

READ IMMEDIATELY

WIAA Boys Basketball



March 19-20-21

Kohl Center - Madison

**IMPORTANT TOURNAMENT
PLANNING INFORMATION**

Congratulations on your trip to State!

Sunday Things To Do

1. Join Zoom Meeting with LeVar Ridgeway and all state bound coaches (and ADs if they choose) at 9 am to see your tournament seeds and go over tournament information. Each head coach will receive an invite to join the meeting prior to that morning.
2. Read this booklet which should answer the majority of questions about Going to state. Complete the Google form survey sent to you about your trip to the state tournament.
3. Molly O'Brien (mobrien@wiaawi.org) will be emailing Sunday morning with hotel information for your team. Please plan to call the hotel on Monday morning to talk over hotel specifics. If you need rooms for parents, and your hotel can't accommodate, the CVB in Madison will gladly help. You can reach Madison Area Sports Commission at 608-255-2537.
4. Plan for Media Telephone conference with Todd Clark at appointed times - see next page.
5. Roster corrections and updated stats should be submitted to Kelsey Schneider in the WIAA office: kschneider@wiaawi.org
6. Ticket information from Kassie Mortimer (kmortimer@wiaawi.org) and team credentials (players, coaches) will be sent to your school. The passes for Score Keeper, Athletic Trainer and Administration (2) are also in the box however those are for access only; these people will need a ticket to enter the venue. Boxes will be shipped via Speedee Delivery on Monday.

Things to Do on Monday

- Call your assigned hotel after 8:30 a.m. and be ready to provide the hotel with the names of the individuals in your party and be able to indicate who will be sharing rooms. Check-in can be expedited by emailing a rooming list to the hotel in advance of your arrival.
- When you call on Monday, you can also reserve any additional rooms (over the allotted 10) that you may need.
- A phone call should identify the time your rooms will be ready. This will allow teams to first go to the Kohl Center, find a place to eat, etc., instead of sitting in the hotel lobby. A school representative should check the rooms with hotel personnel for any previous damages prior to occupancy.
- Submit to the WIAA, your tentative starting line-up, noteworthy information and player honors using the online form under the Tournament Information option on the Basketball webpage. Tournaments > Boys Basketball > Tournament Information > Rosters, Results and Statistics
<https://www.wiaawi.org/Schools/Forms-Directary/State-Tentative-Starters-Player-Notes>

Head Coaches/Media Zoom Conference Call Schedule

The cooperation of head coaches is required in participating in a media Zoom conference call the Sunday prior to the State Tournament. The girls Zoom conference will be Sunday, March 8, and the boys conference will be Sunday, March 15. Please find the times your head coach is scheduled to participate on the WIAA Basketball Tournament Zoom conference call from the listing to the right.

Head coaches will receive the invitation to the Zoom conference on Sunday morning or early afternoon, which will be sent to the email you received the Zoom invitation for the pre-State Tournament planning meeting earlier in the day.

We ask coaches to connect to the Zoom conference **five minutes prior to their scheduled participation** on the call. The order of coaches on the call is determined by numerical order according to sectional number.

When you connect to the meeting, you are placed in the waiting room. The WIAA moderator will enter you into the conference when your segment of the conference begins. Please have the username on screen be your full name; so we can easily identify you in the participant list.

Once in the conference, the head coach will be asked to comment briefly on the team followed by an open forum of questions from the media in the conference. Each coach's participation on the call will be approximately 8 minutes. The WIAA moderator will monitor the time. Coaches may leave meeting following their participation in the conference.

Basketball State Tournament Conference Schedule

Girls: Sunday, March 8
Boys: Sunday, March 15

Division 5

6 p.m.	Sectional 1 Winner
6:08 p.m.	Sectional 2 Winner
6:16 p.m.	Sectional 3 Winner
6:24 p.m.	Sectional 4 Winner

Division 4

6:32 p.m.	Sectional 1 Winner
6:40 p.m.	Sectional 2 Winner
6:48 p.m.	Sectional 3 Winner
6:56 p.m.	Sectional 4 Winner

Division 3

7:04 p.m.	Sectional 1 Winner
7:12 p.m.	Sectional 2 Winner
7:20 p.m.	Sectional 3 Winner
7:28 p.m.	Sectional 4 Winner

Division 2

7:36 p.m.	Sectional 1 Winner
7:44 p.m.	Sectional 2 Winner
7:52 p.m.	Sectional 3 Winner
8 p.m.	Sectional 4 Winner

Division 1

8:08 p.m.	Sectional 1 Winner
8:16 p.m.	Sectional 2 Winner
8:24 p.m.	Sectional 3 Winner
8:32 p.m.	Sectional 4 Winner

Other Reminders

Sunday prior to State Tournament

* Proof your team's program page information posted on the WIAA website. Log-in and go to: Sports>Tournament Information>Tournament Information to access the *Roster and Statistics program pages* with edits submitted by 9 a.m. Monday after the Zoom conference.

Monday prior to State Tournament

* Submit tentative starters, players' honors and anecdotes on the online form located on the Score Center in the "Team Info" menu.

Teams Staying in Madison

Below is a listing of the hotels that will be used to house teams for this year's State Tournaments. Schools within 50 miles of Madison will not be assigned housing. Schools will be responsible for all of their lodging costs. The WIAA has reserved 10 rooms with two large double beds for each school needing housing.

AmericInn by Wyndham Madison South 101 W. Broadway Monona, WI 53716 (608) 467-4791	Avid hotel Madison-Monona by IHG 900 W. Broadway Monona, 53716 (608) 957-7600	Best Western InnTowner Madison 2424 University Ave. Madison, WI 53726 (608) 233-8778	Best Western East Towne Suites 4801 Annamark Dr. Madison, WI 53704 (608) 244-2020
Country Inn & Suites Madison West-Middleton 2212 Deming Way Middleton, WI 53562 (608) 831-6970	Fairfield Inn & Suites Madison South 722 John Nolen Dr. Madison, WI 53713 (608) 255-7400	Fairfield Inn & Suites Madison Verona 613 W Verona Ave. Verona, WI 53593 (608) 845-3000	Hilton Garden Inn Madison West/Middleton 1801 Deming Way Middleton, WI 53562 (608) 831-2220
Holiday Inn Madison at The American Center 5109 W Terrace Dr. Madison, WI 53718 (608) 249-4220	Holiday Inn Express & Suites Madison Central 610 John Nolen Dr. Madison, WI 53713 (608) 709-5050	Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites Verona 515 W Verona Ave. Verona, WI 53593 (608) 497-4500	Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites Madison West-Middleton 1109 Fourier Dr. Madison, WI 53717 (608) 826-0500
Madison Marriott South 706 John Nolen Dr Madison, WI 53713 (608) 251-2300	Madison Marriott West 1313 John Q Hammons Dr, Middleton, WI 53562 (608) 831-2000	MainStay Suites Fitchburg-Madison 5421 Caddis Bend Fitchburg, WI 53711 (608) 514-1116	Sleep Inn & Suites Madison-Monona 4802 Tradewinds Pkwy Building A Madison, WI 53718 (608) 221-8100

Hotel Supervision

- While your team is in the hotel, you are responsible for their behavior. Please clearly communicate your expectations to the members of your program. It is important that you always have a person in an authority position at the hotel with your athletes at all times. Please be respectful to all other guests at the hotel and observe quiet hours.
- Teams checking out prior to Sunday morning should notify the hotel reservation desk in advance. Arrangements can be made to retain one room for luggage storage. Saturday afternoon and/or evening.

Team Meals

- Teams are responsible for making their own arrangements for all meals.

Tax Exempt Policy

- Schools paying lodging expenses with a school check, purchase order, or a school credit card are exempt from state, city and county taxes. Bills paid with any personal credit card are not exempt from taxes.
- Food and beverages purchased at your hotel are also tax exempt, but are subject to a service charge.
- The total room tax is 15.5%, which includes 5.5% state and county tax and 10% lodging tax.

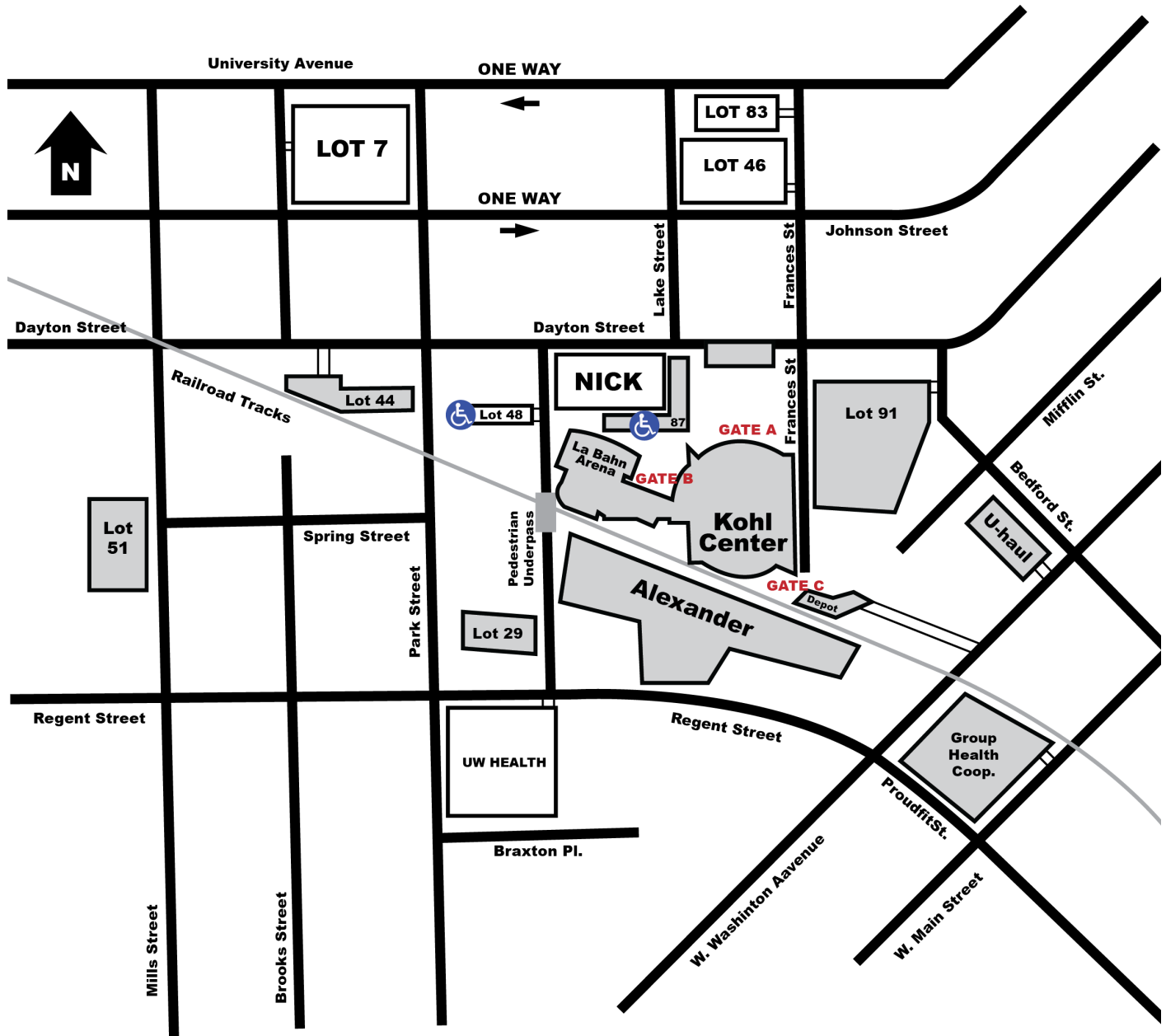
Lodging Reimbursements – *please review carefully*

- Lodging at the rate of \$35 per night for each player in uniform plus two other persons. Schools less than fifty miles from Madison will not be reimbursed for lodging.
- Schools will be reimbursed for lodging that is necessary for when they are competing only. Once your school is eliminated from the tournament, the expenses incurred will become yours.
- If a team opts to not stay in their assigned hotel, the school will forfeit their lodging reimbursement.
- Questions regarding approved lodging requests can be directed to Kassie Mortimer at the WIAA or LeVar Ridgeway, at the WIAA Office.

Financial Reimbursements

- Schools will be reimbursed in part for their State Tournament expenses following the completion of the tournament. **There are no forms that you need to complete**, that information will be calculated by the WIAA staff and sent to you in the form of a check following the tournament. The following factors will be used to determine the amount each school receives:
 - (a) Travel to and from State Tournament City (each day if necessary) at the rate of \$2.00 per mile.
 - (b) No allowance will be paid to schools located in Madison. Special consideration may be given to other commuting schools.
 - (c) Meals at the day rate of \$10 for breakfast, \$10 for lunch, and \$12 for dinner for each player in uniform plus two other persons. Note: The amount of meal allowance received each day is contingent upon departure time to Madison and arrival time for Madison, but the minimum meal allowance on any day of competition will be \$9.

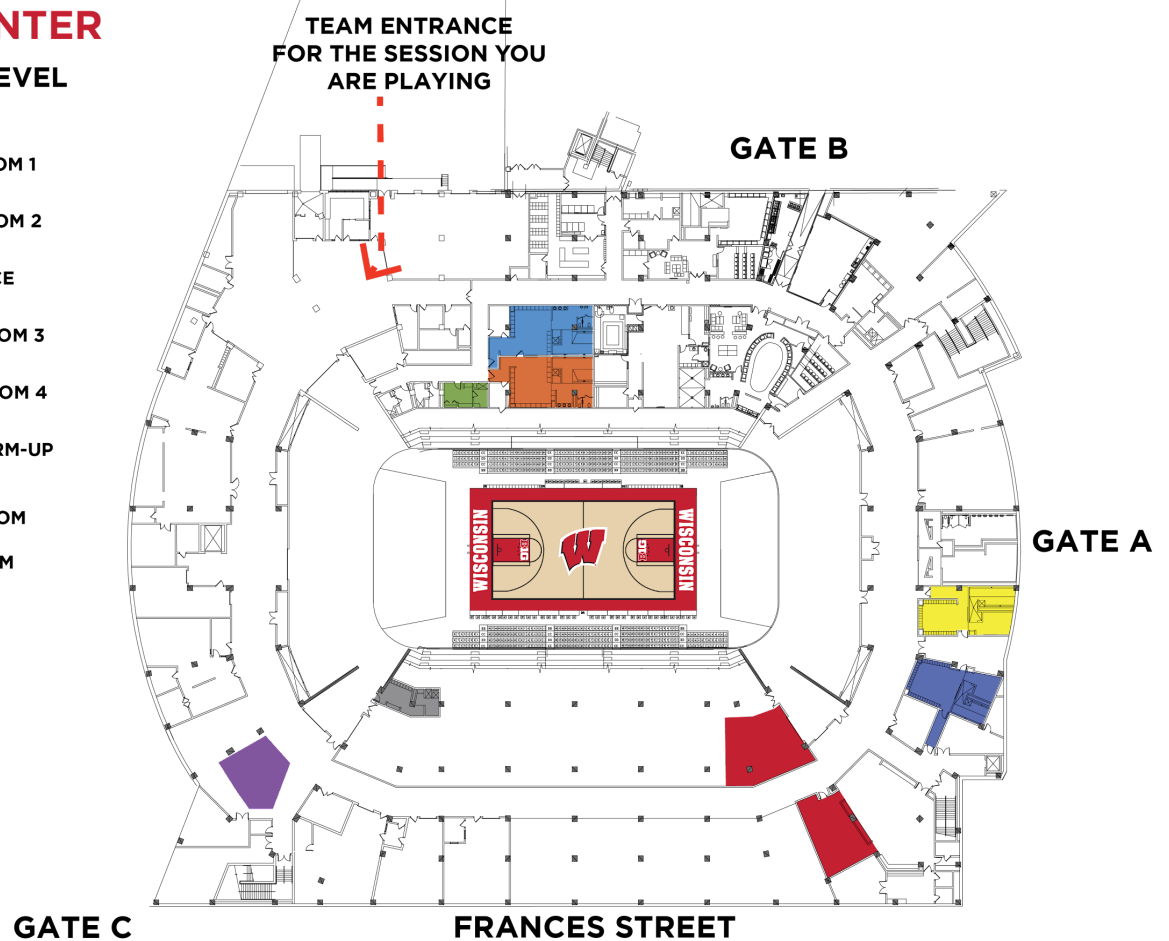
MAP OF KOHL CENTER AND SURROUNDING AREA



KOHL CENTER

SERVICE LEVEL

- LOCKER ROOM 1
- LOCKER ROOM 2
- WIAA OFFICE
- LOCKER ROOM 3
- LOCKER ROOM 4
- CHEER WARM-UP
- OFFICIAL'S LOCKER ROOM
- MEDIA ROOM



Game Day Information

During the session when your team is playing

Parking

Team parking

- 1 - team bus and or 3 van(s) parking will be on the Kohl Center loading dock. Parking is limited to the travel party vehicles only.
- Use the address **105 East Campus Mall, Madison, WI 53715** to access the Kohl Center loading dock.

School Administrator and or Athletic Director

- One parking permit for Lot 91 will be made available for a school administrator and/or the athletic director to use during the session your team is playing.

Entry Into the Kohl Center

- Enter the Kohl Center through Arena Control. A maximum of 22 individuals will be allowed admittance – party to include coaches, players, and managers. A team physician or athletic trainer is allowed on the bench in addition to your party of 22. If your team physician or athletic trainer is not included in your party of 22, a ticket must be purchased to gain admission to the Kohl Center. A Floor and Locker Room Access Badge can be requested by your host upon your initial arrival at the Kohl Center to allow your medical personnel to sit on the bench. This extra floor pass will not be allowed for use by anyone other than your medical personnel.
- Teams should be prepared to have their duffel bags, etc. searched by security staff. Each team will have a host assigned to them for each game they play. This individual will assist you throughout your stay at the Kohl Center. Please feel free to ask your host any questions. He/she will meet you upon your arrival at the Kohl Center on game day and take you to your locker room.
- Badges for coaches and others who will be seated on the team bench (maximum party of 22 including players + one doctor or trainer) will be distributed upon your arrival at the Kohl Center the first time you play.
- Teams playing in the first game of a session on Thursday and Friday will be allowed entry into the Kohl Center and into their assigned locker rooms at 7:30 a.m., 12 noon, and 5 p.m. respectively. Teams playing in the Saturday Championship Sessions will be allowed entry at 9:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. respectively.
- Bus drivers must have a ticket to gain admission into the Kohl Center. Your bus driver can enter through Arena Control with a ticket.

Locker Rooms

- Teams playing in the first session will be allowed entry into their locker rooms immediately upon arrival. Teams must exit their assigned locker room prior to the end of halftime of the second game.
- Teams playing in the second game of a session may enter their assigned locker room as soon as it is available. Teams must exit their locker rooms as soon as possible, but definitely before the start of the first game of the next session.
- Locker room access is permitted only for uniformed players or individuals wearing a State Qualifier Badge. The media is not allowed into a locker room.
- Basketballs for warmups will be provided. Schools will be billed for any missing basketballs. You will need to provide your own towels for the bench.

Access to Playing Floor

- Each team may have a maximum of 22 people in their bench area.
- The number of allowed players in uniform is 18.
- A team physician or athletic trainer is allowed on the bench in addition to your party of 22. If your team physician or athletic trainer is not included in your party of 22, a ticket must be purchased to gain admission to the Kohl Center. A Floor & Locker Room Access Badge can be requested by your host upon your initial arrival at the Kohl Center to allow this individual to sit on the bench.
- Head coaches, assistants, managers, etc., will be required to wear a Floor & Locker Room Access Badge to be allowed courtside.
- You will be positioned such that in the second half your team will shoot at the basket closest to where their spectators, coaches and reserves are seated. Team hosts/hostesses will assist in directing you to your bench area.
- A 15-minute warm-up period will be provided prior to the start of each game. At 0:00 on the clock, the National Anthem will be performed followed by player introductions. All members of

your team will be introduced prior to your first game. Teams must be back on the floor by 0:00 on the clock.

- At the completion of each game, teams are asked to shake the hands of their opponents, have a team huddle, and then immediately leave the court and go to their respective locker rooms.
- At the completion of each Championship game, teams are asked to shake the hands of their opponent, have a brief team huddle, then move to a position on the floor - in numerical order - for the awards ceremony. Your team host will be directing you.
- The coach and player(s) of the winning team will participate in a live TV interview immediately after the game and then will be allowed a brief "cooling off" period (approximately 8 minutes) in their locker room prior to being escorted to the Media Room for an eight-minute media conference.
- The WIAA will provide an official scorer for each game. Statistics will be kept for each game and will be provided to coaches at halftime and following the conclusion of the game.
- The WIAA will have a physician and an athletic trainer present at each game. The trainer will not be available to tape your players prior to your game.

Jersey Color

- The FIRST school alpha will wear white jerseys and be considered the home team.

Team Time-Outs

- All team time-outs will be either thirty seconds or one minute in length. Teams must gather in their own bench area only, not out on the playing floor.
- Media time-outs will be taken at the 15, 11, 7 and 3 mark each half. Additionally, teams will be allotted only 4 time-outs per game.
- Each coach will have 2-60 second time-outs and 2-30 second time-outs for the game.

Game Recording

- Schools should make arrangements to have their tournament game(s) taped. There is no special space reserved at the Kohl Center for schools to tape their game(s).
- Schools may wish to buy a copy of their game from PrepFilms.com <www.prepfilms.com>

Dousing the Coach

- Teams are prohibited from dousing their coach with water courtside or in the locker rooms.

Coaching Box

- Only the head coach is allowed to be off his/her chair and required to stay within the confines of the coaching box.
- All coaching box restrictions that apply during the regular season will also be enforced at the State Tournament.

Backboards

- The WIAA Board of Control has ruled that financial responsibility for a broken backboard must be assumed by the school whose athlete causes the damage.

Post-Game Procedures

- After the [first game of a session](#), players will be asked to gather their belongings and move them to a secure area to allow locker rooms to be cleaned. Players/coaches will be escorted back to the lobby area to meet up with their fans/parents.

- After the **second game of a session**, players will load their bus directly after leaving the locker room. In order for the next session, teams and fans will need to vacate the building. Arrange an alternate site, outside of the Kohl Center, where your team can unite with parents and/or fans after the game (2nd game of session).
- Coaches are asked to plan ahead and inform fans/parents where the team will meet up with them following the completion of any game

During the session when your team is NOT playing ...

Parking

- You are responsible for covering your own parking expense, as well as finding your own parking during the sessions your team is not playing.
- If you bring a bus or minibus, the drivers may need to return to your hotel while the team is inside watching and return to pick- you up. There is no team bus or vehicle parking when a team is coming to watch.

Entry Into the Kohl Center

- A coach can request enough tickets to cover their travel party-only (no parents or general spectators will be allowed in this section). The WIAA will provide up to 22 of those tickets as complimentary. Any tickets over that limit must be paid for at the Ticket Office located in the lobby of Gate B. If requesting tickets, please call (608) 262-5032 after noon on Thursday. If you have a medical person traveling with your team, and you have exceeded your 22 ticket allotment, you will need to pay for medical personnel, in order for them to get into the building.
- Reserved seating areas will be provided in Sections 305 and 319 for teams to sit during games other than their own.
- Any team member that has not secured a ticket from their head coach will be required to purchase a ticket to gain admission. Please plan and order ahead of time.

Championship Day Information

At the completion of each championship game, teams are asked to shake the hands of their opponents, have a brief team huddle, then move to a position on the floor - in numerical order - for the awards ceremony. Your team host will be directing you.

Awards

- Awards will be presented immediately after each championship game.
- State championship teams are not allowed to distribute t-shirts, caps, etc., to their players until after the awards ceremony has been completed and your team is in the locker room.
- Each awards ceremony will recognize each individual player of the runner-up team followed by the presentation of the trophy to the runner-up coach. The same procedure will be followed for the championship team.
- The awards procedure will include reading each player's name (maximum of 18) in the order listed in the program as they are presented their medal. The names of assistant coaches, managers, statisticians, etc., will not be read. An injured athlete will be allowed to participate in the awards ceremony provided he/she is included in the roster allotment for that game.

- Schools may purchase additional medals from the WIAA for members of their teams. Follow this link to purchase additional medals: <https://wiaa.escoinc.com>. Or contact Erffmeyer & Son Company @ 1-800-852-4266 to purchase additional medals.
- Immediately following the awards ceremony, individual and team photos will be taken by a WIAA photographer.

Locker Room Access

- Be respectful of the locker rooms you are using. Team hosts will inspect your locker room prior to your arrival and after your departure. Please do your best to clean up before you leave. Any damage to the venue by any team will be noted and billed.

Basketballs & Nets

- Each team will be given a souvenir basketball after the completion of their games.
- An autograph basketball will be provided to each championship team after the awards ceremony. Teams will not be allowed to cut down the nets at the conclusion of their game.

Media Interviews

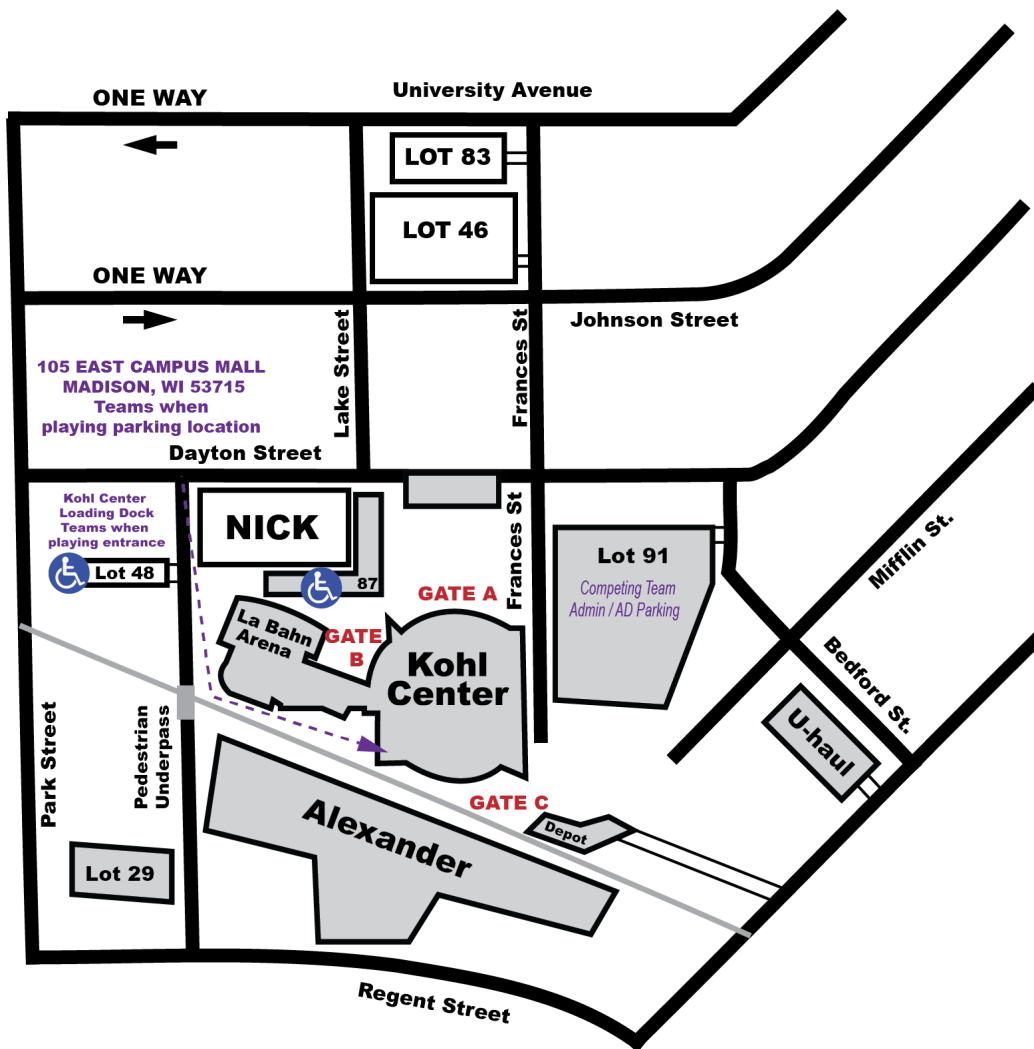
- Interviews will be conducted for each game, following this format.
 1. At the conclusion of the FIRST HALF of play the Head Coach of the leading team will participate in a brief TV interview before exiting the court and heading to the team locker room.
 2. The Head Coach of the team trailing at HALF TIME will participate in a brief TV interview upon returning to the court BEFORE THE START OF THE SECOND HALF.
 3. Post-game interviews will be conducted in this order.
 - a. Coach and player(s) of the winning team will be directed to a brief, live, on-court TV interview immediately following the game.
Then they will return to the locker room with their team for a brief cooling off period.
Head coach and player(s) will be escorted to the media room for the press conference.
 4. All coaches and players(s) of the losing team will go directly to their locker room following the game for a brief cooling off period. The head coach and selected player(s) will then be escorted to the media room for the press conference.
 5. NOTE: For championship games the schedule for press conferences will begin AFTER the awards ceremony.
 6. In order to stay on schedule with the media interviews mentioned above, we ask that all other interviews be conducted after the formal press conference for each team.

Ticket Information

Doors Open

- Doors will open approximately 1 hour prior to the start of each session. Persons will be required to pass through metal detectors.
- All spectators and any of the items they are carrying are subject to search. Review the list of illegal items on page 20-21 and share this list with fans attending the State Tournament.
- Spectators attempting to enter the Kohl Center carrying prohibited item(s) will have them confiscated or be told to return the item(s) to their vehicle. Confiscated items will not be returned. Kohl Center is not responsible for items left behind.

- As a reminder, the **Kohl Center concessions are all cashless**. Credit Cards, Apple Pay, and Google Pay are all accepted at the concession stands.



Tickets for First Game

- Cheerleaders, band members, faculty, spirit groups, bus drivers, etc., must all have tickets to gain entry into the Kohl Center. Only the 22 members of your team party will be allowed free admission to the tournament.
- Children under the age of two may be admitted at no charge. The child will not receive a ticket, but will be expected to sit in the lap of a parent or guardian during the entire session.

Team Scorer

- Each competing school will be allowed to have one individual seated at the official scoring table during your game. This person can proceed to the score table prior to the start of your game and occupy the seat reserved for team scorer. This person must wear a Team Scorer Badge to access the floor (In School's Ticket Box).

- The individual serving as your scorer must purchase an admission ticket to gain entry into the Kohl Center.
- The scorer is not allowed to have food, beverages, cameras, etc. at the scoring table
- The scorer must remain quiet and neutral
- The WIAA will provide an official scorer for each game. Statistics will be kept for each game and will be provided to coaches at halftime and following the conclusion of the game.

Access for Individuals with Disabilities

- There are ADA seating locations scattered throughout the Kohl Concourse (street level) and the Kellner Concourse (upper level). All wheelchairs must be positioned in the wheelchair and wheelchair companion seating areas. A fan in a wheelchair will not be allowed to sit in their student sections or on the floor of the Kohl Center.
- Individuals needing these special seating locations must go to the Kohl Center Ticket Office (Gate B) to purchase a ticket and then proceed to the Kohl Center Welcome Desk (Just inside Gate B) to do a ticket exchange for handicap seating
- Seating in the special wheelchair areas will only be allowed with a corresponding assigned ticket.

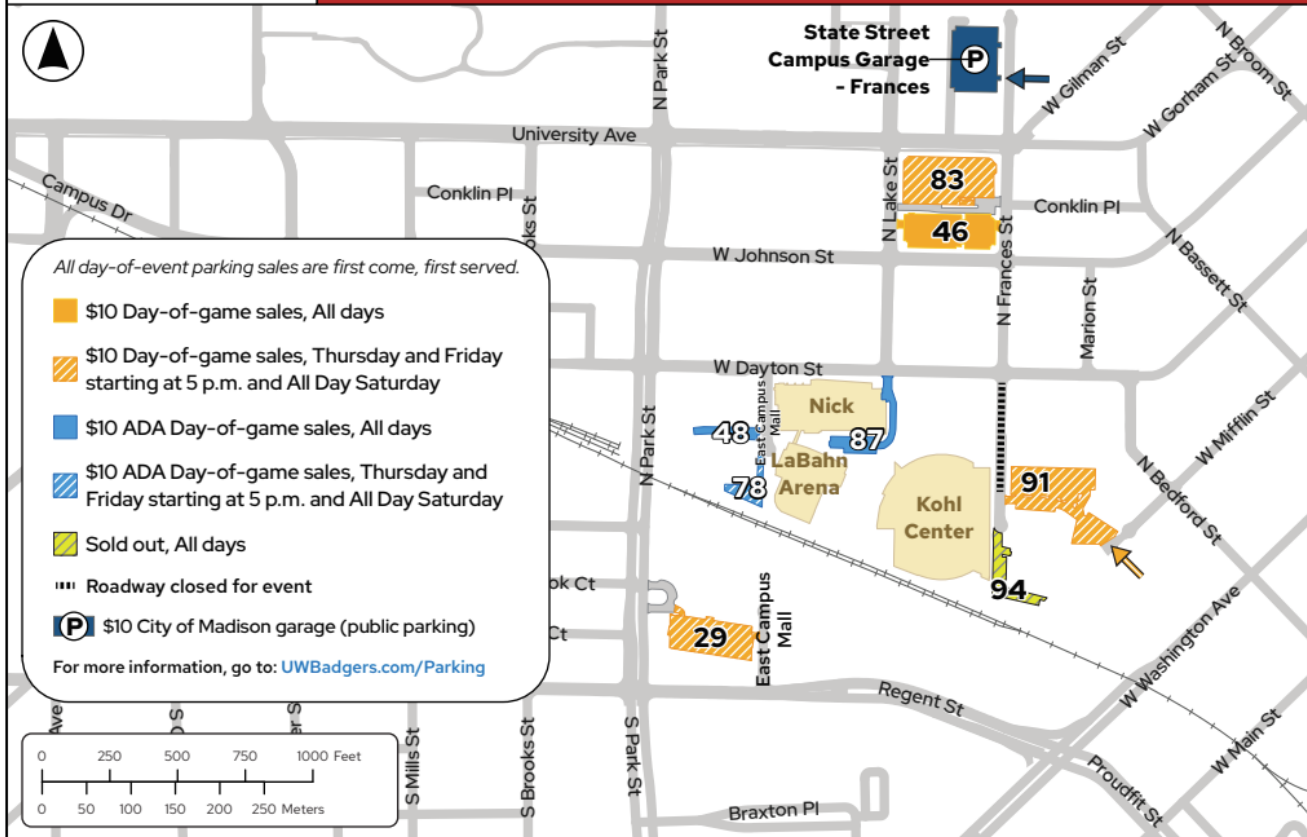
Special Situations

- If your school or team has a special situation that should be brought to the attention of the WIAA, contact LeVar Ridgeway at (715)344-8580 ext. 1172 (work) or (715)240-8501 (cell).



WIAA Boys Basketball Parking Map

March 19 – 21, 2026 (Thursday – Saturday)



Parking Guidelines

Spectator Buses of Participating Schools

- Bus parking is not available at the Kohl Center. Spectator buses can drop off at the cut-out in front of the Kohl Center and return post-game to pick-up spectators.
- Long term parking is not available on Dayton Street, this is for pick-up and drop off only.
- Buses will reload their spectators on Dayton Street at the conclusion of their game as space allows.
- There is no parking allowed on Dayton Street.
- Remember your bus drivers must have a ticket to gain admission to the Kohl Center.

Parking for the General Public

- Spectators are encouraged to walk or use hotel shuttles. Parking spaces close to the Kohl Center are limited.
- Not all University lots in the vicinity of the Kohl Center are available for our use. Many are available only at certain times. The signs posted at the entrance of University lots will list

- Possible University Parking lots available include the following:
(Exact Cash, Credit or Debit Cards)
 1. The city of Madison State Street Campus Ramp is \$8 per day.
 2. Lot 91 - Available after 5pm \$10, must pay to re-enter.
 3. Lot 46 - Available for the entire tournament based on availability, \$10 must pay to re-enter.
 4. Lot 29 – Available after 5pm, \$10 must pay to re-enter.
 5. Lot 83 – Available about 5pm \$10 must pay to re-enter.If all lots are full, the only option will be street parking. You will probably be located several blocks from the Kohl Center. Many streets in Madison have restrictions allowing only a maximum of two hours of parking. Plan accordingly and read the signs posted on the streets.

- There are parking spaces available on a first come basis in Lot 48, Lot 78 and Lot 87. Cost is \$10 (Exact Cash, Credit or Debit cards) must pay to re-enter.
- A disabled drop-off area is available in front of the Kohl Center on Dayton Street.
- When dropping off in front of the Kohl Center, if needed, you can call UW Guest Services (608-263-5645) five minutes before arriving. Guest Services will meet the disabled patron with a wheelchair and they will take them into the building and to their seating area. The disabled patron may not keep the wheelchair. If the patron wishes to be picked up with a wheelchair after the session, tell Guest Services at the time of drop off and they will come back at the conclusion of the game/session.

NE

SE

SW

NW

Frances Street

Dayton Street Gate A

Bucky's Locker Room

Gate B

East Campus Mall

Main Ticket Office

Gate C

Gate D

Handicap Areas

WIAA Member School Coaches & Administrators

Season Ticket Holders & General Public

Participating Team Patrons

Participating Team Squad Members (Sections 302 & 319)

100 Level Sections 101-128

200 Level Sections 201-228

300 Level Sections 301-328

Seats numbered clockwise in each section.

Participating team bands will be assigned seating in 100 Level sections 102, 114, 116, and 128.

"Will Call" (Ticket Pick-up) at the Kohl Center / Gate B.

Support Group Guidelines

Bands

- Each school has the option as to whether or not they will bring their band.
- The WIAA does not provide specially priced tickets or financial assistance to those schools opting to bring their band.
- Each band member must have a ticket to gain admission to the Kohl Center. Members of the band will be seated together in the lower rows of the courtside sections (102-114-116-128) as assigned to your school.
- Band members will be required to pass through metal detectors upon entry into the Kohl Center – arrive early!
- If the band has a short version of your school song, please play that version after each game. That is a courtesy to other bands so that they can also play their school songs and make way for the next game.

Entry Into the Kohl Center

- Bands involved in the opening game of a session will be admitted into the Kohl Center one hour prior to tip off. Bands must enter the Kohl Center through the door labeled “Premium Seat Entrance” to the (left side) of Gate A off Dayton Street. Look for the “BAND” sign. Band members should be prepared to have all carry in items searched by security guards. Instrument cases must remain on your bus! **Music stands will not be allowed into the Kohl Center. Many times buses must return to the district for an afternoon bus run. Please plan accordingly.**
- Bands seated in Sections 102 or 128 should walk directly down to their assigned sections upon entering the Kohl Center.
- Band seated in Sections 114 or 116 should walk around the street level concourse before walking down to their assigned section.

Equipment Storage - Drum Location

- There is no room available in the Kohl Center for band members to change into uniforms, store uniforms, or store other equipment.
- All unnecessary items should be left on the band bus. Fire Marshall regulations prohibit placing instruments or cases on the floor blocking exits and/or aisles. **Leave instrument cases on the bus. No music stands!**
- Drums must be located on the riser directly in front of each band’s assigned section.
- No platforms or other structures will be allowed to elevate drums or other instruments.

National Anthem

- The National Anthem will be sung or performed for each session when the scoreboard reaches 0:00.
- Please indicate on your Tournament Information Google Form if your school has an individual/group interested in singing the National Anthem. If both schools are interested, the first school alphabetically will perform.
- An email will be sent out on Tuesday indicating which school will be responsible for singing the National Anthem for each session on Friday and Saturday.
- First priority will be given to a singer over a band.

When Can the Band Play?

- Bands involved in the first game of a session may start playing as soon as they are set up and ready to play.
- Bands are allowed to perform before/after the game, during time-outs, and at intermissions. There will be TV time-outs at the 15-11-7 and 3-minute marks each half.
- Playing of instruments, including pounding on drums and/or hitting drum sticks together, is prohibited during the game. The “HEY SONG” is prohibited. Your band may NOT play this song at the State Tournament.
- After appropriate announcements are made at the end of your game, bands should be prepared to play their school song. Band of the losing team should play first, followed by the winning team.
- Bands playing for the second game of a session must let bands from the first game play their school songs before starting to play.
- Bands may use amplifying devices provided the volume is not excessive. Schools must provide their own extension cords, etc., which must be securely taped to the floor

Cheerleaders & Pom Pom/Dance Squads

- Each cheerleader must have a ticket to gain admission to the Kohl Center.

Entry Into the Kohl Center

- Cheerleaders must enter the Kohl Center through the door labeled “Premium Seat Entrance” to the east (left side) of Gate A off Dayton Street. **Cheerleaders/dance/poms will be required to pass through metal detectors and have their bags, etc. searched.**

Dance\Cheer Coaches should check in at the scorer’s table and speak with the “Game Production Manager” to confirm your music has been loaded into the system and/or to test your CD.

Cheerleader Guidelines

- Only varsity cheerleaders and the official school mascot are allowed to stand on the gray floor in front of their fans during the game. Cheerleaders must be in an official school uniform.
- Due to the size of the Kohl Center, squads from both schools may go out onto the basketball floor during time-outs to cheer.
- Cheerleaders must remain off the basketball floor during the game, except during time-outs. They must also stay off the base of the basket support.
- All personal items (purses, coats, etc.) must be kept in the stands. Arrangements should be made for someone to safeguard these personal items.
- **For safety reasons, spring boards or any other type of rebounding devices or related pieces of equipment are prohibited.**
- All pyramids or mounts are limited to two persons high. The top person must be in contact with the base(s), who are in direct contact with the floor or ground.
- Cheers which involve dunking a basketball are prohibited.
- Schools should review their copies of the National Federation Spirit Rule Book.
- Break-through hoops are allowed, provided they are hand held.
- Thunder stix are not allowed. Artificial noisemakers are NOT allowed.
- Bouncing/hitting megaphones on the floor during the game is not allowed.
- Please use the public restrooms when changing attire - do not change in public areas.
- Only soft-sole shoes are allowed on the basketball floor.

- Note: Large school flags will be allowed, but must come in with the Cheerleaders through the BAND entrance.

Pom Pom/Dance Squad Guidelines

- Pom pom/dance squads are welcome. However, only plastic or metallic pom poms will be allowed on the basketball floor. Paper pom poms will be allowed on the gray floor in front of your fans only (before game, during time-outs, and at the end of the game). Please use the public restrooms when changing attire - do not change in public areas. Come dressed in your performance outfit.
- There is a warm-up area available for pom pom/dance squads to use prior to their performance.
- The entire pom/dance squad (in uniform) along with their coach will be led to their warm-up area with 9 minutes remaining in the first half.
- Squads will be led from their warm-up area directly onto the basketball floor for their half-time performance.
- The FIRST team alphabetically will perform first.

Half Time Performances

- Each school will be given the option to have one group from their school perform at half-time of their game. The WIAA will not provide specially priced tickets or financial assistance to these groups.
- Half-time programs may last a maximum of three minutes per school. This includes the time needed to get on and off the basketball floor.
- A representative of the WIAA will meet with each pom/dance coach prior to the start of each game to review the half-time program performing order. The SECOND school alphabetically will perform first.
- The Advisor for the group performing at half-time must prepare the narration to be used in introducing their half-time program. A representative of the WIAA will ask for this form prior to the start of each game.

Music for Half-Time Performances

- Groups may perform to live music provided by their band or may use pre-recorded music approved by school administration.
- Bring your music in a flash drive.
- The advisory must be present at the scoring table to assist in the operation of the Flash Drive.
- Music files need to be uploaded by 8 a.m. on Wednesday to ensure the file works properly. Name the file before you upload it to include school name and division. For example, name your file (High School Name Division 1 Halftime) Use the link "go.wisc.edu/wiaamusic" to drop in your music file.
- Dance / Cheer Coaches should check in at the scorer's table and speak with the "Game Production Manager" to confirm your music has been uploaded properly.

Mascots

- The Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association objects to the use of activities, materials, logos, apparel, mascots or gestures that are profane, vulgar, insulting or offensive to others. The membership disapproves of any form of taunting or expression that is intended or designed to embarrass, ridicule, disrespect or demean others under any circumstances including on the basis of race, religion, gender or national origin.

School Photographer & Videographer Request Instructions

Deadline: This [form](#) must be completed and submitted by 4:00pm on the Monday the week of your event. Failure to meet this deadline will result in NO CREDENTIALS being distributed to your school/team. Please plan accordingly as late submissions are not accepted.

Step by Step Instructions

- **Access the Form:** Log into the WIAA website using your school administrator or Athletic Director credentials. Navigate to the “Forms Directory” section to locate the School Photographer & Videographer Form.

School Photographer Videographer Credential Request Form

- **Enter Personnel Details:** provide the accurate information for the individual who will be activating as your school’s official photographer or videographer. You will need:
 - First and Last Name
 - Email Address
 - Role (Photographer or Videographer)
- **Review and Agree to WIAA Media Policies:** Read through the terms and conditions carefully. Key WIAA policies typically include:
 - Images/video captured are strictly for school use (yearbook, school website, school social media).
 - School photographers/videographers are strictly prohibited from selling photos or videos.
 - Personnel must adhere to all venue specific access zones and stay off the playing surface.
- **Submit the form:** Submit before the Monday 4:00 pm deadline. You should receive a confirmation email indication that your request has been received.

Important Reminders for Your Media Personnel

- **Check In:** Instruct your photographer/videographer to bring a valid photo ID to the venue to pick up their credential. Details will be provided in the confirmation email.
- **Visibility:** Credentials must be worn and clearly visible at all times while inside the venue.
- **Allotment:** WIAA typically strictly limits the number of school media passes (often one per school, per event). Ensure you are only submitting requests for your primary designated personnel.

Crowd Control Guidelines

Sportsmanship and self-control take on new dimensions during the State Basketball Tournament. Therefore, crowd control responsibilities need additional attention.

Fans are not allowed on the floor at the conclusion of any game. There are no exceptions, including on Championship Day.

School Administrator and Athletic Director Expectations

Each competing school will be allowed to have one administrator and their athletic director stand in front of their spectators on the gray lower service floor area for the game their team is playing. These individuals need to wear a School Administrator Badge (in ticket box). This will allow these two

individuals access to the floor and locker room areas. These badges are not valid for admission into the Kohl Center.

The two individuals wearing these badges are expected to:

- Be responsible for their fans' sportsmanship during the game. Be visible and available to Security & WIAA staff.
- Remove illegal items from their fans if requested to do so.
- Prevent their fans from charging the floor at the conclusion of a game.
- Before leaving the Kohl Center, check the vacated seating areas of their fans for items left behind. This inspection should be done with your WIAA host/hostess.
- Fat heads are allowed in the facility. Just be sure they are tag board size 3'x2'

Chaperone Expectations

Each competing school will be expected to have chaperones as a part of their group to monitor student behavior. Chaperones will be expected to:

- Remain with spectator buses while they are loading and unloading.
- Make sure no illegal items are brought into the Kohl Center. Fans should be checked as they exit their buses.
- Assist in seating your students.
- Sit among your students and fans during the game.
- Actively address any improper activities and/or poor sportsmanship.
- Assist with troublesome fans from your community.
- At the end of the game, assemble on the floor in front of your students to discourage any attempt to enter the basketball floor.

Illegal Items & Restrictions

- The following items will not be allowed in the Kohl Center (all spectators and items are subject to search):
 - o Selfie Sticks
 - o Strollers, coolers, thermoses, bottles, cans and food and/or beverage items of any kind.
 - o Backpacks and any bag larger than 8.5" x 11".
 - o Artificial noisemakers: stadium horns, cow bells, bottles with rocks in them, thunder stixs, etc.
 - o Weapons of any kind. This includes pocket knives.
 - o Pom poms may not have sticks attached to them.
 - o Balloons, paper confetti, spray string, inflatables, etc.
 - o Alcohol and/or drugs.
 - o Large signs. (Fat heads) hand-held signs that are no larger than a piece of tag board that can be held by one person will be allowed. Signs may have tongue depressor sticks attached to them.
 - o Laptop computers are NOT allowed.
 - o Laser pointers.
 - o NO body or face paint is allowed in the Kohl Center and no face coverings of any type are permitted.
 - o No paint stir sticks.
- All spectators are expected to be clothed appropriately with faces clearly visible.
- Antics involving throwing of paper airplanes or coins, etc., will result in the violator being removed from the Kohl Center.
- Fans may not leave their seats to join cheerleaders on the courtside area.

- Fans may not leave their seats to become involved in such things as slapping players hands during introductions, forming a tunnel for their players to run through as they enter or exit the court, etc.
- Fans may not allow others to sit on their shoulders or stand on seats or railings.
- Fans are NOT allowed on the floor of the Kohl Center following the completion of their game.

Video Recording Restrictions

- Spectators will be allowed to bring video recorders into the Kohl Center and film games provided:
 - o They have an admission ticket for entry.
 - o They are seated in their assigned seat and do not obstruct the view of other paying spectators or cause crowd control problems.
 - o The video recorder must be handheld. Tripods are not allowed.
 - o The video recorder must be battery operated. There are no provisions to plug into an electrical outlet or to use Kohl Center electrical outlets to charge battery packs.
 - o Film is for private use only. No commercial or transmission use is permitted.



State Team WIAA/Rural Insurance Sportsmanship Award Evaluation



Please rate the sportsmanship of participating teams, coaches and fans at the WIAA State Tournament you are observing in the following categories.

(Rating Guide: 1=Worst 5=Best)

	Team					Team				
	Rating					Rating				
School Administration										

Effort Displayed to Promote Sportsmanship

1 2 3 4 5

1 2 3 4 5

Any "3" ranking or below, indicate specific actions _____

Coaches

Respect Toward Officials	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
Handling of Players and Respect for Opposing Team	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
Courtside Demeanor	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
Respect for Game Management Personnel	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5

Any "3" ranking or below, indicate specific actions _____

Players

Respect Toward Officials	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
Respect Toward Opposing Players (i.e., taunting, etc.)	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
Court Demeanor (i.e., showboating)	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
Respect for Game Management Personnel	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5

Any "3" ranking or below, indicate specific actions _____

Spectators/Support Groups

Respect Toward Officials	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
Respect Toward Opposing Team (i.e., taunting, etc.)	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
Spirit Demeanor (i.e., behavior, attitude, negative chants)	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
Respect for Game Management Personnel	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5

Any "3" ranking or below, indicate specific actions _____

Hosting Facilities (Applicable for Hotel/Restaurant Only)

Behavior of Team and Coaches at Hotel/Restaurant	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
Behavior of School Support Groups at Hotel/Restaurant	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5

Should be Considered for Award _____

Should NOT be Considered for Award (please comment) _____

Comments _____

Evaluation by: _____

Thank You.

Sportsmanship

Good sportsmanship is viewed by the National Federation as a commitment to fair play, ethical behavior and integrity. In perception and practice, sportsmanship is defined as those qualities which are characterized by generosity and genuine concern for others. The ideals of sportsmanship apply equally to all activity disciplines. Individuals, regardless of their role in activities, are expected to be aware of their influence on the behavior of others and model good sportsmanship.

Fundamentals of Sportsmanship

1. Show respect for self and others at all times.
2. Show respect for the officials. Sportsmanship implies the willingness to accept and abide by the decisions of the officials.
3. Know, understand and appreciate the rules of the contest. Sportsmanship suggests the importance of conforming to the spirit, as well as the letter of the rules.
4. Maintain self-control at all times. Don't let the desire to win overcome rational, safe behavior.
5. Recognize and appreciate competitive skill regardless of team affiliation.

Kohl Center

- Seats are numbered clockwise in each section. During any session if anyone leaves the Kohl Center for any reason, they will need to purchase another ticket.
- The Kohl Center is a smoke-free facility. A No Smoking policy is in effect for the entire tournament.
- **Concessions stands are cashless.** Fans should be prepared to use credit cards, Apple or Google Pay accepted.
- Participating team bands will be assigned seating courtside in Sections 102, 114, 116 and 128.
- Those needed handicapped seating must first purchase a ticket and then may exchange that ticket at the Gate B Welcome Desk for a handicapped seat.
- Student fans in wheelchairs will NOT be allowed to sit on the floor of the Kohl Center or in their student section. All individuals in wheelchairs must sit in the designated ADA seating areas.
- The "Will Call" ticket window is located at the Kohl Center Main Ticket Office.

Post Tournament

Financial Reimbursements

The WIAA will send a check payable to each school following the completion of the tournament. There are no special forms that need to be filled out and/or submitted. The expense check will be mailed to the principal of the school. Included in the check will be the following reimbursements:

- Travel to and from State Tournament city (each day if necessary) at the rate of \$2.00 per mile.
- No allowance will be paid to schools located in State Tournament city. Special consideration may be given to other commuting schools.
- Meals at the day rate of \$10 for breakfast, \$10 for lunch and \$12 for dinner for each player in uniform, plus two other persons. The amount of meal allowance received each day is contingent upon departure time to the State Tournament site, but the minimum meal allowance on any day competition will be \$9.
- Lodging at the rate of \$35 per night for each player in uniform, plus two other persons. Schools less than fifty (50) miles from the State Tournament city will not be reimbursed for lodging.
- In order to assure teams will have a place to stay at the State Tournaments, the WIAA enters into agreements with area hotels to serve as tournament hotels.
- If a team opts to not stay at their assigned hotel, the school will not receive lodging reimbursement from the WIAA.

Ticket Payment

- The WIAA will bill each participating school for any unpaid tickets that are incurred during the State Tournament experience.

Ordering Extra Medals

- Additional sectional and/or State tournament medals can be ordered at <https://wiaa.escoinc.com> or call Erffmeyer & Son Company at 1-800-852-4266. You do not need to contact the WIAA. All schools will work directly with ESCO.

Ordering Photos

- VIP is the official photographer of the WIAA. Any photos taken during the Awards Ceremony and game action can be ordered off the VIP website < www.vipis.com >.

Ordering Game Video

- PrepFilms.com is the place to purchase DVD copies of the State Tournament games. DVD's are usually available within weeks of the completion of the tournament.

Souvenir Game Ball

- A game ball from the tournament will be given to the coaches of each participating school after their tournament games are completed. Only one ball per school will be available.

Souvenir Apparel

- State Boys Basketball On-line Store - <http://wiaawi.org/statebbstore>

Phone Numbers in Madison

LeVar Ridgeway, Tournament Manager, WIAA (cell) (715) 240-8501

Todd Clark, Communications Director, WIAA (cell) (715) 701-3033

Kohl Center Ticket Office (608) 257-5186

Kohl Center Guest Services (608) 263-5645
(Please use this number only to make contact with someone at the Kohl Center during the tournament if an emergency arises.)

UW Parking & Transportation Office (608) 263-6667

UW Police & Security (608) 262-4524

Possible High Schools to Practice in Around Madison

Edgewood High School (608) 257-1023

Madison East High School (608) 204-1600

Madison La Follette High School (608) 204-3600

Madison Memorial High School (608) 663-6079

Madison West High School (608) 204-4100

Middleton High School (608) 829-9913

Verona High School (608) 653-1000

Kohl Center

2026 Tournament Time Schedule

Thursday, March 19

Division 3 Semifinals - 1:35 pm	#1 Seed vs. #4 Seed
	#2 Seed vs. #3 Seed
Division 4 Semifinals - 6:35 pm	#1 Seed vs. #4 Seed
	#2 Seed vs. #3 Seed

Friday, March 20

Division 5 Semifinals - 9:05 am	#1 Seed vs. #4 Seed
	#2 Seed vs. #3 Seed
Division 2 Semifinals - 1:35 pm	#1 Seed vs. #4 Seed
	#2 Seed vs. #3 Seed
Division 1 Semifinals - 6:35 pm	#1 Seed vs. #4 Seed
	#2 Seed vs. #3 Seed

Saturday, March 21

3 Pt Challenge - 9:30 am

Division 5 Championship - 11:05 am

Division 4 Championship - 15 minutes following completion of Division 5 Championship game

Division 3 Championship - 15 minutes following completion of Division 4 Championship game

Division 2 Championship - 6:35 pm

Division 1 Championship - 15 minutes following completion of Division 2 Championship game