



2014-15 IHSA Girls Badminton State Finals

On behalf of the Illinois High School Association Board of Directors, the Badminton Advisory Committee, and our member schools, it is my pleasure to congratulate you for qualifying for the 2015 IHSA Girls Badminton State Finals. It is our hope that you are able to enjoy the tournament, and we appreciate all of the work that you have done to make it to Charleston. No other state in the country conducts interscholastic competition for schools like we do here in Illinois, and we are thrilled that you are able to be a part of the opportunity.

A special welcome and congratulations are extended to all the participants of this year's state tournament. You should be commended for your hard work, practice and dedication which have enabled you and your school to achieve success. I also want to welcome and congratulate the coaches of all of our competing schools who have trained and prepared these students to reach this level of performance. Here students have a chance to demonstrate the fruits of their hard work and dedication. As a participant you proudly represent your families, schools and communities in a very visible forum. Thank you for exhibiting what is best in the youth of our society.

The IHSA believes that interscholastic activities enrich the educational experience. Regardless of the outcome of events, we ask that you do your best and strive to display the best in sportsmanship and embrace all that can be learned through your performance. You have spent many long hours preparing and we wish you the very best and hope you enjoy your time at the IHSA Girls Badminton State Finals. You should be able to find in this communication the information necessary to make your trip to State as smooth as possible. Feel free to call our office if you have any questions. Thank you for your support of IHSA and for being a part of the IHSA State Final experience.

Sincerely,

Stacey Lambert
Assistant Executive Director
Illinois High School Association



General Pre-Tournament Information

Dates and Place: The IHSA Girls State Final Badminton Tournament again will be held at Eastern Illinois University, Lantz Building in Charleston, Illinois on Friday and Saturday, May 15-16, 2015. Kevin Hussey, Professor at EIU will serve as State Final Manager. Competition will take place in the Lantz Building specifically the Student Recreation Center (SRC). No matches will be played on the Lantz arena floor.

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Directions to Charleston (EIU) Lantz Building from the Chicago Area: Interstate 57 south to the Charleston exit (190A). Go east on highway 16 (Lincoln Avenue) into Charleston. Turn right on University (3rd stop light once you're in town) and go 1/8 mile (2 1/2 blocks). Turn left on Grant and go east about 1/2 mile. Lantz Building will be on your right.

Housing: Refer to IHSA Badminton web site for a list of hotels in the area

Dorm Housing: Stephenson Tower is the assigned dorm. The showers are all individual with curtains for each shower. Coaches are required to be housed with the athletes on the same floor, per EIU policy. Badminton usually has 130 – 150 people housed in the dorms. Stevenson Towers offer suites with doors for privacy. Female coaches will be put in their own bedroom within the suites. Male coaches are kept on the same floor and they put 2 or 3 male coaches in one suite together. **No breakfast will be included with dorm housing.** If you have any additional questions you can contact Matt Boyer at 217-581-7482.

Parking: Parking is available on three sides of the Lantz Arena / Student Recreation Center Complex. Campus police will not ticket during the event except for cars parked in handicap and/or tow away zones. Since classes will not be in session, both faculty and student parking spaces should be fairly opened. Drivers can drop their players off in the circle drive and then park.

Coaches Information

Thursday State Final Hit-Around: On Thursday, an optional Hit-Around will be held from 3:00-8:00 p.m. The Hit-Around is available for schools with state final qualifiers only. Thursday warm-up times will be open warm ups. Schools are allowed a maximum of 45 minutes for warm-up time total. Additional time is allowed if court space is available and teams are not waiting. Teams will be given appropriate court space based on the number of qualifiers they have for the State Final. (1-2 players= half court, 3-4 players= full court, 5- 6 players = a court and a half).

Friday Warm-up Time: Friday warm-up time will be assigned by the IHSA through a randomized lottery draw. The results of the draw will be posted on the IHSA website on Tuesday, May 13th.

In addition...

1. 4 nets will be set up in the field house which will only open to player/coaches. Sorry no fans are allowed in the field house.

School Packets: School packets can be picked up on Friday between 7:30-9:30 a.m.

Team Passes: Team passes will be issued from the LOP's. If a school has 1 qualifying individual they shall receive 2 coaches passes, if a school has 1 qualifying doubles team they shall receive 2 coaches passes. This will be done for each qualifying group. Schools can receive up to 4 coaches passes. Coaches must also be listed on the List of Participants to receive a coach's pass. If your athletic director needs to add additional coaches to the LOP he/she can contact the IHSA for a late addition.

Administrator Passes: Please instruct your school administrators to pick up their passes at the admission gate. They should identify themselves as a school official. They will be issued a wrist band which gets them in the tournament and the hospitality area.

Individual Qualifier Warm-up Option: For schools with one individual, you may bring another **female** member of the team or a coach to the Hit-Around and to warm-up your player during the competition. Sorry no family or friends may be used for this.

Personal Belongings: Carry them with you or decide on a team location in the Student Resource Center. However it is a good idea to keep watch over your valuable items.

Locker Rooms/Towel Service: Locker rooms will provide a private space for participants and coaches. Athletes should bring their own locks. Towels will not be provided.

There are 80 small individual lockers that are located inside the SRC. The combo can be set by the user and are open for teams to use.

There will also be two team areas next to the SRC. One is an enclosed dance room and the other is an open next to the courts. Neither IHSA nor EIU will provide security for those areas although they both have video cameras.

Handicap Access: An elevator is available for handicap folks. In addition, there is seating available in both gymnasiums. Please let us know if we can help.

Coaches' Meeting: A coaches' meeting will be held on Friday beginning at 8:30 a.m. in the Lantz Arena stands. A second coaches' meeting will be held on Saturday at 9:00-9:15 am in the Lantz Club Room.

Hospitality: A hospitality room is available in the Lantz Club room. It is located next to the Lantz Arena. We welcome coaches, officials, and school administrators. Refer to the time schedule for the hospitality hours. There is a concession stand located in the lobby of the Lantz Building.

Rest Rooms: The rest rooms are located on either side of the concession area across from the pool.

Tournament Results: Results will be displayed throughout the SRC.

Trainers: A trainer will be floating. The training room is in the spinning room located in the SRC by the weight area. Athletic trainer coverage is: Thursday, May 14, 3-8 pm; Friday, May 15, 7:45 am-6:00 pm approximately; Saturday, May 16, 8:30 am-3:00 pm approximately.

Drug Testing: IHSA has implemented a Drug Testing Policy. Your school will be notified if any one of your players was selected for testing. The test will take place in the SRC area upstairs bathroom.

“On deck and You’re Up”: The player(s) match number will be called. If a second call is needed then the school name will be called. Matches will be called via PA. Players will check in at tournament scoring, be assigned a court and proceed to that court. Once the ongoing match is over, the players on deck will begin warm-ups. After the match is completed, all players will sign the scorecard and take that card to tournament scoring area. Make sure the winner is circled.

Note players are allowed a 15 minute rest between matches.

If a problem arises on the court during a match, and players are unable to resolve it, both players should sit and wait for roving official to come to the court. If problems continue during the match an official maybe called to monitor the match.

Officials: Officials will be on the floor to assist with rules. Tell your players that if there is a conflict on the court, they should sit down on that court and an official will come to resolve the issue. Officials have been instructed that if they see violations, they may call them or correct them even if they were not asked to intervene. Generally though they will observe play for obvious repeated faults such as illegal services, foot-fault and line faults.

Games Committee: The Games Committee, assigned by the IHSA, will also be on the floor to assist with rulings pertaining to violations of the Terms and Conditions and the Code of Conduct. Infractions must be handled **immediately**, coaches if you need a ruling it is your responsibility to request the games committee to review the situation as soon as it has taken place.

Scorer: A scorer will be provided for each match. The scorer is not a rules official. If a player(s) on occasion asks the scorer about a line call however, and the scorer responds, the decision of the scorer is final. Coaches have instructed their players not to expect the scorers to call all the lines or be involved in a dispute. It is appreciated if coaches will help score if we are short.

Competitor Seating: Two seats are provided on the court for 2 coaches and seats are provided for the on deck players. Look for the chairs that have the IHSA seat covers.

Results: Following the match the competitors will sign the scorecard and take it to tournament central. Double check to make sure the winner is circled.

Food: Only water is allowed in the SRC. Food and other forms of drink may be eaten and stored in the SRC lounge. There is a concession area located upstairs in the Lantz Arena across from the pool.

Spectator Information

State Final Admission: An admission fee of \$5.00 for Children, \$5.00 for High School Students, and \$5.00 for Adults will be charged on Friday and on Saturday. Only competitors in the State Final Tournament on Friday and Saturday and their coaches will receive passes. Programs will also be for sale at a cost of \$5.00.

Live Scoring: The IHSA website will continually update the state tournament results. www.ihsa.org is the web address. In addition, the scorezone will report the winners of the sectionals and the state final draw. A scrolling leader board will be located in the foyer that will show the most current team standings. In addition, there will be tournament brackets displayed. No hard copies of the brackets will be distributed as fans can print the information off of the website.

Signs, Banners and Mechanical Noisemakers: Please see Item IX-B, C of the Terms and Conditions. Signs may be placed in the SRC on the railings. You may want to bring ties instead of tape for hanging the banners. We ask that you hang them using the top railing.

Filming/Videotaping: At the State Final Tournament, spectators will be permitted to film and videotape the competition provided: 1) the filming or videotaping does not take place on the competition floor and 2) does not interfere with spectator or competitor viewing of the matches.

Ceremonies

Opening Ceremony: The staging of the opening ceremonies will be in the Field House. Students will march into the SRC from the West end of the SRC. Each school is requested to bring a school flag or banner to carry during the opening ceremony and for display at the tournament. Competitors and coaches will meet in corridor 124 (just outside the Lantz Arena) to get organized. Only qualifiers can be in the tunnel and participate in the ceremonies.

Awards Ceremony: Immediately following the conclusion of the state finals, an awards ceremony will take place in the SRC. The top 3 teams and the top 6 doubles and singles players will participate. Teams – 1 team trophy and 8 individual medallions (6 players and 2 coaches) will be awarded to the players and coaches in addition to a Superintendent, Principal and Athletic Director medallion. Individuals – The top 6 places will receive a medallion. Only those coaches and players on the official state final roster in addition to the school Superintendent, Principal, Athletic Director, and Assistant Athletic Director are eligible to participate in ceremony. Fans will be allowed to take photographs following the ceremonies.

Awards Policy: In accordance with IHSA policy, only individuals from your school who are listed in the program and LOP may participate in the awards ceremony or opening ceremony at the IHSA state tournament. (No children, family members, non-qualifying players, etc.) IHSA staff members will strictly adhere to the awards limits outlined in the IHSA terms and conditions.

Drug Testing Notice

Congratulations on having competitor(s) for this year's Girls' Badminton State Finals, which will be held on May 15-16, 2015. This is a tremendous accomplishment, and one of which your school should be proud.

Please note that, in accordance with the policy adopted by the IHSA Board of Directors, performance-enhancing drug testing may take place at the state finals. Any student-athlete who competes during the state finals is eligible for testing. When testing occurs during any IHSA state series competition, schools will need to provide assistance to IHSA and Drug-Free Sport staff and ensure that any student(s) from your school selected for testing reports to the test site by established time. Additional notification regarding testing will be provided to those schools that have student-athletes selected for testing. School officials and coaches are encouraged to keep that notification confidential and not inform those selected student-athletes prior to their competition in the state finals.

As a reminder, selected individuals who fail to report for post-competition testing will be found to have violated the IHSA's Performance-Enhancing Drug Testing Policy and be subject to the appropriate penalties.

IHSA Badminton State Final Time Schedule
Thursday, May 14, 2015

3:00-8:00 pm Hit-Around for Teams and Individuals
(In accordance with IHSA by-laws, schools may only practice or hit around within their own team)

Friday, May 15, 2015

7:30 am Doors open to Officials, IHSA, Workers, and Team
7:30-9:30 am School Packet Distribution
7:45 am Doors open to all Competitors and Coaches
7:45-8:00 am Warm-Up Block (if needed, IHSA will notify coaches if this time slot is an open warm-up period.
8:00-8:15 am Warm-Up Block 1 (52 athletes)
8:15-8:30 am Warm-Up Block 2 (52 athletes)
8:30-8:45 am Warm-Up Block 3 (52 athletes)
8:45-9:00 am Warm-Up Block 4 (52 athletes)
8:30 am Coaches Meeting
9:15 am Opening Ceremony SRC
9:45 am Matches begin for singles and doubles (Round 1, 2, 3) SRC
Winner Bracket through Match #88
Consolation Bracket through Match #104

Saturday, May 16, 2015

8:00 am Doors open to Officials, IHSA, and Workers
8:30-9:20 am Warm-ups open to all
9:00-9:15 am Coaches and Officials Meeting Lantz Club Room
9:30 am Quarterfinals in Winner's Bracket – Singles #105-108 SRC
Sweet 16 in Consolation Bracket – Singles #109-112 (8 Courts) SRC
10:10 am Quarterfinals in Winner's Bracket – Doubles #105-108 SRC
Sweet 16 in Consolation Bracket – Doubles #109-112 (8 Courts) SRC
11:00 am Quarterfinals in Consolation Bracket for Singles/Doubles (8 Courts) #113-116 SRC
Noon Semi-finals for Singles/Doubles -- #117-120 (8 Courts) SRC
Reset Facility for Finals
1:00 pm Finals for Singles – Matches #121-123 (3 Courts) SRC
1:30 pm Finals for Doubles – Matches #121-123 (3 Courts) SRC
2:00 pm Award Ceremony following conclusion of play SRC