

SOUTH DAKOTA HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION
2023 Girls' State "AA" Basketball Tournament
Sanford Pentagon, Sioux Falls
March 9-11, 2023

TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS:

Randy Soma, Assistant Executive Director
Brock Reynoldson, Pentagon

HOST VENUE:

Sanford Pentagon

STATE TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

1. Practice Sessions

A practice session for your team has been scheduled at the Pentagon on Wednesday, March 8th. The practice times are listed below. Each team has the floor for 60 minutes.

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 SoDak 16 for practice schedule (www.sdhsaa.com)

TEAMS MAY TRADE PRACTICE TIMES WITH TEAM. THIS IS TO BE WORKED OUT WITH THE SCHOOLS INVOLVED IN THE SWITCH. NOTIFICATION CAN THEN BE MADE TO BROCK REYNOLDSON, PENTAGON, 402-340-3540.

2. Basketballs

Basketballs will be furnished for the Wednesday practice as well as for each ball game.

3. Bus Parking and Team Entrance

Players, coaches, cheerleaders must enter through the VIP Entrance on the Southeast corner of the facility. Must have your player pass to enter during the tournament. Busses will drop teams off at the door and park in the Far East parking lot by the Football field. If you are not parking by goal posts, you are not parked in the correct lot!

4. Team Lodging

Team lodging has been arranged for participating teams at the Ramkota in Sioux Falls. 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. Coaches Meeting

There will be an important meeting on **Wednesday, March 8th, at the Pentagon (2nd level), Room 2508 at 5:15 p.m.** The purpose of this meeting is to provide information and instructions, and to provide your team with passes.

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 and Media Guide Information**

All **PROGRAM** information is **due March 1.**

Media Guide info is **due on March 3.**

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.

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 school 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. **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 school 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 given at tournament in team packet) If 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. (Sent to qualifying schools)

10. Tickets Sales - SINGLE GAME SALES

Tickets will be sold in Sioux Falls at the Pentagon. All tickets are general admission and will be sold for **each game** played. The facility will be cleared of fans and spectators after each contest except for the afternoon consolation contests on Friday and Saturday, (two games for the price of one for games 5 & 6 and games 9 & 10). Fans wishing to attend additional contests will need to exit and purchase a ticket for the next contest they wish to attend.

Doors will open for general admission ticket sales 45 minutes prior to the start of each schedule game time.

Ticket Prices for Tournament	Student	Adult
Single Session (*Includes facility fee)	\$7.00*	\$11.00*

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

11. SDHSAA Tournament Headquarters

The State Association Headquarters during the State "AA" Girls' Basketball Tournament will be at the Pentagon located in the Heritage Court Conference Room.

12. Tournament Referees

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

Joe Beehler, Blackhawk	David Rogers, Spearfish
Darin Berg, Sioux Falls	Dalton, Wademan, Sturgis
Eric Grocott, Montrose	Brian Whetham, Garretson
Terry Jastram, Sioux Falls	Scott Witlock, Aberdeen
Jay Kusler, Sioux Falls	Royce Wuertzer, Rapid City
Domico Rodriquez, Summerset	Louis Young, Ft. Pierre

13. Starting Times for each contest:

Note the highlighted time difference for opening games on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Thursday, March 9	Friday, March 10	Saturday, March 11
Game 1 - 11:00 a.m. Seed 1 vs. Seed 8 (Facility will be cleared)	Game 5 - 12:00 noon Consolation Round	Game 9 - 12:00 noon 7 th /8 th Place Contest
Game 2 - 1:45 p.m. Seed 4 vs. Seed 5 (Facility will be cleared)	Game 6 - 1:45 p.m. Consolation Round (Facility will be cleared)	Game 10 - 1:45 p.m. 5 th /6 th Place Contest (Facility will be cleared)
Game 3 - 5:00 p.m. Seed 3 vs. Seed 7 (Facility will be cleared)	Game 7 - 5:00 p.m. Semi-Final Contest (Facility will be cleared)	Game 11 - 5:00 p.m. 3 rd /4 th Place Contest (Facility will be cleared)
Game 4 - 7:45 p.m. Seed 2 vs. Seed 8	Game 8 - 7:45 p.m. Semi Final Contest	Game 12 - 7:45 p.m. Championship Contest

***Doors are open for ticket sales one hour prior to each game.

14. No Opening Ceremony Saturday Evening

15. Towels

Towels will be provided.

16. 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.

17. 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 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.

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

"Spirit of Su" Award

After Championship game: Awards to 1st and 2nd

Award Protocol. No fans/spectators will be allowed on the main floor. **Fans that wish to take pictures may exit with the teams after the awards presentation and take pictures on courts 6 and 7.**

18. State Tournament Regulations for Fans

Sportsmanship/Conduct - Administrators responsibility. No 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.

19. Tournament Expenses

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

20. Cheerleaders' Rules

- a. A maximum of 8 varsity basketball cheerleaders plus school 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.
- b. Only cheerleaders listed on the SDHSAA web site will be allowed to cheer at the state tournament.
 - 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.
 - 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.

21. 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 no later than 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.

Media Entrance: Media must enter through the VIP Entrance on the Southeast corner of the facility.

22. Hospitality Room

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

23. Door Openings: Ticket Sales and Pass Gate

Thursday, March 9	Game 1	10:00 a.m.
Thursday, March 9	Game 2	12:45 p.m.
Thursday, March 9	Game 3	4:00 p.m.
Thursday, March 9	Game 4	6:45 p.m.

Friday, March 10	Game 5 & 6	11:00 a.m.
Friday, March 10	Game 7	4:15 p.m.
Friday, March 10	Game 8	7:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 11	Game 9 & 10	11:00 a.m.
Saturday, March 11	Game 11	4:00 p.m.
Saturday, March 11	Game 12	6:45 p.m.

24. Fellowship of Christian Athletes

SD FCA Office will be hosting an FCA dinner which will be held on Wednesday evening, 6:30 p.m. following the coaches meeting at the Ramkota Hotel. All coaches, players and cheerleaders are urged to attend. This function is not sponsored by the South Dakota High School Activities Association.