

2021 State Basketball Tournament Manual

Congratulations to you and your team for qualifying for the 2021 Girls State Basketball Tournament! This 2021 State Basketball Tournament Manual may also be found on the IGHS AU website. Please familiarize yourself with this manual in its entirety.

IGHS AU Administration Contact Information During State Tournament

Jean Berger	Executive Director	515-229-8609	jeanberger@ighsau.org
Lisa Brinkmeyer	Award Recipients	515-201-9557	lisa@ighsau.org
Jason Eslinger	Media Contact	515-240-7649	jasoneslinger@ighsau.org
Craig Ihnen	Floor Manager	515-240-7534	craig@ihssa.org
Gary Ross	Basketball Administrator	515-975-3729	gross@ighsau.org
Monte Wilson	Facility Manager	515-238-8768	monte@ighsau.org
Heidi Reed	Cheerleaders/Award Recipients	515-490-6149	heidireed@ighsau.org
Sherry Tegtmeier	Media Credentials	515-805-5475	sherry@ighsau.org
Tom Florian	Marketing/Digital Network	708-912-0167	tom@ighsau.org
Chuck Brittain	Coordinator of Officials	319-239-9436	chuck@ighsau.org

State Tournament Program Information

Rosters and season results will be retrieved from the QuikStats (Varsity Bound) website (www.quikstatsiowa.com). **Please review your rosters and be sure they are updated and the information (NUMBERS, spelling, year, position, height) is correct. IF THE INFORMATION IS LISTED INCORRECTLY ON QUIKSTATS, IT WILL BE LISTED INCORRECTLY IN THE STATE TOURNAMENT PROGRAM.** Contact Jason Eslinger (jasoneslinger@ighsau.org) to receive assistance if you need to make any change to your QuikStats (Varsity Bound) roster.

Statistics for 3A state qualifiers must be updated through the regional final on QuikStats (Varsity Bound) no later than 10:00 a.m. on Monday, Feb. 22. Statistics for 1A/2A state qualifiers must be updated through the regional final on QuikStats no later than noon on Thursday, February 25. Statistics for 4A/5A state qualifiers must be updated through the regional final no later than noon on Wednesday, Feb. 24.

All teams must complete the Team Information Form at <https://forms.gle/jVr92jd3PXU7vfW88>. **This form must be submitted to the IGHS AU no later than NOON on Monday, Feb. 22.**

In trying to better serve our public address announcers and broadcasters/commentators at the state tournament, please include the phonetic spelling of any members of your team whose name may be difficult to pronounce. Any help you can provide to our announcers and broadcasters/commentators is appreciated.

Please meet these important deadlines. Failure to have information submitted on time will result in your team being omitted from our state tournament program. Royal Publishing is authorized by the IGHS AU to sell "hometown" advertisements to be included in the 2021 state basketball program. If your team qualifies for the state tournament, businesses in your communities and your booster club will likely be contacted by Royal Publishing to inquire about purchasing an advertisement in the state tournament program. Businesses and booster clubs are in no way obligated to purchase an ad but may do so if they wish.

Mandatory State Basketball Video Exchange

It is the responsibility of each head coach who qualifies for the state tournament to communicate with the head coach of his/her quarterfinal state tournament opponent to facilitate a video exchange from each team's regional semifinal and regional final games. Video exchange shall occur the day after completion of the respective regional final games. If mutually agreed to by both opposing coaches, video exchange does not have to occur. Please note that those within the HUDL pool, this process is taken care of via the HUDL library.

Team, Trainers & Cheerleader Admission to Wells Fargo Arena

All teams will enter the arena through the Pass Gate located on northeast corner (2nd St.) of the arena at street level. This is also the ONLY entrance for a participating team wishing to enter to watch a session of the tournament in which it is not playing. Everyone in your travel party (not to exceed 23) should have a badge (1 head coach badge, 22 team badges). In addition, we will provide 1 (one) Trainer's badge (this should only be used if your team's trainer will be attending the tournament.) These badges are included in your regional final packet. Everyone must have a badge to be admitted to Wells Fargo Arena. **NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE TO THIS POLICY! PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU HAVE YOUR BADGE FOR ADMISSION!**

Badges are required for floor level access. There are no concession or merchandise stands on floor level. Any member of the travel party wishing to access the public areas of the building can do so only WEARING a badge and only through designated access points. Likewise, access to the floor from the public area is only available to those wearing a badge or IGHS AU credentials.

The official team travel party is limited to a total of 23 people (coaches, players, chaperone, scorekeeper, video manager, and managers). **A team may have no more than 15 players in uniform. THE ENTIRE PARTY (up to 23) MUST ENTER TOGETHER. When the team enters the northeast corner of Wells Fargo, the coach should present the State Tournament Roster to the Usher/Volunteer. Any individuals in excess of 23 will be admitted through the pass gate and the school will be billed for these individuals.** Each school determines who will be included in its travel party. In addition, one bus driver per school will be allowed free admittance. Bus drivers must enter through the VIP Pass Gate located in the northwest corner of the building. Children under high school age may be part of the travel party and must be accompanied by an adult at all times. **IF A QUALIFYING TEAM IS INTERESTED IN ATTENDING A GAME WHEN THEY ARE NOT PLAYING OR HAVE PLAYED, THEY WILL BE DIRECTED TO SIT IN A DESIGNATED AREA IN THE 100 SECTION. IF A QUALIFYING TEAM ARRIVES AND WILL BE PLAYING THE NEXT GAME, THE TEAM WILL HAVE A DESIGNATED AREA IN THE END ZONE ON THE FLOOR TO WATCH UNTIL THEY PREPARE IN THE LOCKER ROOMS. TEAMS SHOULD NOT ARRIVE PRIOR TO 90-MINUTES BEFORE THEIR GAME TIME.**

Each participating school is allowed up to six cheerleaders in uniform during the session in which it participates. These cheerleaders must enter through the team pass gate and will be issued a wristband at that time. This allowance is above and beyond the 23 included in the team travel party. One cheerleading supervisor will also be admitted through the team pass gate when accompanying the cheerleaders. The cheerleading supervisor is expected to remain seated near the cheerleaders. A mascot is allowed in addition to the six cheerleaders.

Team Video Segments – MUST BE RECORDED IN ADVANCE

Each team is expected to record and submit two (2) separate video segments in advance of the state tournament. Each video will be shown on the arena video board during each team's respective game. Videos should be recorded using a smartphone in a horizontal format (16:9). **Videos should NOT be recorded vertically.** Use of a tripod or other mounting device is recommended to avoid excess movement of the camera. Videos can be recorded in a team locker room, gymnasium, or other school-appropriate location. Creativity is encouraged! **Both videos should be submitted no later than February 26th at 5 p.m.** Videos can be submitted online at <https://forms.gle/4iMZEJqBK41FmbzC7> or emailed to tom@ighsau.org or texted to Tom Florian at 708-912-0167.

Video #1 – A small group of seniors or team captains are asked to film a 30-45 second video sharing fun facts about their hometown and school. An example script is provided below:

Player #1: *"Hi, we're the Winterset Huskies! We're here to share a few fun facts about our hometown and school."*

Player #2: *"Every October, we host the Covered Bridge Festival to celebrate the famous covered bridges Madison county is known for. Both the movie and Broadway musical 'The Bridges of Madison County' are based here."*

Player #3: *"Winterset is also the birthplace of actor John Wayne and you'll find the Iowa Quilt Museum at the center of town."*

Player #4: *"Winterset is a smaller town located in Madison County about 45 minutes from Des Moines and our high school has about 500 students. Thanks for listening!"*

All Players: *"Let's go Huskies!"*

Link to examples: bit.ly/hometown2021

Video #2 – The entire team should get together to record a 45-60 second video highlighting either a pre-game "pump-up" routine or of the team performing their school song in a fun way. Creativity is encouraged. Links to examples are below:

Link to pump-up examples: bit.ly/pregame2021

Link to school song examples: bit.ly/schoolsong2021

Questions about any of the video recordings should be directed to Tom Florian (tom@ighsau.org). Videos can be submitted online at <https://forms.gle/4iMZEJqBK41FmbzC7> or emailed to tom@ighsau.org or texted to Tom Florian at 708-912-0167. **Please submit no later than February 26th at 5 p.m.**

Coach Video Segments – RECORDED AT THE TOURNAMENT

CHAMPIONSHIPS –The winning coach of each semifinal game is expected to film two (2) separate videos with the Wells Fargo Arena video production team following their semifinal victory. An IGHS AU staff member will meet you following your media interviews. The first will be a 10-second video that will be played prior to introductions of their respective championship game. The second video will be a short 45-second interview with IGHS AU staff member Lisa Brinkmeyer answering simple questions like "chicken or steak?" or "car or truck?" This video will be shown on the video board during each team's respective championship game. All videos will be uploaded and shared with all teams following the tournament. Lisa speaks to the coaches right after they are done in the media room following their semifinal win. She also gives them a championship game schedule of events at that time.

Wells Fargo Arena Ticketing

To accommodate social distancing in 2021, tickets will be sold in reserved pods and on a per game basis. Fans will be asked to clear the Arena following each game. **ALL SPECTATORS MUST ENTER THROUGH THE DOORS ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE ARENA. NO SPECTATORS WILL BE ADMITTED THROUGH THE NORTH DOORS AS IN THE PAST OTHER THAN THOSE NEEDING TO ENTER THROUGH THE VIP ENTRANCE. SPECTATORS SHOULD NOT ARRIVE MORE THAN 30 MINUTES PRIOR TO THE START OF THE GAME. ALL SPECTATORS WILL BE ASKED TO EXIT OUT THE NORTH DOORS ONLY OF WELLS FARGO ARENA.**

Wells Fargo Arena has three seating levels. The 100 Level, referred to as the lower bowl, will be sold first. If more seats are needed, the 200 Level will be made available and subsequently the 300 Level, also known as the upper deck. All tickets are for a specific seating location for the one game purchased. All tickets are \$10 per game. Wells Fargo Arena does not accept checks. Advance tickets are available for purchase either at the Wells Fargo Arena Box Office, by telephone at 866-553-2457, or through the Wells Fargo Arena website (www.iowaeventscenter.com). It is strongly encouraged that tickets be purchased online in advance. Ticket buyers are also encouraged to select mobile or print-at-home ticket delivery. There is no public seating on the floor level of the arena. Only those who hold IGHS AU-issued access passes or badges are permitted access to the floor level.

Who Must Hold a Ticket

All spectators who require use of a seat must purchase a ticket. Cost is \$10 per game. Doors will open 60 minutes prior to tip-off of the first game of each day and then approximately 30 minutes for each subsequent game or once the arena is cleared from the previous game. There will be a "no re-entry" policy for Wells Fargo Arena to help manage social distancing and spectator traffic flow. Pass outs will not be allowed. Spectators will need to purchase a ticket if they leave the arena and wish to return the same day.

TICKET SALE PROCEDURE --ALL STATE TOURNAMENT TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED FROM THE WELLS FARGO ARENA- SCHOOLS WILL NOT BE SENT STATE TICKETS

Spectators of advancing teams may purchase tickets for the semifinal and/or championship rounds online or at the box office following their team's game. **Purchasing tickets online is recommended and encouraged to avoid lines in the box office lobby.** Box office windows at the southwest entrance to the arena will sell advance round tickets at any time. Please note the main box office is located on the lower level in the southwest corner of the building and outside of the ticketed area.

Reserved Pod Seating Guidance

When purchasing reserved seating pods, the home team spectators (**BEST OR TOP SEED (IF #4 AND #5 PLAY, #4 IS THE BEST OR TOP SEED)**) should sit on the team bench side of the arena. Visiting team spectators (**LOWER SEED**) should sit across from the team bench in the arena.

Home Team Sections: 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 124

Visiting Team Sections: 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120

Due to the capacity limitations this year, fans will **NOT** be allowed to greet their teams in the Main Lobby area of Wells Fargo Arena following games as they have done previously. Team/fan gatherings must occur offsite.

Student Section Tickets

A limited number of student section tickets will be made available exclusively to each qualifying school. A specific purchase link will be provided to each qualifying team to share with their student body. These links will be sent via email to each school's AD and head coach as soon as possible once the bracket is released. Student tickets will be sold in pods of four or six. Once all student section tickets have been sold, students may still purchase tickets in the same method as the general public.

Coaches NOT Allowed on the Floor Level

Basketball coaches not participating in the 2021 State Girls Basketball Tournament (THIS YEAR THERE IS NOT A COOLEY'S CORNER) will NOT be allowed to sit on the floor level of Wells Fargo Arena. PROCEDURE FOR COACHES INTERESTED IN SITTING TOGETHER – purchase your ticket, go to NW VIP gate, exchange the ticket for a wristband and sit in reserved area of sections 121, 122, 124.

Team Transportation Parking

After dropping off the team at the pass gate, participating team vehicles (buses, vans, or other school vehicles) will be directed to designated parking in the north parking lot at Community Choice Credit Union Convention Center. There is no charge for parking participating team vehicles (buses, vans, or other school vehicles). Other buses parking in the lot are assessed \$40 per day for parking. Bus drivers/coaches will need to show a participating credential at the north Community Credit Union parking lot 1 and will then be admitted. In that lot there are reserved sections for participating school vehicles.

Spectator Parking

Charter or pep buses carrying spectators will drive south on 3rd Street (this is a one-way street--- need to be in the right lane) and drop off fans at the south entrance of Wells Fargo Arena. From there, they shall proceed directly south on 3rd Street to Park Street, turn right and go two blocks, turn right on 5th Street. Parking, free of charge, will be provided in the right lane immediately west of Community Choice Credit Union Convention Center. If full, buses would proceed straight ahead to the far north lot and park for a \$40 fee or can park elsewhere at their own choice and cost. After 6:00 p.m., buses can also park on the street free of charge.

Individual vehicle parking is available in the lot immediately north of Community Choice Credit Union Convention Center. The lot charge is \$7. Other parking options include parking ramps at 7th and Crocker, 5th and Grand, and 4th and Locust. A map showing access to Wells Fargo Arena, on-site parking, downtown parking, and skywalk routes is located at the following web site:

<https://www.iowaeventscenter.com/plan-your-visit/directions-parking>

Student-Athlete Lounge – FOR 2021 ONLY. THERE WILL NOT BE A STUDENT/ATHLETE LOUNGE AVAILABLE FOR ALL QUALIFYING TEAMS DUE TO COVID PROTOCOLS.

Bench Area

Each team will have 18 chairs for its team bench area. **There shall not be more than 18 people seated in each team's area.** The chairs on the end of the floor near the basket are for IGHS AU trainers and are not to be used by teams or their support personnel. These team chairs will be spread out to account for social distancing protocols. **THE HOME TEAM WILL SIT ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE SCORETABLE AS THE TEAMS FACE THE FLOOR. THE VISITING TEAM WILL SIT ON THE LEFT SIDE OF THE SCORETABLE AS THE TEAMS FACE THE FLOOR.**

Uniforms

The BEST or HIGHER SEED (if #4 and #5 are playing, #4 is the BEST or HIGHER SEED) will be the home team and wear white jerseys. The LOWER SEED will be the visitor and wear other-than-white jerseys. **Please bring both sets of uniforms.**

Pre-game Conference

The head coach from each team is required to attend this brief meeting with the game officials in front of the scorer's bench at approximately the 12-minute mark during warm-ups (THIS YEAR NO TEAM CAPTAINS).

Scorebook/Roster

Upon arrival for each game, a coach is required to submit a game roster to Jason Eslinger in the Press Room. A team may have no more than 15 players in uniform listed on their game roster. **A coach is responsible for verifying the team roster at the scorer's bench prior to the start of each game. It is permissible to dress different players from one game to the next - just be sure that the official scorer is aware of any changes from the previous game.** There is no room at the scorer's bench for a team's scorekeeper. If a team wishes to maintain a separate scorebook at floor level, the person keeping the scorebook may sit in one of the team's 18 chairs on the floor or in the seats located in the end zone chairs.

Warm-up Time

Teams may take the court at Wells Fargo Arena as it becomes available prior to their game. Basketballs will be made available to each team a maximum of 30 minutes prior to game time, and a minimum of 15 minutes is guaranteed for warm-up time.

Introductions

Once the 15-minute clock has expired, a horn will sound. A Sportsmanship Award will be presented to a recipient for each team during the quarterfinal games prior to introductions. The National Anthem will be played prior to introductions for the first game each day.

Order and procedure for the introductions:

- Visiting team non-starters and assistant coaches--line up in numerical order facing the floor
- Home team non-starters and assistant coaches—line up in numerical order facing the floor
- Starters for each team alternate beginning with the visiting team (**go to team's FT line**)-

acknowledge opponent with a wave following introductions

- Head coaches for each team beginning with the visiting team- acknowledge each other with a wave
- Game officials – face the floor

Daily timing sheets will be provided to head coaches when they check in each day their team is playing.

Timeouts

Each team will be allotted three 60-second timeouts and two 30-second timeouts in all games, including the championship games. Please have your team ready to come back onto the floor when the first horn sounds so that play may resume immediately after the second horn. Officials have been instructed to begin play promptly on the second horn.

Quarter Breaks & Halftime Intermissions

Breaks at the end of the first and third quarters for quarterfinal, semifinal, and championship games will be 90 seconds. Halftimes will be 12 minutes in length for all quarterfinals and semi-final rounds, and 15 minutes for all championship games. The floor will be available for warm-up at the three-minute mark. There is a count-down clock in each dressing room so the remaining time can be monitored. Each team is responsible for being back on the floor on time.

Basketballs & Towels

Basketballs will be provided at the Arena for each team to use during the warm-up period for each tournament game. The Spalding TF1000 Legacy is the official basketball of the IGHS AU and will be used at the state tournament. Each team needs to furnish its own towels.

COVID-Related Guidelines and Protocols

Anytime the team, coaches, staff, and managers are within Wells Fargo Arena, they ARE required to wear masks. When the players are playing in their games, they are NOT required to wear masks. Players and coaches on the bench ARE required to wear masks.

Team chairs on courtside have been arranged to provide for social distancing of the players, coaches, and managers.

Teams will NOT be allowed to meet with the spectators in the lobby area following the games. Spectators will be expected to leave immediately following the game.

Cheer Performances

Cheer squads from girls basketball teams participating in the 2021 State Girls Basketball Tournament have the option of performing a live routine during halftime of their team's game in the quarterfinal rounds. Only the cheer team members attending the state tournament are allowed to perform. Routines may include your school song and/or a crowd involvement cheer. All routines must

follow the current NFHS/ICCA rules, including the stunting limitations set last August. Each cheer squad would be limited to a three-minute routine (including intro) and would need to provide their own music.

For more information on routines please contact:

Kenna Johnson, ICCA Executive Director (515-250-8968) kennajohnson47@gmail.com

Cheer squads who wish to perform should complete the application form by THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25 at 5 p.m. Here is a link to the form: <https://forms.gle/4gyDN4ZF8bJQx7b9>. Questions related to the form should be directed to Tom Florian at tom@iqhsau.org.

Practice Sessions

Practice on the Wells Fargo Arena floor is prohibited prior to your actual pre-game time sequence. However, should your team wish to practice on a 94-foot floor prior to the tournament, it is permissible to practice in other facilities as long as no school time is missed.

Locker Rooms in the Arena

The locker rooms are located on the west side of the arena. Each team is solely responsible for its own valuables. While each player will have a locker available in the dressing rooms, there is no area to lock valuables. Please arrange for someone from your party to safeguard any valuables. Once a team member is dressed in uniform for the game, she will not be allowed access to any other level of the arena. Only properly credentialed patrons will be allowed floor access. Locker room signs will be posted. All team members must wear masks in the locker rooms.

Media Interviews

Following each game, teams are given a 5-minute cooling off period in their locker rooms. At that point, the head coach of EACH TEAM and three players from EACH TEAM are required to report to the media center located on the left side of the Northwest hallway on the floor level of Wells Fargo Arena. Jason Eslinger from the IGHS AU will inform coaches which players need to report to the interview area and will escort coaches and players to the media center.

Arena Security

All bags and purses are subject to search by Wells Fargo Arena security prior to spectator entry. No outside food or drink is allowed to be carried into the arena by spectators. Wells Fargo Arena has implemented a clear bag policy for all events. A maximum size of 12"x6"x12" is permitted. Exceptions will be made for bags containing items required for medical, family, or childcare.

Please refer to the Iowa Events Center policies:

<https://www.iowaeventscenter.com/plan-your-visit/event-policies-faq>

Spectator Attire & Conduct

Please notify your students and patrons that shoes and shirts are required for admittance to all IGHS AU indoor events. No decorative masks or apparel presenting a safety concern will be permitted. Anyone wearing clothing that is obscene or objectionable will be asked to change

the clothing and/or may be required to leave.

Each school is responsible for supervising and policing its own spectators regarding behavior and conduct. No fans or spectators are permitted on the playing floor at the conclusion of the game. Any of the following actions will result in ejection of the offender from the premises:

- Disrespectful conduct, including verbal or written profanity, obscene gestures or comments, offensive remarks of a sexual nature, or other vulgar actions that demean individuals or the event.
- Throwing articles onto the contest area.
- Entering the contest area in protest or celebration.
- Physical confrontation involving contest officials, coaches/directors, contestants, or spectators.
- Spectator interference with the event.
- Use of laser light pens.

Use of artificial signs, banners, and noisemakers (air horns, cowbells, keys, thunder sticks, megaphones, etc.) is prohibited. (First offense = Warning. Subsequent offense = Ejection.)

Administrator Admission & Student Supervision

School Administrators (and guest) of participating teams will be admitted with their administrator pass during any session of the tournament. Please enter through the VIP PASS GATE located at the northwest corner of the arena where you will be asked to show your administrator pass and photo ID. **Each of the participating teams is required to have at least one administrator on the floor in front of their student crowd. All administrators planning to supervise from the floor level must pick up credentials when they come through the VIP Pass Gate at the northwest corner.** Administrators (including AD's) (and guest) of non-participating teams will be admitted with their administrator pass during any session of the tournament. Please enter through the VIP PASS GATE located at the northwest corner of the arena where you will be asked to show your administrator pass and photo ID. You will then receive a wristband that will allow you to be seated in the reserved sections – Section 121, 122, 124 (1st 12 rows).

Proper decorum and spectator conduct is an area of emphasis at the state basketball tournament. We appreciate your assistance to ensure spectators appropriately represent their school and community.

Pep Bands are NOT ALLOWED FOR THE 2021 STATE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT.

Alcohol & Tobacco Policy

No alcohol or tobacco is to be sold or consumed on the grounds of any state tournament venue leased or provided to the Athletic Union for the purpose of conducting a state championship.

Section 123.46 of the Iowa Code States: A person shall not possess or consume alcoholic liquors, wine or beer on a public school property or while attending a public or private school-related function. A person shall not be intoxicated or simulate intoxication in a public place. A person violating this subsection is guilty of a simple misdemeanor. This policy will be strictly enforced.

Athletic Trainers

One licensed/certified athletic trainer per participating team will be admitted free of charge on the

day(s) on which their team is participating. EACH SCHOOL WILL BE PROVIDED A TRAINER'S CREDENTIAL IN THE TEAM QUALIFYING PACKET (PROVIDED THE SCHOOL HAS A TEAM TRAINER). EACH SCHOOL IS EXPECTED TO PROVIDE THE CREDENTIAL TO THE TRAINER. THE TRAINER MAY ENTER THE ARENA AT THE VIP NW AREA OR THE NE TEAM ENTRANCE AREA.

Two Certified Athletic Trainers will be located in the chairs along the baseline during all games. One hour prior to the start of each session we will have at least one staff Athletic Trainer available to assist you and your athletes with pre-game preparations. The Athletic Training Room is located near the locker rooms in the northwest corner of Wells Fargo Arena. Ice is available for injuries only and the arena staff provides water and cups at the end of the team benches.

Video & Photography

Each team is allowed one person to video the game(s) in which your team participates. Video is permitted above Section 116 in the ADA section, located on the east side of the main concourse. A tripod may be used in this section only. To video from this area, the person must secure a special pass from Jason Eslinger, who will be in the media room. If not part of the travel party of 23, it is the coach's responsibility to secure proper credentials from Mr. Eslinger upon arrival. No one is allowed to video in this location for scouting or personal reasons.

Photography is permitted in the arena. Spectators may video as long as the equipment is hand-held or using a mono-pod (no tripods), the taping is done from a ticketed seat, and no external power is utilized. Photography or video shot for resale or redistribution is strictly prohibited (flash photography is not allowed).

School Newspaper/Yearbook Credentials

School/student publications must email their credential requests to Sherry Tegtmeier sherry@ighsau.org by 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 25. Students must purchase a ticket and exchange the ticket for credentials. Credentials are to be picked up at the northwest media entrance door to Wells Fargo Arena (VIP entrance). Sherry Tegtmeier will staff the media entrance and provide a packet that will include your media pass. The media entrance will be open at least 90 minutes before the first session each day. Please be prepared to show photo identification at this entrance point.

Presentation of Awards

Immediately following the completion of each game on Monday through Friday afternoon, a brief awards presentation will be held to present a team trophy, individual plaques, and cheerleader's medals to the losing team and to announce the day and time of the next competition for the winning team. **BOTH TEAMS AND THEIR CHEERLEADERS SHALL REMAIN ON THE FLOOR FOR THIS AWARDS PRESENTATION. Please instruct your team to come forward to receive these awards. In addition, for the quarterfinals and semifinals, the winning team will be asked to send a player or representative to center court to "advance" their team to the next round on the official tournament bracket.**

Immediately following each championship game on Friday and Saturday, an awards presentation will be held. The championship winner will receive championship t-shirts on the playing court immediately following the game. The All-Tournament Team will then be recognized on the playing court. Trophies and medals will then be awarded to the runner-up team followed by the championship team trophy. The championship team should then gather their belongings from their

bench area and proceed to the Winners' Circle area (IGHSAU staff will escort the team to the Winner's Circle in the hallway area on the east floor level of WFA) while the runner-up team photo is being taken on the playing court. The championship team will receive their medals and coins in this Winners' Circle area, will take their team photo there, will have a brief "bracket championship advancement" ceremony, "special championship activity", and will have the opportunity to celebrate and take photos with the team, coaches, and administration. **NO SPECTATORS OR FAMILY WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE WINNER'S CIRCLE THIS YEAR.**

Streamed and Televised Matches

The state quarterfinal and semifinal games will be live streamed online via the IGHSAU Digital Network available on the IGHSAU web site (www.ighsau.org). Quarterfinal and semifinal games will not be televised. Iowa PBS will televise Friday's and Saturday's championship games live statewide. The championship games will also be streamed live on iowapbs.org/sports.

Sportsmanship Award

Each school shall select an adult from their community who exemplifies good sportsmanship and proper decorum. Immediately prior to the team introductions at the quarterfinal games for all teams, IGHSAU staff will present each school a \$250 award (this will be mailed to the school's athletic department) at center court with the representatives chosen by the two participating teams.

Iowa Bankers Association Scholarship

The Iowa Bankers Association is sponsoring a \$1,000 scholarship and Student Achievement Award at the 2021 Iowa Girls State Basketball Tournament. One scholarship will be awarded in each of the five classes. All state tournament qualifying teams are asked to nominate one senior on their basketball team that possesses the scholastic, leadership, and citizenship skills necessary to receive this award. Only one student per qualifying school may be nominated. Nomination forms are included in the regional final packet and must be received by the Iowa Bankers Association by Friday, February 26. This presentation will take place during the break between the 1st and 2nd quarter of each championship game. If the recipient is a member of one of the teams playing in the championship, the presentation will occur before their game.

Travel & Per Diem Supplements

Participating teams traveling less than 125 miles will receive \$1.25 per mile one way and a \$300 food allowance for each day they play.

Participating teams traveling more than 125 miles will receive \$1.25 per mile one way and a \$300 food allowance and a \$450 lodging allowance for each day they play.

Lodging reservations and food arrangements are the responsibility of the school. We encourage you to utilize IGHSAU Restaurant & Hotel Partners, but you are not required to do so. A separate information sheet with partner information is included with this packet.

Official State Tournament Merchandise

The IGHSAU is proud to partner with Fine Designs to provide official 2021 State Basketball Tournament Merchandise. Items will be available for purchase **online only**. **Official state tournament merchandise will NOT be available on-site.** Please encourage your players,

coaches, and fans to visit store.finedesigns.com/IGHSAU-Apparel.

This is the only way to purchase **official state tournament merchandise that has the IGHSAU logo and State Tournament logo.*

Pets

Except as otherwise stated herein, no pets are permitted at IGHSAU-sanctioned events. Any persons found with a pet at an event will be removed from the premises. However, this policy shall comply with the provisions of Iowa Code §216C. As such, a person with a disability or a person training an assistive animal has the right to be accompanied by a service dog or an assistive animal, under control. The person is liable for damage done to any premises or facility by a service dog or assistive animal. A "service dog" means a dog specially trained at a recognized training facility to assist a person with a disability, whether described as a service dog, guide dog, hearing dog, support dog, independence dog, or otherwise. An "assistive animal" means a simian or other animal specially trained or in the process of being trained under the auspices of a recognized training facility to assist a person with a disability.

ADDITIONAL POST-SEASON AWARDS

Qualifying teams that are interested in purchasing additional medals, championship t-shirts, or basketballs can use the Award Form provided in the packet. Contact Monte Wilson from the IGHSAU – monte@ighsau.org or go to the IGHSAU website to download the form.

Any questions not covered in this manual should be directed to Gary Ross at gross@ighsau.org.

Congratulations to your team for qualifying for the 2021 Girls State Basketball Tournament, and best of success!

