

# **League/Region & State Basketball Tournament**

## **POST-SEASON INFORMATION & POLICIES**

*Note:* The NIAA publishes this packet for the benefit of its member schools. Please make copies of each section as needed and pass along to the appropriate individual(s). This packet contains vital information and is designed to make your entrance in to the school gymnasiums/Lawlor Events Center go smoothly.

### **FOR ADMINISTRATORS**

1. Doors will open to the public one hour prior to the start of the first game time at all facilities. Please check tournament brackets for game times.

2. Preliminary league/region and state brackets (in the Reference Manual) do not include starting times for first-round games.

\* Official starting times for the league/region tournament games will be released on Monday, February 11. Starting times for the NIAA Nevada State High School Basketball Championships will be released on Sunday, February 17. Some tournament information packets already have game times posted, but those are subject to change through February 11/17. Please check this NIAA web site section for final schedules. The NIAA attempts to avoid time conflicts if two teams from the same school are in the tournament.

3. NO ARTIFICIAL NOISE MAKERS OF ANY KIND (including, but not limited to, thundersticks, clappers, airhorns, whistles, sirens, etc.) will be permitted at NIAA games (including regular-season contests). Balloons or other objects that impair spectator vision will also NOT be permitted at the games. Positive signs that recognize your own school and do not impair spectator viewing will be allowed. Schools must remove all signs at the conclusion of the game. Tournament / Game officials will always have the final say on what is or is not appropriate.

4. Cheerleaders, band members and other performing groups in uniform -- and accompanied by their faculty advisor -- will be granted entrance, but only when their school is participating. They must enter at the designated pass gate as one group at the same time.

5. There will be no reserve seating. The NIAA suggests spirit teams sit in bleachers close to the playing floor so they do not disrupt others when leaving/preparing to perform.

6. Storage space is NOT available. Any lost or stolen equipment will be the responsibility of the individual or school.

7. Admission prices (league / state) are as follows:

Students, \$4 / \$5  
Adults, \$6 / \$7  
Children 8 & younger, Free  
Senior Citizens 62 & older, Free

NIAA Courtesy Cards and Lifetime Passes will be honored for the legitimate pass holder and one guest.

8. Pass gates at high school gyms will be designated by each hosting school.

The pass gate at Lawlor Events Center will be as follows:

NIAA passes will be honored at the ticket gate only, which is now located on the concourse level of the arena, attached to the new, northwest parking garage (see below).

All basketball teams (coaches, players and managers) must enter as one group at the same time through the pass gate only, which is now located on the ground-level “ramp” entrance in the southeast area of the arena.

All cheer teams, spirit squads, drill teams and bands must also enter via the ground-level “ramp” entrance in the southeast area of the arena. Members of these groups must be in uniform to be admitted free of charge. Only two (2) advisors per group will be admitted unless special permission is granted in writing by the NIAA.

9. NIAA Courtesy Cards must be presented at the ticket gate, which is now located on the concourse level of the arena, attached to the new, northwest parking garage. Identification will be required. Only the legitimate holder of the pass and his/her one guest will be admitted using the pass.

10. Please inform all interested parties that official NIAA State Basketball Championships souvenir T-shirts will be sold for \$15 and programs for \$5.

**SPECIAL NOTE FOR PARKING AT LAWLOR EVENTS CENTER:**

Please advise your fans and all school personnel that parking will be available in the designated parking garage only (attached to the north side of the arena). Cars parked in other areas will be ticketed.

## **FOR COACHES**

1. Bracketing – The bracketing of teams will be automatic, as established by the NIAA, and is based upon the results of league/region tournament placings. Please refer to your specific tournament bracket to verify game times and seeding/pairings.

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2. Eligibility – Only players listed on NIAA eligibility rosters will be allowed to participate in the tournament. Please be sure all your players are registered with the NIAA. Also, please submit two rosters/cards to the scorer bearing the names and numbers of your players 30 minutes before your first game. The second card is for the public address announcer.

3. There will be no practice sessions available in Lawlor Events Center.

4. As a reminder, the official ball for all NIAA post-season basketball games is the: NIKE 3000 N Touch (BB0140 for boys and BB0139 for girls).

5. Teams will be responsible for furnishing their own towels and warm-up balls.

6. Tournament officials will be selected and assigned by the commissioner of officials as directed by the NIAA.

7. The higher seed will be the home team (light uniforms) in all league/region and state games. If the two teams are equally-seeded, the top team on the bracket will be the home team.

8. In order to direct an efficient and smooth running tournament, it is necessary all games start as promptly as possible according to the indicated game times on the bracket. Warm-up periods between games will be exactly 15 minutes. Therefore, it is extremely important that your team is prepared to come on to the floor as soon as the preceding game is over. The teams playing the first game of a session should not arrive more than one hour before game time. Games will not start before the published starting time.

9. Tournament directors will assign teams to their dressing room and to the basket they will use to start the game. Please do not take your team to the dressing room until after half-time of the preceding game. Please leave the dressing room clean. Please remove all items from the dressing room upon departure.

10. Team benches will be assigned so that a team will not have the rooting section of their opponent in back of them.
11. Instruct your team NOT to remove nets after any game. Nets will be provided to the championship teams.
12. All players, including those on teams playing in the current session, must show their player pass to be admitted. Player passes will only be honored at the pass gate. Player passes will be honored for all tournament games.
13. Participating teams are entitled to 18 passes. Passes will be given out on the first day of the tournament and must be picked up at the PASS GATE. Please make sure each player has his/her pass. No provision has been made for lost or forgotten passes, thus admission prices will be charged if such incidents occur. The player's name and school should be printed in INK in the proper place as indicated on each pass.
14. NIAA Courtesy Cards will only be accepted at the ticket gate (concourse level attached to parking garage). Only the legitimate holder of the pass and his/her one guest will be admitted using the pass.
15. In accordance with NIAA regulations, the only awards offered will be those approved by the NIAA.
16. As per NIAA regulations, tournament expenses shall be borne by individual schools.
17. Please find listed below the protocol for state championship post-game award ceremonies.
  - A. Spontaneous celebration – Please encourage your student-athletes to respect the sentiments of their opponent.
  - B. Shake hands with your opponent.
  - C. Return to your bench area.
  - D. The runner-up trophy will be awarded.
  - E. The individual state championship medals will be awarded.
  - F. The state championship team trophy will be awarded.Note: Although we know it is difficult, we ask that the runner-up team remain on the court until the awards presentation is completed.

#### **SPECIAL NOTE FOR HALFTIME BREAKS IN STATE CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS**

Please be advised that the length of halftime breaks during state championship final games may be extended to accommodate extra-curricular functions.

## **FOR SPIRIT SQUAD COACHES**

\* As per the NFHS Spirit Rules Book, spirit groups shall NOT perform in the free-throw lane extended (through the baseline) during live action. All gyms should have a specific area designated which does not interfere with participants.

\* As per the NFHS Basketball Rules Book, spirit groups shall NOT take the court during 30-second timeouts.

1. Spirit leaders are asked to bring a 3 x 5-foot sign identifying your school by name. This sign will be placed in the arena to identify your school's seating location. Upon arrival, please have a representative of your school approach the head table to receive directions as to where to place the sign.
2. Cheerleaders, dance team members, songleaders (i.e.: performing groups) and their advisors will be admitted to the tournament free of charge but only during the session in which their team is participating. They should assemble at the pass gate in uniform and enter as a group at the same time.

All spirit squads and bands must also enter via the ground-level "ramp" entrance in the southeast area of the arena. Members of these groups must be in uniform to be admitted free of charge. Only two (2) advisors per group will be admitted unless special permission is granted in writing by the NIAA.

3. Cheerleaders and dance teams should coordinate what nights they wish to perform before arriving at the tournament. Only one group per school will be allowed to perform at each game.
4. NO ARTIFICIAL NOISE MAKERS OF ANY KIND (including, but not limited to, thundersticks, clappers, airhorns, whistles, sirens, etc.) will be permitted at NIAA games (including regular-season contests). Balloons or other objects that impair spectator vision will also not be permitted at the games. Positive signs that recognize your own school and do not impair spectator viewing will be allowed. Schools must remove all signs at the conclusion of the game. Tournament officials will always have the final say on game matters.
5. Immediately upon arrival, please report to the announcer and give him/her the name of the group that will be performing at halftime of your game. If there is a group from each school wishing to perform, the home team will perform first. Do NOT ask to have the names of the individual performers announced.
6. All half-time entertainment is limited to a maximum of three (3) minutes. The *visiting* team's spirit squad shall perform first. This group must be ready to perform immediately after the first half ends. All half-time entertainment must vacate the floor when the first six (6) minutes of the half-time intermission has expired.

7. The cheering section must sit in the location indicated by their school sign. Dance team members should sit in the bleachers closest to the playing floor as a cheering group.
8. You must provide your own recording equipment and equipment operator. Please have this person report to the announcer's table at least two minutes before the scheduled performance.
9. The assistance of the cheerleaders in keeping fans from their own school or town from going on to the basketball court at any time, and in particular at the completion of a game, is greatly appreciated.
10. There will be no dressing rooms available. Therefore, the NIAA asks that you arrive at the tournament site dressed in your entertainment attire.
11. Cheerleaders, dance team members and songleaders shall be under the immediate supervision of school personnel and should be available to resolve any conflict which may be deemed unsportsmanlike by the tournament committee.
12. There will be no opportunity to practice at the site(s).
13. There will be no storage available. Any lost or stolen equipment will be the responsibility of the individual or school.
14. Again, all spirit squads and bands must also enter via the ground-level "ramp" entrance in the southeast area of the arena. Members of these groups must be in uniform to be admitted free of charge. Only two (2) advisors per group will be admitted unless special permission is granted in writing by the NIAA.
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## **FOR BAND DIRECTORS**

Each school must cooperate during the basketball tournaments in order to give all schools an equal and fair amount of time to perform. You are invited to participate in the entertainment activities of any game in which your school team is playing without charge. The following guidelines will be enforced by the tournament directors in order to insure that no school is deprived of a fair amount of time to perform.

1. Band members must be identified in the entrance area by the school's band director. Please enter as one group and at the same time. Band members in uniform and accompanied by their faculty advisor will be permitted entrance, but only when their school is participating. Pass gates at the high school gyms will be designated by each hosting school.

All spirit squads and bands must also enter via the ground-level "ramp" entrance in the southeast area of the arena. Members of these groups must be in uniform to be admitted free of charge. Only two (2) advisors per group will be admitted unless special permission is granted in writing by the NIAA.

2. Pianos cannot be accommodated. They are not permitted.

3. Bands represent the school in the same way their teams and spirit squads do. Band members should not incite fans by derogatory or unsportsmanlike behavior during the games. Band directors will be responsible and must resolve problems if they arise. Game officials have been instructed to assess technical fouls on the schools that fail to abide by tournament regulations.

4. Bands may play alternately during the 15 minute warm-up, during time-outs and during half-time when not in conflict with organized half-time performances. Fight songs should not exceed 30 seconds. Bands may not play while the game is in progress. ***Please, NO drums during regular play or free throws.***

5. The bands and cheerleaders from each school should coordinate their efforts to avoid conflicts with each other.

6. Please allow time before each game for the introduction of players.

7. Half-time entertainment begins immediately at the end of play. Bands are not permitted to play at the end of the first half/second quarter.

8. There will be no storage available. Any lost or stolen equipment will be the responsibility of the individual or school.

9. Again, the band entrance at Lawlor Events Center is located in the southeast area of the arena (loading/docking ramp). Please do NOT attempt to enter via the ticket gate.