



SOUTH DAKOTA HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION
2025 Girls' State AA Basketball Tournament
The Monument – Summit Arena
March 13-15, 2025

TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS:

Mr. Randy Soma, Assistant Executive Director, SDHSAA
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HOST VENUE:

The Monument – Summit Arena
444 Mount Rushmore Road
Rapid City, S.D. 57701

STATE TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

1. Practice Sessions

A practice session for your team has been scheduled at the Summit Arena at the Monument on Wednesday, March 12th. **Please enter through the East doors of the Summit Arena marked with a blue X on the map on the next page.** Please do not enter through the main doors of The Monument. Locker rooms will be assigned upon your arrival. Please arrive NO MORE than one half hour before your scheduled time!

Practice Schedule – Wednesday March 12

<i>Time</i>	<i>Class AA</i>
9:00-10:00	TBD
10:00-11:00	TBD
11:00-12:00	TBD
12:00-1:00	TBD
1:00-2:00	TBD
2:00-3:00	TBD
3:00-4:00	TBD
4:00-5:00	TBD

Note: Please check the SDHSAA website following the SoDak 16 for practice schedule

<https://www.sdhsaa.com/activity/girls-basketball-championships/>

Teams may trade practice times with another team . Notification must be made to Jordan Bauer.

2. SDHSAA Coaches Meeting

There will be an important meeting for all coaches on **Wednesday, March 12th, in the Everest Room in the Summit Arena beginning at 5:15 p.m. prior to the FCA dinner. All head coaches must attend.** The purpose of this meeting is to provide you with your team packets that will have information and instructions along with your team passes.

3. Bus Parking and Team Entrance

Players may enter only through the Security door which is located at the back entrance on the East side of the Summit Arena. Security Door will be marked (Team Entrance). Use for player practice on Wednesday also. Must have a player pass to enter during the tournament. This is also the bus loading and parking lot for buses. **BUS PARKING: Buses will be allowed to park in the parking lot north of the Don Barnett Fieldhouse by the team entrance. Monument Security will be present to assist in bus parking in that lot.** Must have your player pass to enter during the tournament.



4. **Team Lodging**

Team lodging has been arranged for participating teams at the Double Tree by Hilton, 505 North Fifth Street, Rapid City. Each participating team has 12 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. **Official Roster**

- 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.

6. **Spectator Seating:** The State Basketball Tournament is all **General Admission Seating**. Each school will be assigned a seating section for their fans. We would appreciate your help in communicating this with your fans and students!

7. **Bench Assignments/Locations:**

- Bench and basket assignments will be given to you upon your entry into the arena. This will be posted upon your entry to the Arena each day.
- There will be 20 chairs on your Bench. Looking at the playing floor from the scorer's table, the HOME team will be to the right of the scorer's table and the VISITING team will be on the left side of the scorer's table.
- Team's scorekeeper and statisticians will NOT be allowed to sit at the main scorer's table next to the bench. Water will be provided by The Monument staff.
- Teams will have a 15-minute warm-up. For media purposes games will not start prior to scheduled start time. 12:00 pm game every day will start at 12:05 for SDPB, 6:00 pm game every day will start at 6:05 for SDPB. Team statistics will be provided at halftime and at the end of your game. (DakStats).

8. **Locker Rooms:** There will be eight locker rooms available. Each team will be assigned to the **SAME** locker room for the duration of the tournament. They will be marked by signage. Please do not take bags and items out to courtside. Teams will need to secure valuables.

9. **Training Room:** Training Room will be in the locker room corridor of The Summit Arena along with a tent on the east end of the arena. Trainers will be available one hour before the beginning of each session. Trainers will be responsible for blood spills on the courts.

10. Program and Media Guide Information

All PROGRAM information is due March 5. 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/>. Any qualifying school which fails to comply will be assessed a \$50.00 fine.

11. 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.

12. Passes/Tickets for the 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 (plus mascot- if listed) 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 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 and given at tournament in team packet)
- **School:** Eight (8) season complimentary tickets to each school. (these were given to you following your SoDak 16 contest) Two of those tickets should be used for crowd supervision.

13. Tournament Lanyards/Floor Passes

Officials, Workers, and School Officials must always have a tournament issued lanyard on to gain access to the floor and court.

School Officials: School officials responsible for crowd control will need to be on the supervision list prior to the tournament. School officials must sign in and pick up their tournament lanyard from the tournament headquarters table. Enter Door B- Connector Room to check in and receive proper credentials for working.

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.

14. SDHSAA Tournament Headquarters

The State Association Headquarters during the State "AA" Girls Basketball Tournament will be in the Catering Room.

15. Tournament Referees

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

16. Tournament Pairing/Schedule/Starting Times

The pairings are as follows:

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

There will be 15 minutes between games.

The 15 minutes will begin once the floor is cleared from the previous game.

Doors are open one hour prior to each session starting.

17. Towels

No towel service, please bring your own towels.

18. Video Taping Policy

The following is 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.

19. Presentation of Awards

All awards will be presented at the conclusion of each game on Saturday. Teams will line up on the end line and be presented medals and plaque/trophy immediately following each game. Details will be provided for 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.

2nd Game Half Time: "Spirit of Six" Award

"Spirit of Su" Award

After Championship game: Awards to 1st and 2nd

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 may meet their teams, after the awards presentations, in the SE Connector entrance in front of the Monument Health Mural for additional photo opportunities.

20. State Tournament Regulations for Fans

Sportsmanship/Conduct - Administrators responsibility. No signs, fat head signs, banners or mechanical noisemakers allowed, no jumping on bleachers, other rules & regulations. **Review regulations published in the general section of handbook** for both adult fans and student body.

21. Tournament Expenses

Each team entered in the State Tournament shall pay all its own expenses.

22. Cheerleaders' Information

- a. Cheer storage room will be located in the Hospitality Room at the west end of the hallway.
- b. A maximum of 8 varsity basketball cheerleaders (plus mascot, if listed) 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.
- c. Only cheerleaders listed on the SDHSAA web site will be allowed to cheer at the state tournament.
- d. 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.
- e. 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.
- f. All cheerleaders are expected to adhere to the NFHS Spirit Rules and the Sideline Cheer section of the SDHSAA Athletic Handbook.
 - 1) Schools with stunting squads must have a cheer coach satisfying the SDHSAA Cheer Safety Education Guidelines.
 - 2) 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 pom's shall be in the hands during the National Anthem.
 - 3) All cheerleaders will be introduced prior to the start of the ball game on THURSDAY ONLY.

20. High School Student and Adult Press Pass Request

To request a High School Press Pass or Adult Press Pass, log into your school dashboard, click on the SD Icon on the left side bar, and on the forms page, under Journalism click on the link that says Student Press and Adult Press Pass Request. **These are due by 1:00 p.m. on the Monday Prior to the state event.** Students' names must be listed on the school's journalism roster on the SDHSAA website. If school journalism roster has not been submitted on the SDHSAA website, press passes will NOT be issued to that school.

21. Hospitality Room

There will not be a hospitality room at any state events.

22. Door Openings: Ticket Sales and Pass Gate

Thursday, March 13	Session 1	11:00 a.m.
Thursday, March 13	Session 2	5:00 p.m.
Friday, March 14	Session 3	11:00 a.m.
Friday, March 14	Session 4	5:00 p.m.
Saturday, March 15	Session 5	11:00 a.m.
Saturday, March 15	Session 6	5:00 p.m.

23. Fellowship of Christian Athletes

SD FCA Office will be hosting an FCA dinner which will be held on Wednesday evening following the coaches meeting at the Double Tree Rapid City (505 N 5th St) – time is 6:30 pm. All coaches, players and cheerleaders are urged to attend. This function is not sponsored by the South Dakota High School Activities Association.