



SOUTH DAKOTA HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION
2025 Girls State "A" Basketball Tournament
Young Center, BHSU, Spearfish
March 13-15, 2025

TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS:

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STATE TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

1. **Practice Sessions.** A practice session for your team has been scheduled at the Young Center on Wednesday, March 12th. The practice times are listed below. Each team has the floor for one hour. (All Mountain Time)

9:00 - 10:00 – Closest School	1:00 - 2:00 – Next Closest
10:00 - 11:00 – Next Closest	2:00 - 3:00 – Next Closest
11:00 - 12:00 – Next Closest	3:00 - 4:00 – Next Closest
12:00 - 1:00 – Next Closest	4:00 - 5:00 – Longest Distance

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

Teams may trade practice times – this is to be worked out with the other team involved and then notify Dalton Wademan at Spearfish High School – 605-717-1212.

2. **Basketballs provided:** Basketballs will be furnished for Wednesday practice as well as for each game.
3. **Bus Parking and Team Entrance.** Players may enter only through the main entrance and use the south set of doors. These doors will be marked (Team Entrance). Use for player practice on Wednesday also. Must have a player pass to enter during the tournament. Buses may drop off and pick up teams in the loop, in front of the Donald E. Young Center. Buses should park in the gravel parking lot, across from Lyle Hare Stadium
4. **Team Lodging:** Team lodging has been arranged for participating teams at the Holiday Inn Spearfish. Each participating team has 10 rooms reserved for its needs for Wednesday through Saturday night. It is your responsibility to contact the hotel and make payment arrangements for your rooms as well as cancel any rooms that you do not need.
5. **Coaches Meeting.** There will be an important meeting of all coaches and accompanying school officials at the Spearfish Holiday Inn, Swarm Room, 5:30 pm, Wednesday, March 12. The purpose of this meeting is to provide information and instructions, to get acquainted and to provide your team with passes.
6. **Cheerleaders and Cheer Coaches Meeting.** There will be an important meeting of all cheerleaders and cheer coaches courtside following the 2nd ball game of the first session.
7. **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 you wish, 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.

8. **Program Information.** All program information is due March 5th. Any qualifying school which fails to comply will be assessed a \$50.00 fine.

Media Guide info is due on March 7.

Here is the link to access the information and where it needs to be sent:

<https://www.sdhsaa.com/gbb-program-media-guide/>

9. **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 school needs to draw upon a substitute during the tournament whose name was not on the original Team Roster, they may do so if 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.

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

Players/Student Managers: 20 passes will be issued for players, student managers, statisticians, etc. (given at tournament in team packet)

Cheerleaders: A maximum of 8 passes will be issued to varsity cheerleaders as listed on the Team Roster and School Information Form on the SDHSAA. **Cheer coaches** will receive a maximum of two complimentary passes as listed on the same form (both cheerleader and cheer coach passes given at tournament in team packet) If the number of passes is not adequate, additional tickets may be purchased by the school at the tournament venue.

Coaches: 6 adult passes will be issued to be used for coaches and adult personnel assisting in bench duties -includes trainer (given at tournament in team packet)

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

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

11. **Tickets**

<u>Ticket Prices for Tournament</u>	<u>Student</u>	<u>Adult</u>
Single Session	\$10.00	\$15.00
Season Ticket (sold only on Thursday)	\$30.00	\$50.00

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.

12. **Tournament Headquarters.** Tournament Headquarters during the State "A" Girls' Basketball Tournament will be in Room 206 of the Young Center.
13. **Tournament Referees.** The SDHSAA Basketball Officials' Selection Committee has obtained 12 competent officials and all decisions of the officials shall be final.
14. **Tournament Pairing/Schedule/Starting Times (All Mountain Time).** The pairings are as follows:
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| Thursday, March 13 | 12:00 p.m. | Seed 1 vs Seed 8 |
| Thursday, March 13 | 1:45 p.m. | Seed 4 vs Seed 5 |
| Thursday, March 13 | 6:00 p.m. | Seed 2 vs Seed 7 |
| Thursday, March 13 | 7:45 p.m. | Seed 3 vs Seed 6 |

Starting Times for Each Session.

Afternoon sessions start at 12:00 p.m.

Evening sessions start at 6:00 p.m.

There shall be 15 minutes between games. The 15 minutes begins once the floor is cleared from the first game. Doors are open one hour prior to each session starting.

15. **There will NOT be an opening ceremony for the Championship session**

16. **Towels:** Bench towels will be provided.

17. **Video Taping Policy.** The following points are taken from the SDHSAA videotaping policy as printed in the General section of the Handbook. For the complete policy, refer to the Handbook.

Video Taping Policy - At State Events

- A. Provided that videotaping is not intended for broadcast, 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.

18. **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 advises his/her athletes and cheerleaders to stand at attention, face the flag, and place their right hand over their heart during the National Anthem.

19. **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. There will be a cheerleading room available – please come dressed to the facility.
- 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.
- e. All cheerleaders are expected to adhere to the NFHS Spirit Rules and the Sideline Cheer section of the SDHSAA Athletic Handbook.
- f. Schools with stunting squads must have a cheer coach satisfying the SDHSAA Cheer Safety Education Guidelines.
- g. During the National Anthem, cheerleaders should stand at attention with their right hand over their heart and their left hand either behind their back or straight down to their side. No pom poms shall be in the hands during the National Anthem.
- h. All cheerleaders will be introduced prior to the start of the ball game on THURSDAY ONLY.

20. **Presentation of Awards.** All awards will be presented at the conclusion of each game on Saturday. Teams will line up on the volleyball court end line and be presented medals and plaque/trophy immediately following their game. Details will be provided for each team during the coaches meeting.

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.

Saturday Evening -

Before 1st Game:	"Presentation of the Colors"
Immediately following 7 th /8 th place game:	Awards to 7th and 8th place teams
Immediately following 5 th /6 th place game:	Awards to 5th and 6th place teams
Immediately following 3 rd /4 th place game:	Awards to 3 rd and 4 th place teams
At halftime of the Championship game:	"Spirit of Six" Award "Spirit of Su" Award
After Championship game:	Awards to 1 st and 2 nd place teams

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.

21. 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 at halftime of the Championship game.
22. **Region /SoDak 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.
23. **Tournament Expenses.** Each team entered in the State Tournament will pay its own expenses.
25. **Hospitality Room.** There will be a hospitality room for tournament workers, coaches, officials, and bus drivers. This will be located in the Hall of Fame Room, on the second floor of the Young Center.
26. **Fellowship of Christian Athletes.** A meal sponsored by the SD FCA office will be held Wednesday evening beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Cedar Room at the Holiday Inn in Spearfish. All coaches, players and cheerleaders are urged to attend. This function is not sponsored by the South Dakota High School Activities Association.
27. **Visit Spearfish.** Visit Spearfish will provide breakfast for teams (including coaches, managers, and bus drivers), and officials on Thursday March 13th, at the Black Hills State Cafeteria, located in the Student Union on the Campus of Black Hills State University.



Donald E. Young Center - Black Hills State University Parking Map



Bus Parking / Drop Off: Please enter the Donald E. Young Center from St. Joe Street and turn in using the North Lane. The bus will be able to drop all team personnel off at the loop and then exit out of the South Lane.

Main Entrance to the Donald. E. Young Center: All team personnel are required to enter through the main doors of the Donald. E Young Center, using the far South set of doors.

Bus Parking: Once the bus is unloaded, please park in the gravel parking lot across the street from Lyle Hare Stadium.

Officials/Workers: Officials and workers will be able to park in the front row of the main parking lot of the Donald. E Young Center. Officials and workers will be required to enter through the main doors of the Young Center, using the South set of doors.