



43rd Boys Basketball State Tournament

Athletic Directors and Boys Basketball Coaches:

As we start to look at the end of the season, I wanted to touch base again with some additional information regarding this year's boys' basketball state tournament. Please note important policies regarding weekly reporting and first round and quarterfinal facilities.

- 2026 Divisions
 - An updated list of the four divisions for the 2025-2026 season is on the VISAA website.
- Schedules & Report Results for State Polls
 - We are requesting you post accurate game results on MaxPreps. Only games should be listed, no scrimmages or exhibitions. **Failure to keep your results updated could have a negative impact on your team's weekly position in the State polls and their State Tournament seeding.** State polls will be released on the following dates: Jan. 13, Jan. 20, Jan. 27, Feb. 3, Feb. 10, and Feb. 17.
- First Round and Quarterfinal Facilities
 - The general committee reserves the right to declare a facility unsuitable to host a state tournament game. ***(see host responsibilities below)*** If a facility is declared to be unsuitable, designated host school has the option of securing a facility approved by the committee or relinquishing home court for the tournament.
- Policy for Postponed Tournament Games Due to Weather
 - First Round games not played on Tuesday due to extraordinary circumstances must be played on Wednesday. If the Tuesday game cannot be played on Wednesday, the general committee reserves the right to advance the higher seeded team to the quarterfinal round. Should a first round game be delayed and played on Wednesday, the quarterfinal game involving those schools must be played on Thursday. If the quarterfinal game cannot be played, the general committee reserves the right to advance the higher seeded team to the semi-final round. The postponement of a first round or quarterfinal game will have no impact on other scheduled games in that respective round.
- All State Teams
 - Nomination Forms for All State teams will be sent out at a later date.

Sincerely,

Walter Westbrook

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Responsibilities for Schools Hosting a First or Quarterfinal Round Game

<u>Officials:</u>	Securing three-man officiating crew
<u>Athletic Trainer:</u>	A certified licensed Athletic Trainer must be on site for game
<u>Scorer's Table:</u>	Host will provide official clock operator and official book
<u>Playing Court:</u>	Playing area must be regulation size (84' x 50'), with safe sideline and end line space, and well maintained
<u>Seating:</u>	Bleacher seating for spectators of both teams should be available and adequate
<u>Locker Rooms:</u>	Locker room and shower facilities must be available for both teams
<u>Rest Rooms:</u>	Public restroom facilities should be adequate
<u>Game Time:</u>	Contact the visiting school to determine a mutually agreed upon start time
<u>Results:</u>	Final score of each tournament game should be posted on MaxPreps
<u>Water/cups:</u>	Provided by host
<u>Balls:</u>	Warm-up and game ball provided by host
<u>Uniforms:</u>	The higher seeded team will wear light colored jerseys and NFHS approved uniforms
<u>Admission:</u>	Admission for first and quarterfinal round games is \$5.00. Home team is responsible for collection of admissions.

Gate and Financial Policies:

- Host school will be responsible for absorbing all expenses involved in hosting first round and quarterfinal games of VISAA championship events.
- Host school must charge admission to the event and send the income with proper financial form within **fourteen days** of the event. Financial forms can be found on VISAA website.
- Reminder, Online Tickets for all tournament games are available thru GoFan.
- There will be a \$50 penalty for monies and forms not received within **fourteen days**.
- There will be a \$100 penalty for monies and forms not received within **thirty days**.
- Failure to charge admission at events or not returning financials forms within deadlines may result in school not hosting in that sport for following school year.

Reporting Scores: Keep your MaxPreps page updated after each regular season game