	John Matteo, Ira Dunbar
TOWELS:	Kevin McCrossin
TRAINERS/PHYSICIANS:	Jason Berglund, Olympic Sports and Spine
TEAM HOSTS:	Alex Spearman, Cotton Clarke
TACOMA DOME SUPERVISORS:	Philip Oliver, Morgan Nyren

Medical Services and Athletic Training Facilities

On behalf of the Olympic Sport and Spine (OSS) Medicine Team, we welcome you and your team to the WIAA/GESA Credit Union State 3A and 4A Basketball Tournament. The following will be available to you at the OSS medicine tent located at the northwest corner of the Dome:

- Taping and first aid. It is preferred if you can provide your own taping supplies.
- Ice and flexi wrap for all acute and chronic injuries.
- Concussion evaluation and management.
- OSS athletic training staff to support your team and team athletic trainer.
- A physician will be with the OSS sports medicine team or on call if needs present.
- The OSS athletic training staff will be documenting all injuries and treatments for the WIAA. Please support them by providing any information they need to gather.
- The OSS athletic training staff will coordinate emergency medical services and hospital transportation if appropriate.
- Additional specialty health care services are available in the community.

You are welcome to use the taping area or ask us to tape for you. If you have special needs please check with us in an appropriate time frame so that we may properly assist you. Please have your ATCs and/or medical providers introduce themselves to our medical team by visiting the OSS sports medicine tent prior to your games.

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AUTHORITY OF DESIGNATED TOURNAMENT PHYSICIANS - The tournament physicians shall have final responsibility for medical decisions at the tournament, consulting with assistant tournament physicians and team physicians or other designated medical authority as appropriate. The tournament physician (and assistant tournament physician or designated medical authority when they are on the scene in the absence of the tournament physician) shall have the following authority in addition to that normally associated with the practice of medicine and surgery:

1. To determine whether an injured participant may continue in the contest, the decision against further participation may not be overturned by a coach, official, parent, another physician, or any other person. If an injured participant has a team physician present, consultation between the tournament manager and team physicians is expected when time permits, prior to the decision.
2. To provide medical coverage/services to tournament participants as requested.
3. To interrupt a contest if, in the opinion of the tournament physician, continuation would pose a significant threat to the safety, health, or life of a competitor, due to an injury to said competitor.
4. To enter the field of competition as necessary to fulfill his/her duties.
5. To supervise the activities of paramedical personnel who may be involved in the conduct of the tournament.
6. To serve as advisor to the tournament director on medical, health, and safety matters related to the tournament.

SCHOOL ATHLETIC TRAINER/DOCTOR RETURN TO TOURNAMENT MANAGER

This information confirms the responsible individual(s) in the event of an injury to a participant. **EACH TEAM MAY BE ALLOWED ONE (1) TRAINER OR DOCTOR.**

Name of High School _____

Name of Head Coach _____

Name of Athletic Trainer _____

Is Athletic Trainer NATA Certified? Yes No

Name of Student Medical Support _____

Name of Team Physician _____

Will this physician be on your bench? Yes No

In the event than an athlete needs, medical attention on the court/field or in the locker room, the WIAA Tournament Medical Personnel will make the initial assessment and then will turn the athlete over to the designated school trainer/or physician. However; the decision determining whether an injured participant may "return to play" shall be made by the WIAA Tournament Medical Personnel and may not be overturned by a coach, official, parent, another physician or any other person.

If an injured participant has a team physician present, consultation between the tournament manger and team physician is expected when time permits, prior to the decision.

Please list any special needs or concerns regarding your student-athletes which may be helpful or pertinent in any emergency situation (i.e., diabetic, epileptic, etc.)

Principal or Designee Name _____ Date _____

Principal or Designee Signature _____

COACHES/TEAM INFORMATION:

The following information is required for EACH team in the tournament:

Enter through WPA Roster Center- *Team rosters and photos*

Enter through Final Forms – *Pass Gate*, School Personnel (superintendent, school board members, team medical, cheerleaders and cheer coach, and School Supervisors)

Team medical personnel must also register with the tournament medical authority on site at the Tacoma Dome.

For more information click [HERE](#)

SECURITY:

New this year. All bags including, Teams and working Staff, will be searched prior to entry into the Facility.

FACILITY WALK-THROUGH:

The Tacoma Dome will be open for a walk-through on *Tuesday, February 27*, from 6-7:00 PM. All Tacoma Dome parking lots are open at no charge during the team walk-through.

ENTRANCE:

Each team is allowed 12 players, and eight (8) designated school personnel (Coaches, Managers, Statisticians, etc.)

If the team has a designated medical authority, that individual will also be allowed entry if listed on the team registration information. Each of these players and school personnel will be hand stamped with a fluorescent stamp at the pass gate for entrance into the facility and into the locker room.

School board members, superintendent, one (1) school photographer, one (1) school press and one (1) school video person will be admitted through the pass gate with proper I.D. if listed on the team registration information. The team bus driver must sign the team's registration page and is allowed free admission. ***Entrance will not be authorized for any other individuals.***

TEAM PARKING:

Each team will receive three (3) parking passes and every team vehicle must have a valid parking pass. **Schools will be held responsible for any fraudulent passes.**

School buses and vans (without a valid parking pass) will unload participants at the Lower NE door, then will be directed to park on Brotman Street. All buses must pay \$30 **each day** by cash, credit card or a check made payable to the City of Tacoma to park on Brotman Street.

Valid WIAA issued Tacoma Dome parking pass holders are STRONGLY ADVISED to exit I-5 at Portland Ave (Exit 135 Southbound), (Exit 134 Northbound) and proceed to their designated lot via Wiley Street.

LOCKER ROOMS:

After entering through lower NE gate at the Tacoma Dome approximately one (1) hour before game time, a team liaison will escort the team to the locker room attendants. The liaison will make arrangements for the storage of team equipment, location of locker rooms, taping procedures, and pre-game preparations.

- The team locker rooms will be assigned by the Tournament Manager
- Access to the designated locker room will be after half time of the preceding game.
- Only those individuals with the approved hand stamp will be allowed into the locker room area.

- The boys will use locker rooms A and B at the west end of the corridor and will play on the west court. The girls will use locker rooms C and D at the east end of the corridor and will play on the east court. Names of the schools will be posted outside the locker rooms.
- The press will be restricted from entering the locker room area immediately following the game.
- Each team is responsible for the security of personal valuables. PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE ANYTHING OF VALUE IN THE LOCKER ROOMS!
- Locker room attendants will be stationed outside the locker room at all times to be of assistance to the teams.
- Team water bottles can be filled in the locker room.

PRE-GAME WARMUP:

- The home team on the east court will be seated on the left side of the scorer's table as you face the court; visiting team will be seated on the right side of the scorer's table, closest to the curtain.
- The home team on the west court will be seated on the right side of the scorer's table as you face the court; visiting team will be seated on the left side of the scorer's table, closest to the curtain.
- There will be 15 chairs for players, coaches and other team personnel. Four (4) additional chairs will be at the end of each bench for the local team hosts.
- Games will not begin earlier than the published game time. The 15 minutes (not including introductions) warm-up time will begin immediately following the end of the preceding game or 20 minutes prior to the start of the next game. Coaches are advised to have their teams ready to begin warm-ups at that time.
- Teams must go directly to their designated half court for warming up and are restricted to warming up only on their designated half court before the game and at half time. If a team runs around the court or on the opposite team's baseline (whether the opposing team is on the court or not) or through the opposing team's warm-up drills, an *indirect technical* for unsportsmanlike conduct will be issued to the head coach and the coach will lose the ability to stand and coach during the game.
- During introductions the team huddle must take place at each respective team end (not at center court.)

PREGAME TIMING SHEET

GAME CLOCK	ACTIVITY
20:00	Countdown clock begins for first game of the day
15:00	Countdown clock begins (following previous game)
10:00	PA Read Block #1 (<i>PA Script</i>)
5:00	PA Read Block #2 (<i>PA Script</i>)
0:00	Horn signals teams to benches
0:00	Team Introductions
0:00	Introduce Officials
0:00	National Anthem
0:00	Tip-off

HEAD COACH'S RESPONSIBILITY:

The head coaches of the participating teams are expected to instruct their players in the following procedures:

TEAM WARM-UPS:

The teams participating in the first game of each day will begin their warm-up at 20 minutes prior to the scheduled game time. For all other games, warm-ups will begin once the pre-game clock has been reset to 15 minutes.

Teams must go directly to their designated half court for warming up and are restricted to warming up only on their designated half court before the game and at half time. If a team runs around the court or on the opposing team's baseline (whether the opposing team is on the court or not) or through the opposing team's warm-up drills, an indirect technical for unsportsmanlike conduct will be issued to the head coach and the coach will lose the ability to stand and coach during the game.

When the warm-up clock expires, players and coaches will go to their respective benches.

TEAM INTRODUCTIONS:

- The five starting players will discard their warm-up suits and/or shooting shirts and stand in front of their bench with their coach and assistant coaches.
- Starting with the visiting team followed by the home team, non-starters from each team are introduced.
- The starters are announced next with the PA Announcer alternating between the visiting team and home team. Starting with the visiting team, as a player's name is read, he/she will come forward to center court. A player from the home team will then be announced and proceed to center court to shake hands with the opposing player, then both players will return to their respective free throw lines.
- When all starters have been announced, non-starters from each team will join their respective starters at their free throw lines.
- The head coaches and assistant coach(s) of each team will be introduced after all of that team's players have been introduced. Head coaches will meet at center court for a handshake before joining their respective teams and coaches at their free throw lines.
- Gatherings intended to motivate a team after the warm-up period, during or following player introductions and post-game celebrations should be performed in the area directly in front of the team bench and cannot delay the start of the game.

NATIONAL ANTHEM:

Players and coaches will line up at their respective free throw lines and wait for the playing of the National Anthem.

GAME BALLS:

Baden Elite Pro basketballs will be provided for all games and pregame warm-ups.

PRACTICE SESSIONS:

There will be no practice sessions at any tournament sites.

HOME TEAMS:

The second or bottom teams listed on the state tournament bracket will be the home teams.

UNIFORMS:

Each team is instructed to bring a set of white and a set of dark uniforms. The home team shall wear white uniforms.

TEAM BENCHES:

The tournament manager will designate the home team bench. Teams are to use the basket opposite to their team bench for the first half per-game warm-up. Student bodies of participating schools will be placed behind their respective team's bench whenever possible.

BENCH DECORUM RULE:

NFHS Rule 10-5-3 – The 28 foot COACHES BOX has been adopted for all levels of play.

PROGRAMS:

Each team will be provided with two complimentary programs. Coaches will be asked to sign for these. 20 programs will be available at the reduced rate of \$6.00 each through the program sellers on Tuesday or Wednesday only, if paid by cash, check or P.O., additional programs will be \$7.00 each.

FILMING:

Platforms in sections 116/117 and 119/120 have been set aside for teams to film or videotape. Electrical outlets are available, but extension cords will not be provided. The individual filming for his/her school must be identified as the official school videographer on the team registration.

AWARDS:

Sportsmanship awards may be presented immediately following the team handshake after each game on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. 1st through 6th place trophies will be presented following the appropriate games on Saturday.

GAME STATISTICS:

Half time and post game box scores will be distributed to coaches participating in that game, will be posted near the tournament bracket boards and in the press area, and posted on the WIAA websites. Tournament brackets are posted on the WIAA Web site at www.wiaa.com/tournamentbrackets and will be updated after every game.

TOURNAMENT PHOTOGRAPHS:

Northwest Sports Photography will take team pictures before each team's first tournament game 45 minutes before each scheduled game time in a designated location off the court. Cheerleaders' pictures may be taken during half time on Wednesday or Thursday. Each school may make arrangements for individual photographs.

TEAM HOSTS:

Each team will have local members of the Tacoma business community serving as team hosts. The team hosts will contact each coach directly and offer assistance as needed.

ROSTER/BENCH LIMITATIONS:

12 Players (must be the same 12 at each site; substitutions are allowed between regionals and state)

8 designated school personnel (coaches, managers, statisticians, etc) 1 medical personnel

STAFF SUPERVISORS:

Head supervisors must meet with the tournament school liaison by half time of the previous game. All supervisors must be listed on the supervisor list, check in at the pass gate, wear the appropriate authorized credential, be readily identifiable and be prepared to supervise the school's rooting section. All credentials must be returned to the pass gate after the game.

In addition to the principal and athletic director, three (3) supervisory credentials may be issued.

Supervisory Passes - The supervisory passes are intended for faculty members and school administrators serving as supervisors of student rooting sections.

TOURNAMENT MERCHANDISE:

Rush Team Apparel will have tournament apparel for sale throughout the tournament.

BANDS - NATIONAL ANTHEM:

The National Anthem will be played at the beginning of each day. The home team will have the first opportunity to perform the National Anthem according to the following schedule: boys home team on Wednesday, girls home team on Thursday, boys home team on Friday; girls home team on Saturday. The band director or soloist must check in with the floor manager at least 20 minutes prior to game time.