

2024-2025 Basketball AD's & Head Basketball Coaches-

Happy October to all of you. Please use this email as the IHSAA's first correspondence for the upcoming basketball season.

1) FALL BASKETBALL CLINIC-

The Fall Clinic for your Basketball Staffs is just a few weeks away in Des Moines, Saturday October 19th. Click on the link below for information on a great schedule for your coaches.
<https://ia.nhsbca.org/events/fall-clinic-2024/registration>

A rules meeting will be held at 8:15 that morning conducted by me and will count towards your requirement of viewing the annual coach's rules meeting.

2) PRE SEASON PROSPECTUS- As the IHSAA has done the previous two years, we are asking each boy's head coach to complete a prospectus regarding their team. Please complete this prospectus by Monday, October 28th. This information is very valuable to our rankings committee. Here is the link to complete the prospectus: <https://www.iahsaa.org/basketball/preseason-coach-prospectus/>

3) BASKETBALL SCHEDULE INTO BOUND- Please make sure you have entered your varsity basketball schedule into Bound. If you have not done so already, the schedules need to be entered by Monday, October 28th. We will then download the schedule into a spreadsheet and share it with HUDL so there will be easy access for all schools to share video and download video of upcoming opponents. Additionally, if you are short a contest(s) and are requesting a team be granted a 22nd contest to help you have a complete schedule, there is a form on our website that needs to be completed. The school that is short a contest needs to complete the form. Consider your request approved upon completion.

4) PRELIMINARY CLASSIFICATIONS- We will post preliminary classifications this Thursday or Friday. They do not become official until the Board of Control approves them at their November meeting.

5) IHSAA BASKETBALL ADVISORY RECOMMENDATIONS APPROVED FOR 2024-2025- There were two recommendations made by the advisory committee that were approved by the Board of Control. 1. Substate final contests in Classes 3A and 4A will be played at the site of the higher seed, no longer at neutral sites. District and substate final sites in classes 1A and 2A will still be played at neutral sites. 2. For the 2025 state basketball tournament, there will be a rotation of the schedule. On Monday, March 10th, Classes 4A and 3A will play their quarterfinals first. On Tuesday, March 11th, the remaining 3A quarterfinal contests will be held along with 2A quarterfinals. On Wednesday, March 12th, the 1A quarterfinals will be played along with the 4A semifinals. Thursday, March 13th the 3A, 2A, and 1A quarterfinals will take place in that order. Finally, all the championship games will be played on Friday, March 14th. The order has not been determined at this time. The advisory committee has met on two separate occasions since their meeting in May to evaluate and develop a new format for the state tournament potentially beginning in 2026. Discussion regarding the format will be informally discussed at the fall clinic.

6) E-MAIL RECEIPT- This list of e-mails has been downloaded from the data that was entered by someone at your school into Bound. AD's, please confirm with your basketball coach that they have received this email. If not, please contact me as soon as possible so I can enter the list into my database so that consistent communication takes place.

Hope to see many of you on the 19th.