

General Tournament Information

Every participating coach, including spirit coaches, should be given a copy of this information.

TICKETS

Admission - Regionals - \$5.00 for adults and students. State - \$5.00 for adults and students. State Finals - General Admission \$8.00 each day. No reserved seats will be sold.

ADMISSION POLICY

AAA Pass - There will be no free admission. Admittance is by pass or ticket only. The Arkansas Activities Association honors for admission to Regional, State and State Finals the **CURRENT ORANGE AAA PASS BEARING THE AAA LOGO, an honorary white lifetime card or a current AAA Media Pass – red for Regional and State / blue for Finals.**

Note: Picture ID will be required for admission at pass gate.

FILMING OR VIDEOTAPING

Warning - Filming or videotaping without permission from both competing schools by anyone not involved with either of the competing schools (including the tournament host) is a violation of the AAA rules and may cause a school to forfeit games won during the tournament. The AAA camera tag should be attached to any video camera brought into a game. Only identifiable television stations entering games to tape highlights are not required to display tags. If a patron of any school does not have a camera tag, the administrator of the school he represents should be contacted for verification and tagging.

SECURITY AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adequate security must be provided by the host school as a preventive measure. Security personnel must be visible and available and should move to the edge of the court near the end of each game to discourage problems with fans trying to come on the floor after the game. Announcements should be made periodically reminding fans to remain in the stands following the finals for the presentation of awards. Visiting administrators should contact host administration upon arrival.

BENCH AND TEAM PERSONNEL

Pass Gate - Admit coaches, managers, bus drivers, coaches' spouses and children, and competing players when arriving as a group and being identified by coach.

Number of Players Allowed - A maximum of fifteen players may be on the official score book. **NO SUBSTITUTIONS SHALL BE MADE AFTER A LIST IS SUBMITTED TO THE SCORER FOR A TEAM'S FIRST GAME**, but if fewer than fifteen are listed initially, additions may be made in later sessions to a total of fifteen. Substitutions may be made between regional and state tournaments but not between state semifinals and finals. (Teams may dress out more than 15.)

Practice Balls and Towels - Practice balls will be furnished. Teams must furnish their own towels.

Bench Officials - Approved officials and no others will be allowed at the officials' table. If a team has its own scorer, the scorer may sit on the team bench. Cell phone use by team or bench personnel is prohibited.

Players Announced - The five starting players will be introduced before their first game and prior to the finals.

Time Between Games - Each team will be guaranteed a minimum of 12 minutes warm-up time.

Home and Visitor - Team listed on top line of each bracket shall be the home team regarding players' bench, scoreboard, dressing room, and color of jerseys. (Home, white - Visitor, dark). Violating team must change.

SPIRIT GROUPS AND FANS

A school's varsity cheerleaders in identical uniforms, costumed mascot(s), dance team members in uniform and their coach(es) shall be admitted at the Pass Gate for their school's game only. Mascot(s) must be a bona fide student of the high school she/he is representing. Live animal mascots are not permitted. Cell phone use by spirit team members is prohibited. Uniformed spirit team members **ONLY** may form lines on the court for the introduction of their team. All rules of the NFHS Spirit Rules Book and the AAA must be followed. Megaphones are not permitted for spirit groups or fans.

CHEERLEADERS - A maximum of twelve cheer team members (including the mascot) may be on the floor during play at regionals, state and finals; however, the full team may perform during 60-second time-outs and between quarters and games. Prior arrangements must be made with the tournament director if desiring to perform at halftime, if the school does not have a dance team performing. All cheers and chants must be positive in support of the team's school and never negative, taunting or demeaning to the opponents. No basket or similar tosses may be performed on the sideline or the court. Cheerleaders must stand well outside the court boundaries (six feet, if possible) and **NEVER** in the area of the free throw lane extended. Poms may be used by cheerleaders **ONLY** and *only during their school's game*.

DANCE TEAMS - A dance team may perform at halftime of their game if arrangements are made with the tournament director in advance. Performing groups must furnish their tape/CD player and operator except at the finals where the sound system and operator are provided. If spirit teams from both schools are to perform, the visitor should go first. Total performance time is three minutes including entering and exiting the floor. **FINALS ONLY - Performances must be scheduled with the AAA office.**

FANS, BANDS AND OTHERS - A school's students and other fans should be seated in a designated section or area and may not leave the stands to form entrance lines for the team. Pep bands are not permitted. If fans desire to stand continuously during the game, they must do so at the top of the stands to avoid blocking the view of seated spectators. **FINALS ONLY** - Standing will be permitted in separate designated sections for home and visitors. Remain off the playing court after the game.

IMPORTANT! Non-permitted items include, but may not be limited to, face or body painting other than a small transferable image, shirtless attire, signs, poms, pennants, noise-making devices, electric instruments, explosive devices, radios, laser pointers, tape/CD players or other potentially loud or dangerous items. Tobacco in any form is prohibited except in designated areas. Removing nets by players, fans or coaches is prohibited