

Class "A" Girls Basketball Tournament - Overview of Contents ***Check Website for updated Tournament Information (www.sdhsaa.com)***

1. Practice Sessions (check SDHSAA Website following regions for exact placement, www.sdhsaa.com) Practices will be scheduled with the closest schools starting at 10:00 a.m., then next closest, etc. through the longest distance which practices last at 5:00 p.m. Each school will be scheduled for one hour, on the hour.
2. Basketballs - furnished for practice
3. Bus Parking and Team Entrance
4. Important Briefing Meeting – 7:30 p.m. – March 10, Ramkota Hotel (Dakota D)
5. Important Briefing Meeting for Cheerleaders and Cheer Coaches – March 11 – Courtside following 2nd game of first session
6. Official Squad
7. Program Information - \$50 fine if not in by March 5
8. Substitutions
9. Tickets for Competing Schools
10. Ticket Sales/Prices - sold at site unless advance sale is arranged.
11. Tournament Headquarters
12. Tournament Referees
13. Pairings:

Thursday, March 11	1:00 p.m.	Seed 1 vs Seed 8
Thursday, March 11	2:45 p.m.	Seed 4 vs Seed 5
Thursday, March 11	7:00 p.m.	Seed 2 vs Seed 7
Thursday, March 11	8:45 p.m.	Seed 3 vs Seed 6
14. Cheerleader “Opening Ceremony” – 8:30 a.m. practice Saturday
15. Towels/Uniform Laundry
16. Video Taping Policy
17. Flag Etiquette - All players, coaches, cheerleaders, managers will be expected to stand at attention with their right hand on their hearts.
18. Cheerleaders - Varsity Cheerleaders only
19. Awards - presented the final night during half-time of all games and following the championship game. Spirit of Six and Spirit of Su - half time of championship game.
20. District, Region and State Tournament Regulations for Fans. Award protocol must be followed at the conclusion of all games. Communicate these to your fans (adult and student body).
21. Team/Cheerleading Expenses
Housing Teams – Ramkota Hotel (605-229-4040) - 6 Doubles, 1 Single
Housing Cheerleaders – Ramkota Hotel - 2 Doubles, 1 Single
22. F.C.A. - Breakfast held Thursday morning at 8:30 a.m., in Jerde Hall on the NSU campus.

SOUTH DAKOTA HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION
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TO: CLASS "A" SCHOOLS

FROM: Bob Lowery, Assistant Executive Director

RE: INSTRUCTIONS--STATE TOURNAMENT—ABERDEEN BARNETT CENTER
March 11-12-13, 2010

1. **Practice Sessions.**

A practice session for your team has been scheduled at the Barnett Center on Wednesday, March 10th. The practice times are listed below. Each region has the floor for one hour.

10 - 11 o'clock -Closest School	2 - 3 o'clock - Next Closest
11 - 12 o'clock - Next Closest	3 - 4 o'clock - Next Closest
12 - 1 o'clock - Next Closest	4 - 5 o'clock - Next Closest
1 - 2 o'clock - Next Closest	5 - 6 o'clock - Longest Distance

Note: Please check the SDHSAA website following the regions for practice schedule (www.sdhsaa.com)

TEAMS MAY TRADE PRACTICE TIMES WITH ANOTHER REGION. THIS IS TO BE WORKED OUT WITH THE REGIONS INVOLVED IN THE SWITCH. NOTIFICATION CAN THEN BE MADE TO GENE BROWNELL, ABERDEEN CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL, 725-8188.

2. **Basketballs provided:** Six basketballs will be furnished for the Wednesday practice as well as for each ball game.
3. Busses park alongside the west sidewalk of the Barnett Center. Team entrance on the west side.
4. **Important Briefing Meeting.** There will be an important meeting of all coaches and accompanying school officials at the Ramkota Hotel, Wednesday, March 10, Room Dakota D, starting at 7:30 p.m. The purpose of this meeting is to provide information and instructions, to get acquainted and to provide your team with passes.
5. **Important Briefing Meeting for Cheerleaders and Cheer Coaches.** There will be an important meeting of all cheerleaders and cheer coaches courtside following the 2nd ballgame of the first session on March 11.
6. **OFFICIAL SQUAD:**
 - Your roster is the **on-line form** on the SDHSAA website.
 - A team's state roster is the same as the region roster.
 - The roster may include as many names on it as a school wishes, but a school may only dress 15 for a contest.

Only 15 players can sit on the team bench dressed in a school issued uniform for any one game during the tournament. These 15 players can change each game if necessary. Other non-playing team members sitting on the bench must be in street attire or non playing outfits.

7. **Program Information.** All program information is due March 5. Any qualifying school which fails to comply will be assessed a \$50.00 fine.
8. **Substitutions/Scratch List.** A school may include as many players on the Team Roster as he/she wishes, however, only fifteen players may suit up for a given game. Each player's name must appear on a Master Eligibility List filed with the SDHSAA office. If a schools needs to draw upon a substitute during the tournament whose name was not on the original Team Roster, they may do so as long as the substitute is eligible under the Constitution and By-Laws of the SDHSAA.

The State Tournament Director must be notified of the substitution however. It is not necessary for a coach to verify each day the 15 players who will be playing in the game, unless it is necessary to draw upon a player whose name was not on the original list.

9. **Tickets for the Competing Schools.** For each school qualifying for the tournament, complimentary tickets will be provided as follows:

Players/Student Managers: A maximum of 20 passes will be issued as listed on the Team Roster and School Information Form on the SDHSAA website. (given at tournament in team packet)

Cheerleaders: All varsity cheerleaders as listed on the Team Roster and School Information Form on the SDHSAA website will receive a pass. **Cheer coaches** will receive a maximum of two complimentary passes as listed on the Team Roster and School Information Form on the SDHSAA website. (both cheerleader and cheer coach passes given at tournament in team packet)

Coaches: A maximum of 6 passes will be issued as listed on the Team Roster and School Information Form on the SDHSAA website. (given at tournament in team packet)

Bus Driver: One bus driver pass (labeled) (given at tournament in team packet)

Trainer: One trainer pass, if listed on roster. (given at tournament in team packet)

School: Eight (8) season complimentary passes to each school. (sent to qualifying schools)

10. **Tickets for Qualifying Schools.** Tickets will be sold in Aberdeen at the Barnett Center. There will be no advanced sale to the qualifying school unless special arrangements are made. Qualifying schools may contact Jeaneen at the SDHSAA office (224-9261). Any advanced sale would be for season tickets only.

Ticket Prices During the Tournament

	<u>Student</u>	<u>Adult</u>
<u>Single Session</u>	\$5.00	\$8.00
<u>Adult Season Ticket</u>	Sold Thursday only	\$32.00
<u>Student Season Ticket</u>	Sold Thursday only	\$20.00

All tickets are general admission. There are no reserved seats.

Proper student identification must be shown to purchase student tickets. Tickets are for High School, Jr. High and Elementary students only.

PLEASE LET YOUR PUBLIC KNOW THAT THE ABOVE TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE THROUGH YOUR SCHOOL.

11. **SDHSAA Tournament Headquarters.** The State Association Headquarters during the State "B" Girls' Basketball Tournament will be at the Barnett Center. All games will be played at the Barnett Center. Staff lodging is at the Ramkota Hotel.

12. **Tournament Referees.** The SDHSAA Basketball Officials' Selection Committee has obtained 12 competent officials and all decisions of the officials shall be final.

13. **Tournament Pairing/Schedule/Starting Times.** The pairings are as follows:

Thursday, March 11	1:00 p.m.	Seed 1 vs Seed 8
Thursday, March 11	2:45 p.m.	Seed 4 vs Seed 5
Thursday, March 11	7:00 p.m.	Seed 2 vs Seed 7
Thursday, March 11	8:45 p.m.	Seed 3 vs Seed 6

Starting Times for Each Session.

Thursday/Friday afternoon sessions start at 1:00 p.m.

Thursday/Friday evening sessions start at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday afternoon session starts at 12:00 p.m.

Saturday evening session starts at 6:00 p.m.

There shall be 20 minutes between games. The 20 minutes begins once the floor is cleared from the first game. Doors are open one hour prior to each session starting.

14. **"Opening Ceremony" Activities for the Championship Session.** The cheerleaders from the qualifying schools at the State Basketball Tournament will be asked to participate in the opening ceremony activities for the championship session on Saturday evening.

Note: Each school is asked to provide one person to represent the school during the "Opening Ceremony" by carrying the school's flag onto the floor during the opening. This flag carrier may be anyone the school designates (student leader, basketball player, cheer/yell leader, or an adult, if appropriate). This person should not be committed to any other function that is part of the "Opening Ceremony" (i.e. **not be**

cheer/yell leader expected to lead the school chant). All flag carriers must be dressed as if receiving an award. This is a position of respect and each person should be dressed to show pride in their school and community.

There will be a rehearsal scheduled at the Barnett Center at 8:30 a.m. Saturday. **Instruct your cheerleader advisor of this.**

15. **Towels:** Host school will supply towels for the practice session as well as for all three ball games. Schools are on their own for laundry facilities.
16. **Video Taping Policy.** The following 2 points are taken from the SDHSAA video taping policy as printed on page 13 of the General section of the Handbook. For the complete policy, refer to the Handbook.
Video Taping Policy - At State Events
 - A. Participating schools may videotape the game or event that involves their team or athletes.
 - B. Upon advising the SDHSAA and the team(s) and/or individuals involved in a specific state event, schools may videotape other teams and/or individuals for scouting purposes at said state event.
 - C. Parents or guardians may videotape the game or event that involves their own son or daughter.
17. **Appropriate Flag Etiquette.** During the playing and/or singing of the National Anthem there is a concern on the importance of appropriate flag etiquette by athletes and cheerleaders. It is suggested that each coach advise his/her athletes and cheerleaders to stand at attention, face the flag, and place their right hand over their heart during the National Anthem.
18. **Cheerleaders' Rules.**
 - a. Only varsity basketball cheerleaders will be permitted on the playing floor at the State Tournament. This means no lower level cheerleaders will be allowed to assist in leading cheers at any game.
 - b. Only cheerleaders listed on the SDHSAA web site will be allowed to cheer at the state tournament. Exception: Replacements, not additions, may be made for disciplinary action or illness.
 - c. In many cases, cheerleaders remain too close to the playing floor. For the protection of all, they should take a position that will not interfere with the game as played.
 - d. Spirit or Yell Leaders will be allowed provided they are so designated by their school and appear in school approved uniform. All other impromptu groups are prohibited from leading yells.
 - d. All cheerleaders are expected to adhere to the cheerleading rule book, "Spirit Rules", published by the National Federation. Copies may be obtained from the SDHSAA.
 - e. Schools with stunting squads must have a cheer coach satisfying the SDHSAA Cheer Safety Education Guidelines.
 - g. All cheerleaders will be introduced prior to the start of their ball games.
19. **Presentation of Awards.** All awards will be presented the final night of the tournament. Details will be provided to each team during the coaches meeting. The South Dakota Peace Officer's Auxiliary will present the "Spirit of Six" award to a selected squad of cheerleaders. The family of Suanne Big Crow will present the "Spirit of Su" award to an outstanding senior basketball player.

The SDHSAA will award four team trophies and four plaques.

- Trophies will go to the following:
 - championship team
 - runner-up team
 - third place team
 - consolation championship team
- The other four teams will receive plaques to show participation in the tournament.
- Twenty individual medals will be given to each team.

The maximum number of student names to be read at the State Basketball Awards ceremony is at the discretion of the participating schools.

Evening -

Before 1st Game:	"Opening Ceremonies & Presentation of the Colors"
1st Game Half Time:	Awards to 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th place teams
2nd Game Half Time:	Awards to 3rd and 4th place teams "Spirit of Six" Award "Spirit of Su" Award
After Championship game:	Awards to 1 st and 2 nd

Award Protocol. All fans will be expected to remain off the playing floor until after the awarding of medals and trophies. Failure to remain off the playing floor will result in the offending team not being recognized by the public address announcer. Medals and trophy will be awarded to school personnel following the awards ceremony. Fans will be allowed on to the playing floor following the presentation of all awards.

20. **District, Region and State Tournament Regulations for Fans.** Sportsmanship/Conduct - Administrators responsibility. No signs, banners or mechanical noisemakers allowed, no jumping on bleachers, other rules & regulations. Copy regulations and publish for both adult fans and student body.
21. **Tournament Expenses.** Each team entered in the State Tournament shall be prepared to pay all its own expenses. A completed itemized expense statement will be given to you at the briefing meeting. Each coach or school representative is asked to discuss this completed statement with a SDHSAA representative for verification of expenses. Only items included thereon are to be considered as necessary expenses. Reimbursement to each school will be made at the close of the fiscal year and shall be made as described:
 - A. **Team**
 - 1) Transportation. The transportation allowance for teams competing in the tournament shall be 60¢ per mile to and from the home city and the tournament city by the shortest main highway route.
 - 2) Meals. The meal allowance for teams competing in the State Tournament shall be \$4.00 per meal per person for a group of 16. Meals while traveling to and from the tournament shall be included as well as meals at the tournament site. (Maximum allowed is two meals traveling to the tournament site, three per day while at the tournament and two the day the team is traveling home.)
 - 3) Lodging. The SDHSAA will reserve **ten** (8 doubles, 2 singles) rooms for each school (includes team and cheerleaders) that qualifies for the state tournament. Three of the ten rooms reserved (2 doubles, 1 single) are for cheerleaders and cheerleader coaches. The SDHSAA will reimburse each school for the cost of **one double room for one night** for the cheerleaders. The SDHSAA will also reimburse each school for the cost of **five double rooms** which are intended to accommodate the players, managers and coaches. Any remaining rooms are intended for athletic director, bus driver, etc. The cost of these rooms shall be the sole responsibility of the member school which utilizes the rooms.

Teams that choose to commute instead of staying at a motel or hotel will be reimbursed for each trip at sixty cents per round trip mile by shortest highway route.
 - 4) Host School. A sum of \$200.00 will be allotted to each competing team whose high school is located in the tournament city.
 - B. **Cheerleaders**
 - 1) Meals. The meal allowance for cheerleaders at the State Tournament shall be \$4.00 per meal per person for a maximum of 9 meals.
 - 2) Lodging. The SDHSAA will reserve three rooms (2 doubles, 1 single) for each cheerleading squad (these are included in the 10 rooms reserved for the school). The SDHSAA will reimburse for **one double room for one night** of the tournament. The cost of the remaining rooms shall be the sole responsibility of the member school which utilizes the rooms.
22. **Fellowship of Christian Athletes.** A breakfast sponsored by the SD FCA office will be held Thursday morning at 8:30 a.m. in Jerde Hall on the NSU campus. All coaches, players and cheerleaders are urged to attend. This function is not sponsored by the South Dakota High School Activities Association.