

WIAA // GESA CREDIT UNION

POSTSEASON STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES

DANCE/DRILL

MARCH 22-23, 2024

1A/2A/3A, 4A - Yakima Valley SunDome

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QUALIFIED TEAM INFORMATION

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COACHES MEETING

The Coaches Meeting will be conducted via Zoom on Sunday, March 17, at 7:00 pm: [ZOOM LINK](#)

APPROXIMATE DAILY EVENT SCHEDULE

4A - Friday, March 22, 2024 // 1A/2A/3A - Saturday, March 23, 2024

7:00am-12:00pm Team Floor Time and Music Check
Coaches pick up their packets during their team's scheduled floor time
11:30am Judges Meeting
12:00pm Doors Open to the Public
1:00pm Competition Begins
8:00pm Drill Down, Parade of Teams, Awards

Teams and their fans are encouraged to bring glow-in-the-dark items for the Parade of Teams.

PRE-ORDER SOUVENIR MERCHANDISE

Pre-order event merchandise from [RushTeamApparel](#) **12PM Monday, March 11 - 11:59PM Tuesday, March 19.** Garments available for pre-order are sweatshirt, t-shirt, long sleeve t-shirt, joggers, patches and pins. Merchandise will be available for pick up at the Rush Team Apparel booth on Friday. Additional items will be available onsite.

PRACTICE

The following schools have graciously offered their gyms as practice sites for State Dance/Drill teams traveling to Yakima. Please contact the athletic directors at the schools listed below:

Davis High School
212 South 6th Avenue
Yakima
Bob Stanley
509-573-2529 (w)
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La Salle High School
3000 Lightning Way
Union Gap
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LODGING INFORMATION

If there is a problem finding rooms, please call the Yakima Valley Sports Commission at (509) 594-2742.

PARKING

- All vehicles except the team buses, team vans and show team trucks or vans are required to pay for parking in the north lot. Enter at Gate 15 off Pacific Avenue. Parking will be \$10 per day.
- RV parking is available and located on the fairgrounds within walking distance of the Yakima Valley SunDome. For further information about cost and availability please contact Gail Ragland at (509) 248-7160.

PASS GATE/TEAM ENTRY

- Upon qualifying, schools must submit their State Tournament roster and team photo in the [WPA Roster Center](#) by **Wednesday, March 13 at 10AM**.
- Schools must submit Pass Gate information in [FinalForms](#) to verify designated school personnel who will be allowed entry to the event per Pass Gate guidelines.
- Coaches will receive WIAA wristbands, good for both days of the event, in their Coaches Packet. **Wristbands will only be issued if a team has submitted their Pass Gate information in FinalForms.**
- All teams, coaches, and Pass Gate designees will enter through the Pass Gate on the north side of the Yakima Valley SunDome (see SunDome map below).

ATHLETIC TRAINER

A WIAA medical authority will be on site at all times. Any school athletic trainer(s) must register with the onsite medical authority. **Please bring your own supplies for taping, etc.** Emergency medical services are available in the community.

TICKET PRICES

SPECTATOR SEATING

- **Participants and spectators may not block or reserve seats.**
- All spectators will have equal, first-come, first-served access to seats in the Yakima Valley SunDome.
- There are reserved sections for people with limited mobility in the front corners of the west seating area. The south seating area is also easily accessible from the entrance.
- Prolonged standing is not allowed and spectators must be mindful to not block the view of the judges.

PARTICIPANT SEATING

- The east side of the Yakima Valley SunDome will be designated for participating teams. Teams are welcome to come and watch on the day they are not competing, but must sit on the east side.
- Teams will face west to perform. The west and south sides of the Yakima Valley SunDome are designated for paying spectators ONLY.
- The first row in Sections 6 and 8 will be designated as a special viewing area for **coaches, chaperones, and team members not performing** since they will move into and out of that section following each performance.

COACH HOSPITALITY

- The Monday Morning Quarterback Club of Yakima will host a hospitality room for coaches and judges ONLY.
- Please be mindful that food or beverages cannot leave that room.
- The restroom connected to this room will be available to students who identify as non-binary.

FLOOR TIMES

- Participants should only bring what they need for floor time (e.g. shoes) into the SunDome.
- Leave bags on the bus, at the motel, etc.
- The stands are closed until 11:30 am and nothing can be left in the stands before that time to reserve a spot.

BAG STORAGE

- During the competition, teams should store their bags in the State Fair Room or in the stands.
- When planning for costume changes, build in extra time, as students must be seated during performances.
- Each team member is responsible for any valuables brought into the facility. WIAA is not responsible for lost articles - it is recommended that all valuables be left at home.

WATER & OUTSIDE FOOD

- Each participant may bring one bottle of water/sports drink into the facility, provided it is in the participant's bag. Water will also be available for the participants as they exit the competition floor.
- **NO OUTSIDE FOOD MAY BE BROUGHT INTO THE FACILITY**
- **[TEAMS MAY PRE-ORDER BOX LUNCHESES USING THIS ORDER FORM](#)**

READY ROOMS

- Teams are responsible for any valuables brought into the facility. It is recommended that valuables not be left in the ready rooms or unattended in the bleachers, hallways or any areas within the Yakima Valley SunDome.
 - Eight (8) ready rooms will be scheduled. Ready rooms are a place for teams to meet privately during their designated time only before their performance.
 - The ready room is not a dressing room. Please do not leave anything behind, as another team will immediately need the room.

CHANGING/PREP AREAS

- There is very limited space for changing, hair, make-up, etc. at the SunDome. Do as much of this as possible at home, in the hotel, or on the bus.
- There is a shared room, upstairs on the east side of the facility, that teams may use for prep. Most students will need to change costumes in the restrooms.

ON-DECK AREA

Teams must be in the on-deck area five to ten minutes before their scheduled practice/performance time. Three (3) teams should be lined up in the on-deck area at all times.

MUSIC

- **Each school's athletic director must have signed the attestation form to verify that proper copyright has been secured for all music played during the team's performance(s).**
- **Coaches must bring their music on an iPhone, iPod or Android that can be plugged into the main sound system. Please bring your own dongle to connect your device to the house system.**
- **Each team must have a person to play the music during their performance.**

NATIONAL ANTHEM

- All students who are good singers or can do sign language are invited to perform the National Anthem.
- Interested students need to meet behind the check-in table by the big garage door no later than one-half hour prior to the first performance each day for rehearsal. Students who are late will not be allowed to sing. Students should be dressed in team costumes/sweats; participants from the same team should be dressed the same.

VIDEO/PHOTOGRAPHY EVENT PROMOTION

- Please be aware that pictures, video or livestreaming of performances may be utilized by the WIAA and posted on the WIAA Website and/or used in future WIAA productions to promote student participation in school activities programs.
- Team and action photography from the event will be available through [Northwest Sports Photography](#) (NSP), the WIAA's Official Photography Partner.
 - [Schedule your team and individual photo appointment time with NSP](#)

CLOSING CEREMONY/PARADE OF TEAMS/AWARDS

- At the end of each day of the competition, there will be a parade of team representatives, limited to the team leadership only.
- Teams and spectators are encouraged to wear or carry glow-in-the-dark fluorescent paraphernalia. Please be aware of safety - during the parade of teams, insure that no feathers, sequins or other items fall off the costumes worn, do not allow stunting or tumbling, and do not allow for glow sticks to be thrown.
- Trophies will be presented to the team representatives, although the entire team can come down onto the floor for team photographs to be taken after all awards have been presented.
 - Academic State Championship teams must report to the competition floor for a special presentation prior to the presentation of the team trophies.

FAN INFORMATION

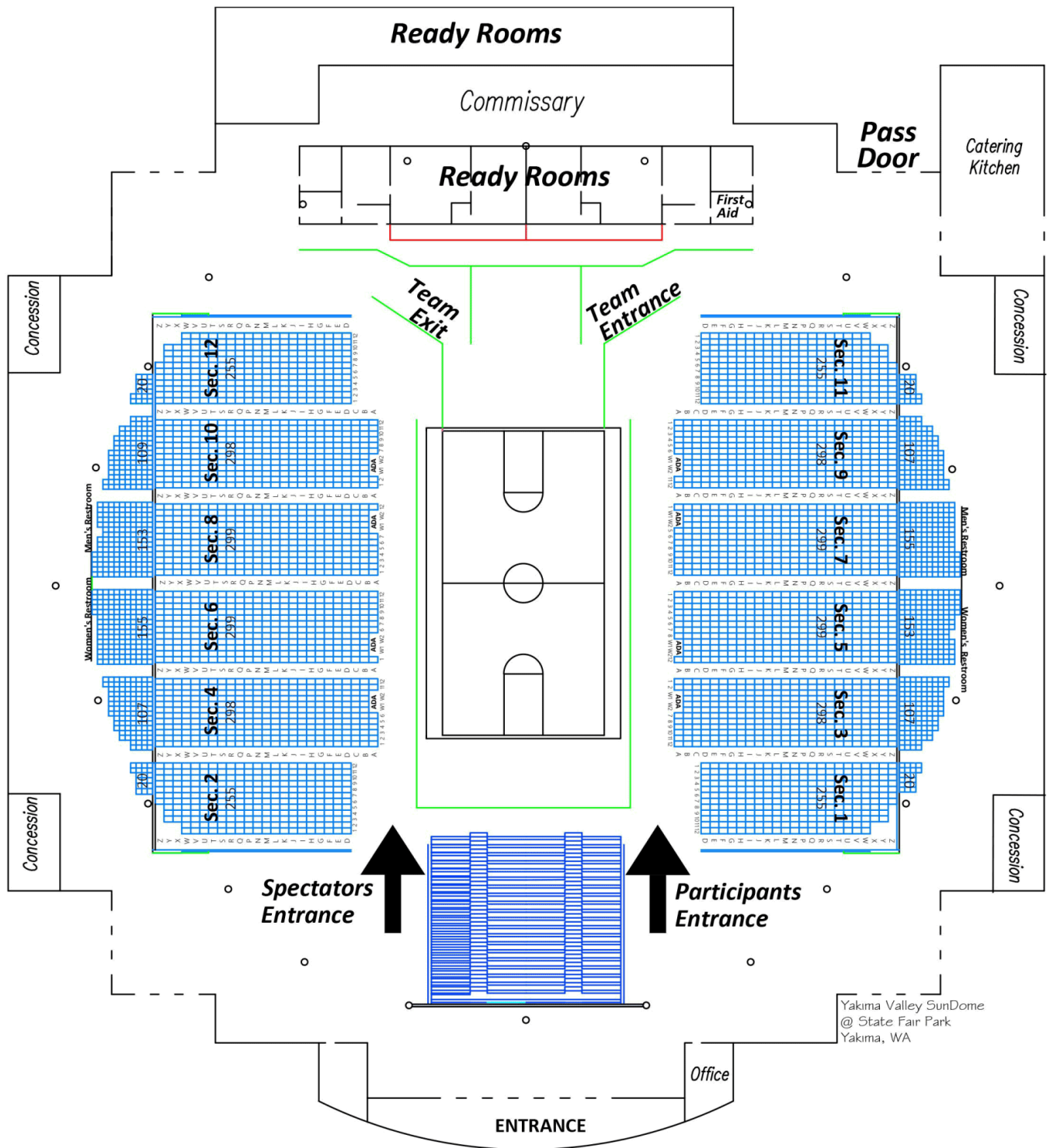
Encourage parents and other team fans to review the [Know Before You Go section of the WIAA website](#).

YOUTH SUPPORT OF TEAM

- The WIAA will not allow any students younger than high school age to participate in supporting roles at any WIAA State Championship **[UNLESS THE PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNS THIS WAIVER](#)** ahead of time and acknowledges they assume all risk.
- The WIAA's catastrophic insurance does not cover these younger students so they assume all risk related to injury. Such roles include student trainers, student managers, student coaches, student scorekeepers, student bat and ball boys/girls, student water boys/girls, etc.
- Note: A school cannot sign a WIAA waiver on behalf of an individual - all WIAA waivers MUST be signed by the parent/guardian of the minor.
- A copy of the completed waiver must be provided to the event manager PRIOR to the start of the event. In addition, schools need to keep a copy of the waiver with them at all times during the event.

YAKIMA VALLEY SUNDOME GUIDELINES

Attendees are encouraged to [visit the SunDome website](#) for a list of items that are not allowed into the facility.



SPORT-SPECIFIC REGULATIONS

CHANGES FROM THE 2022-23 DANCE/DRILL POSTSEASON SOP'S ARE INDICATED IN BOLD TYPE AND SHADED.

PASS GATES + ROSTERS

Athletic Directors must register all Coaches, Chaperones, and School Supervisors on their Pass Gate through FinalForms. Each school is entitled to the following passes:

- Coaches receive one wristband for every eight students, with a maximum of three per team. An Adult All-Tournament ticket may be exchanged for additional wristbands.
- Chaperones receive one wristband for every eight students, with a maximum of five per team.
- Participants will have their hands stamped upon initial entry.

RULES & REGULATIONS

The State Tournament will consist of six categories, listed and defined below:

- **Dance:** Any style or combination of styles (e.g. jazz, lyrical, modern, contemporary) that is not defined by another WIAA category definition.
- **Hip Hop:** Funk or street-style dance based on isolations and rhythms (e.g. free style, popping, locking, breaking, etc.).
 - Timing and body articulation are major elements, with movements and gestures being mostly percussive.
 - Group synchronization, uniformity, and team style must be apparent.
- **Kick:** Movement performed as an extension of the leg from the hip or knee.
 - Kicks should be the focal point and must be used for at least 50 percent of the routine.
 - All other choreography is secondary and should not detract from the focus on kicks.
- **Pom:** Routine primarily focused on the visual impact of poms.
 - All other choreography is secondary and should not detract from the visual impact of pom patterning.
- **Military:** A precision routine with an emphasis on sharpness through the dancer's entire body.
 - Routines include sharp, angular arm-hand sequences, military maneuvers, pattern formations, visual effects, kickline sequencing, and a variety of marching styles.
 - All difficulty and technical elements must be in keeping with military style/quality.
- **Show:** A routine focused on story/characterization and/or theme.
 - Props, costumes, and the creative use/interpretation of music should be used to develop the story/theme.
 - The choreography expresses a story/theme that does not rely on the audience's knowledge of its origin.
 - Backdrops, sets, and portable dance floors may be used to enhance the program.
- All categories are subject to the criteria of the linear scale score sheet.
- A school may enter only one team in each category. Each school may enter in a maximum of three categories.
- Themes may be used in any category.
- Backdrops, sets, portable dance floors, and props are only allowed in the Show category.
- Poms are only allowed in the Pom category and Show category.
- **Routine Length:**
 - Dance, Hip Hop, Military, Kick and Pom routines must be between 1 minute, 45 seconds and 3 minutes, with an additional one minute to enter and one minute to exit the performance area.
 - Show routines must be between 1 minute, 45 seconds and 4 minutes, with an additional three minutes to set up and three minutes to remove props.
- **Performance Area:**
 - **The entire raised basketball court (94' x 50') represents the performance boundary area.**
 - **The ramps are eight (8) feet wide by four (4) feet deep.**
 - Entrances and exits from the performance area will not be judged by the performance judges.
 - Teams are encouraged to enter and exit the court using the ramps provided.
- **Music Regulations:**
 - Music may have words, but all must be appropriate.
 - Inappropriate words/phrases/sounds/syllables, in any language, must be completely edited out.
 - Language promoting activities that are illegal for minors must be completely edited out.

- Metaphors, innuendos, and slang terms that refer to these activities must also be edited out.
- Language that references guns or other weapons being used to harm others must be edited out.
- Coaches must be cautious of music with sexual references. Choreography should deemphasize these lyrics.
- Penalties for inappropriate music will be assessed by safety/technical judges at events based on NFHS rules.
- A representative must be present at the announcer's table to cue the music when their team is performing.
- The process to submit music is yet to be determined. Complete details will be included in the Coaches Packet.
- **Site Regulations:**
 - Props or sets may be used but must have rubber/carpet tips in order to protect them from scarring the floor.
 - **The roll-up door for moving props into and out of the SunDome is 20 feet wide by 15 feet high.**
 - Fire, smoke, and helium balloons ARE NOT allowed. Violations will result in disqualification.
 - **Props imitating or implying weapons are not allowed, except for the use in traditional color guard performances. Violating this rule will be considered a technical violation for unsportsmanlike actions.**
 - Flash photography is prohibited. Violators may be asked to leave the facility.

SCORING

- Each judging unit consists of three sets of judges, with three judges and two safety/technical judges in each set.
- Judges will be positioned on one side of the facility.
- Routines will be rated based on the following criteria:
 - 90-100% (270-300 points): Superior Rating
 - 80-89.9% (240-269.9 points): Exceptional Rating
 - 70-79.9% (210-239.9 points): Excellent Rating
 - 50-69.9% (150-209.9 points): Good Rating
 - 0-49.9% (0-149.9 points): Developing Rating
- The points from each judge will be totaled to create a team's overall score.
- The team with the highest overall total score will be declared the winner in that category.
- The team with the second highest scores will be declared the consolation winner (second place) and so forth.
- Safety/Technical Judging and Timing:
 - Starts when the first participant crosses the performance area boundary and ends when the last participant crosses the performance area boundary.
 - Show teams will be allowed to move their sets/props anywhere around the court during the three minutes prior to their performance.
- Judging and timing of each performance starts with the first note of music or movement, whichever comes first.
- Judging and timing of each performance ends with one of the following:
 - The last team member crosses the performance boundary area
 - The routine reaches an obvious conclusion
 - The routine reaches the four-minute time limit
- **Penalties:**
 - Performance uniforms must be approved by the local school district.
 - Shoes that scuff floors must be taped with non-marking tape. Rosin is not allowed on shoes or on the competition floor. A safety/technical judge may check shoes before performance.
 - Any damage to the floor resulting from a team's performance will be that school's responsibility.
 - A five-point penalty is assessed for every 10 seconds a performance is over or under the prescribed limits.
 - A five-point penalty is assessed for not entering/exiting the performance area within prescribed category time limits.
 - A five-point penalty is assessed if props are not set up/cleared off the floor within the three-minute limit.
 - A five-point penalty is assessed for inappropriate music.
 - A five-point penalty is assessed for safety/technical infractions and choreographed drops.
 - A one-point penalty is assessed for each performer who exits and re-enters the performance floor.
 - A one-point penalty is assessed for accidental drops.
 - A 0.5-point penalty is assessed for logo infractions on costumes, stepping on items, and costume malfunctions that DO NOT become a safety concern.

- No points will be deducted if hands cross outside the court to drop or pick up poms or props.

STATE QUALIFICATIONS

- Dance/drill is a team event, defined as having two or more participants.
- Teams must perform in at least five school events (assemblies, half-time shows, pep rallies, etc.).
- To compete in a category at the District or State event, teams must participate in that category in at least one WIAA school-sponsored competition, which must meet the following criteria:
 - Staff consists entirely of school personnel or affiliates (administrators, teachers, coaches, booster clubs, etc)
 - Registration/entry fees are deposited into the school ASB account
 - Maximum \$100 per routine registration/entry fee is charged
 - Judges are WOA/WSSJA certified
- Teams must score at least 195 as a minimum qualifying score (whole numbers only) after deductions to qualify in a category for Districts-Qualifying.
- Teams must participate in District-Qualifying Tournaments and score 216 or higher (whole numbers only) after deductions to qualify in a category for the State Event.
- Drill Down Qualifying:
 - Drill Down participants competing in District-Qualifying Tournaments must be on teams that qualified for those events.
 - Drill down participants competing in the State Championships must be on teams that qualified for that event.

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

- The deadline for determining district entries to the State Championships shall be 12:00 AM on Saturday, March 9.
- On years ending with an even number:
 - Districts 2, 4 and 7/8 must complete their qualifying event **three** weeks prior to State.
 - Districts 1, 3 and 5/6 must complete their qualifying event **two** weeks prior to State.
- The completion deadlines for the above districts are swapped for years ending with an odd number.
- Practice times, competition, Drill Down and awards ceremonies for each classification will take place one day each.
 - On years ending in an even number, 4A schools will compete on Friday and B/1A/2A/3A schools on Saturday.
 - On years ending in an odd number, B/1A/2A/3A schools will compete on Friday and 4A schools on Saturday. .
- **Event Order:**
 - The competition director creates the schedule, balancing the needs of teams, judges, staff, and audience.
 - When possible, the director will rotate category order (with the exception of the show category) from year to year so that no category goes last or immediately after the show category in consecutive years.
 - All teams in one category are judged consecutively by the panel assigned to that category when possible.
- **Practice Schedule:**
 - Practices are scheduled on the same day as competition for each school.
 - Available practice time is divided equally, with minimum three and maximum five minutes per performance.
 - Show routines are guaranteed a minimum of four (4) minutes.
 - The practices are closed to other teams.
- **Entrance Procedure:**
 - Teams must be in place to take the floor when the team scheduled ahead of them is performing.
 - Teams must remain in the on-deck area until they hear the announcement to move into entrance position.

AWARDS

- The categories may be divided by classification if four or more teams compete in a given category.
- A first-place trophy will be awarded in each category with a minimum of four schools competing in that category
- A second-place certificate will be awarded when 5-8 schools compete in a category.
- A third-place certificate will be awarded when 9-12 schools compete in a category.
- A fourth-place certificate will be awarded when 13-16 schools compete in a category.
- A fifth-place certificate will be awarded when 17+ schools compete in a category.
- If fewer than four teams compete in a category, a first-place trophy is awarded if a team scores at least 85 points.
- If fewer than four teams compete in a category over a three-year period, that category may be combined with the smallest category the following year.
 - If the numbers in the category increase, the category may be separated in future years.

GENERAL REGULATIONS

ALLOCATIONS

Postseason berths are allocated to WIAA Districts based on the total number of schools offering the sport in that classification/gender.

STATE TOURNAMENT TICKETS

The WIAA has transitioned to paperless ticketing with State Tournament tickets available for purchase digitally through GoFan, the WIAA's ticketing partner. Fans are encouraged to purchase tickets online in advance of the events but will have the ability to purchase digital tickets onsite by accessing the GoFan digital ticketing site using their mobile devices. Limited paper tickets will be available at most sites on the day of the event. **SERVICE FEES APPLY TO ALL TICKETS SOLD. The Tacoma Dome, Yakima Valley SunDome, and Spokane Arena manage their own tickets. Venue-imposed fees apply.**

- **SENIOR:** Age 62 and over
- **MILITARY:** Active Duty, Veterans, Guard, and Reserves with proper Military I.D.
- **STUDENT:** Children aged 5-11 and students aged 12 and over with a valid high school or middle school ASB card (the actual ASB card must be presented; pictures of ASB cards on cell phones will not be accepted)
- **Children under the age of 5 are admitted free**
- 1st and 2nd Round ticketing for Soccer and Football is managed by the respective WIAA host Districts
- Tickets are valid only at the site/event for which they are purchased EXCEPT for Regional Basketball and Semifinal Football where tickets are valid at all sites on the day for which they are purchased

QUALIFYING TOURNAMENTS/EVENTS

Qualifying events must be completed by the Saturday prior to the start of the WIAA State Tournament.

PASSES

Passes are to participating schools according to the respective sport-specific guidelines.

- **Supervisory Passes**
Supervisory passes are to be used only by the designated school staff who are in attendance to supervise the student body fan section.
- **School Media**
School Photographers will be granted entry and may be granted floor privileges for the contest(s) in which their school participates. Each must be added to the school's pass list based on the allocated spaces in FinalForms. These positions are intended for student media, however, adults will be allowed to fill these spaces if necessary.
- **College Coaches**
Passes shall not be issued to college coaches for scouting purposes.

ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAMS

- The WIAA does not select/announce an 'All-Star' or 'All-Tournament' team.
- If one is selected, it is announced and publicized by an outside group.

INSURANCE

- Leagues, Districts, and the WIAA maintain General Liability insurance policies for their League, District, and State Championships.
- The WIAA also provides a Catastrophic insurance policy for post-season/Championship events.
- All other coverage, including accident insurance, is the responsibility of participating schools and or individuals.

GAMES COMMITTEES

- Tournament Managers will appoint and name a Games Committee that will be onsite or readily accessible by phone for all postseason qualifying and/or State events.
- Participating coaches will be informed of the process and makeup of the Games Committee prior to the start of each event.

- Questions concerning infractions may be brought to the Games Committee by the Head Coach or a school administrator, NOT by a contestant, parent, or spectator.
- The Games Committee shall be composed of no fewer than three (3), nor more than five (5), members.
- Games Committee members may not have a conflict of interest with the teams/individuals involved with the game/contest under dispute.

Games Committee Duties:

- Assist the Tournament Manager as needed and be immediately available at all times during the event.
- Act as an arbitration board of dispute on questions or protests that might arise - the final decision must be the consensus of the Games Committee.
- The Games Committee WILL include:
 - The Tournament Manager or designee;
 - The Head Official;
 - A Coach, Athletic Director, or School Administrator;
 And MAY include:
 - The Official Scorekeeper, OR
 - Another member of the event staff

PROTESTS

In all WIAA State Tournaments, the following process will be conducted for protests:

Protest Process:

- If a Head Coach believes there has been a misinterpretation/misapplication of a specific rule, the coach shall notify the game officials following the incident and prior to the resumption of action that the contest is under protest.
- The official(s) will suspend the contest until a decision of the Games Committee has been determined. The Games Committee will meet immediately or as soon as is reasonably possible upon receiving notification of the protest.
 - During the Games Committee meeting, the coach shall be afforded the opportunity to present rationale and justification including the specific rule(s) in question, how the officials misapplied/misinterpreted the rule(s), and the desired outcome of the protest.
 - The official(s) shall be afforded the opportunity to present the rule and its implementation in the protested situation.
- The Games Committee will consult with the WIAA staff member who oversees that sport; will follow any additional protest procedures covered in the specific NFHS rule book; and will utilize the NFHS and/or WIAA playing rules, scorebook, and/or statistics to determine the appropriate ruling.
- The Games Committee will deliberate in a closed session.
- The decision of the Games Committee is final and cannot be further appealed.
- Protests of an official's judgment will not be heard.

TEAMS/INDIVIDUALS UNABLE TO ARRIVE FOR SCHEDULED COMPETITION AT A STATE EVENT

Teams/individuals earning the right to participate in State events should have those rights protected as much as possible. Participating schools must also realize that these events are held to certain restrictions with facilities, game officials, and all other game administration and operations.

- A WIAA State event shall be defined as any tournament event managed by the State Office.
- Competing schools are responsible for notifying the WIAA Staff or the Tournament Manager in a timely manner if they are having difficulty traveling to the event site due to weather or an emergency and may not arrive in time for their scheduled competition.
- School personnel have the responsibility of making alternative travel plans based on weather forecasts and other foreseeable barriers to travel.
- As a common practice, input and recommendations are to be sought from the Highway Patrol and/or the Department of Transportation.
- Specific circumstances not covered by this policy are left to the discretion of the WIAA Staff.

- If a team/individual is unable to arrive at a State event site for their scheduled competition due to circumstances beyond their control (e.g., an earthquake, all passes closed, roads closed due to flooding, etc.), that team/individual will be allowed to participate in their scheduled event provided they arrive at the event site and are able to compete on the day of their scheduled event.
- The WIAA Staff, in cooperation with the Tournament Manager, shall adjust the schedule of the event for the purpose of allowing maximum participation for all qualified teams/individuals.
- If the team/individual is unable to arrive to compete on the day of its event, a forfeit is recorded and that team/individual shall move into the consolation bracket or be dropped from competition, whichever is applicable to that particular stage of the event.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

- In the interest of safety, weather/conditions beyond the control of the participating teams/individuals and/or Tournament Manager, there may be times that it becomes necessary to delay, postpone, or cancel a contest or tournament, though the intent of this policy is to accommodate teams/individuals by rescheduling.

The following practices shall be observed:

- If severe weather conditions affect a participating team/individual, but not the tournament, the team must notify the Tournament Manager.
- If severe weather conditions affect the tournament, the WIAA Staff will make the final decision concerning tournament postponement or rescheduling.
- Play will resume on the next playable date.
- Changing of sites, postponement, or cancellation of events will be determined by the WIAA Staff.

Procedures to follow if contests are rescheduled:

- The WIAA Staff has the final authority on contest rescheduling.
- If contests are rescheduled on the same day as originally scheduled but at a different site, the Semifinal and Championship contests will be scheduled at the same time or later than originally scheduled.
- The time between contests may be shortened. *Example: If contests were originally scheduled at two (2) hour intervals, they may be rescheduled at one and one half (1½) hour intervals.*
- Individuals/teams shall be granted a minimum of twenty (20) minutes for rest between contests.
- Whenever possible, contests played on the final day of the tournament shall be scheduled to allow individuals/teams to return to their home community that day.
- If during the last scheduled day of a tournament, contests are unable to be restarted requiring overnight postponement, only those teams/individuals still in contention for the Championship will continue play.
- Teams/Individuals not in contention for the Championship shall be awarded a tie for the highest placing that could have been earned if postponement had not been necessary.
- Ticket revenue will not be refunded in the event the schedule and/or day(s) of the event are changed due to inclement weather.

TEAM CEREMONIES

Except for the postgame awards presentations, team ceremonies held before or after a contest must be conducted in the locker room or on the sideline so as not to delay the start of the contest or impact any other participating teams.

UTILIZING STUDENTS FOR SUPPORT POSITIONS AT ATHLETIC EVENTS

Students younger than high school age will not be allowed for any support positions at a WIAA State Championship UNLESS the school signs a waiver ahead of time and the school assumes all risk.

- [Underage Worker Form](#)

SUPERVISORY PERSONNEL

Participating schools must register a supervisory staff member in FinalForms to monitor their student fan section.

- **Supervisor Duties:**

- Report to the Tournament Manager upon arrival.
- Wear a WIAA-issued 'Supervisor' pass for easy identification.
- Monitor fan behavior as outlined in the [WIAA's Fan Expectation Guidelines](#).
- Assist the facility security staff or Tournament Management staff when necessary.

FAN/SPECTATOR EXPECTATIONS

The WIAA supports social justice, racial equity, and sportsmanship. Derogatory cheers, slurs, and hateful comments relating to identity (race, ethnicity, gender expression, disability, religion) are not permitted. Tournament Managers and event personnel have the authority to remove individuals for inappropriate behavior or comments. If you witness any of the above behavior from those in attendance, you can report the incident to the WIAA via the [Discrimination & Harassment Reporting Form](#).

- Participating schools are encouraged to share the [WIAA's Fan Expectations](#) with their communities and student bodies prior to attending State events for policies regarding Cheers, Signs, Artificial Noisemakers, Mascots, Face Painting, Continuous Standing, Clean-Up Expectations, Drones, and more.

PEP BAND EXPECTATIONS

- Restrict playing to timeouts, between periods, pre and postgame, or other dead ball situations.
- Maintain appropriate fan behavior as outlined in the [WIAA's Fan Expectation Guidelines](#).

CHEERLEADER EXPECTATIONS

- Use only school district-approved cheers at appropriate times.
- Direct cheers and chants towards your school's team only.
- Maintain appropriate fan behavior as outlined in the [WIAA's Fan Expectation Guidelines](#).

TEAM ARRANGEMENTS

- **Lodging:**
 - Participating teams are responsible for their own lodging.
 - Schools must provide supervision for all school representatives at their place of lodging.
- **Locker Rooms:**
 - Teams must be supervised by school personnel while in their assigned locker room.
 - Participants are responsible for leaving locker rooms in undamaged condition.
 - Tournament Management is not responsible for lost or stolen items.
- **Physicians/Trainers:**
 - Teams are encouraged to supply their own physician/trainer.
 - Athletes removed from participation and attended to by a physician cannot reenter competition until authorized by the physician who made the original decision.
- **Participant Admission & Roster Limitations:**
 - The roster limits for each of the State events are listed in the respective sport-specific regulations.
 - Only those participants included on the roster can be in uniform.
 - Students not included on a team's roster/squad must pay admission or included on the Pass Gate list.
 - Participant admission/asses is non-transferable.

STATE TOURNAMENT IDENTIFICATION AND SPONSORSHIP

The WIAA has registered the WIAA logo and identification term, "State High School Championships," with the Secretary of State, establishing the ownership of events through legal action and WIAA Executive Board policies. Phrases such as "On to State," "On the Road to State" or any other phraseology that implies State High School Championships are included.

- The WIAA has licensed only one company to print, sell, and/or distribute WIAA-registered merchandise and schools are encouraged to contact the [WIAA Staff](#) directly for information regarding that partnership.
- Only official, pre-approved merchandise will be sold on-site before, during, or after the event.
- WIAA member schools that wish to produce merchandise utilizing any of the phraseology outlined above must utilize any one of the following processes:

- Contact the [WIAA Staff](#) to procure desired merchandise through the WIAA's merchandise partner, or
- Remit a percentage of the gross revenue of merchandise sold to the WIAA; the percentage will be agreed upon by the school and WIAA.
- Permission to distribute items onsite at a State event must be approved by the WIAA Staff..
- Advertising or recognition of non-school organizations/products is limited to WIAA-approved sponsors.
- Political displays and/or solicitation are prohibited.

EXPECTATIONS DURING AWARDS PRESENTATIONS DURING STATE EVENTS

- Spectators will not be allowed onto the competition floor or field.
- All individuals (coaches, participants, managers, statisticians, etc.) will remain on the competition floor or field until all awards have been presented.
- **Losing Team Expectations:**
 - Send the entire team to the center of the field/court/competition area to receive their award,
 - Cooperate with the school supervisors and spirit squads to dispel any rude comments directed to the opposing team or tournament officials,
 - Remain on the field/floor until after the award has been presented to the winning team,
 - Display appropriate congratulatory efforts towards the winning team.
- **Winning Team Expectations:**
 - Remain on their own side of the floor or field until after the award has been presented to the other team,
 - Cooperate with the school supervisors and spirit squads to subdue overly exuberant fans until after the award has been presented to the other team.
 - Demonstrate respect for the opposing team.