

Girls' 2017 COUNTRY Financial Three-Point Showdown

Participant Instructions

As a participant in the 2017 Girls COUNTRY Financial Three-Point competition, we ask that you please review these instructions with your coach and family. We also request for you to email a headshot photo to be included in the official Girls Basketball State Final Program. Please note the information and deadline for photos to be emailed to the IHSA Office below. You may want to email your photo prior to actually qualifying for the competition. If you have any question, please contact Assistant Executive Director Beth Sauser at the IHSA Office.

For the twenty-fifth time in the history of girls' basketball, as many as 256 more students will have the opportunity to come to Illinois State University at Redbird Arena and experience a special part of **America's Original March Madness**. We hope you will learn from your competitive experience, and that you will have fun doing it.

Photo Deadlines: Class 1A and 2A Three-Point – Saturday, February 18, 2017

Class 3A and 4A Three-Point – Saturday, February 25, 2017

Please use the following guidelines when emailing your photo: Save the file with a .JPG or .TIF extension. **In the subject area of the email, please include the participant's name and school.** This is very important as we will receive a large number of photos. Please email your photo to: lmutchler@ihsa.org

General Information: Redbird Arena is located on West College Avenue, Normal, IL. Phone (309) 438-3513.

Class 1A and 2A Dates of Competition: Class 1A and Class 2A preliminaries in the COUNTRY Financial Three-Point Showdown will be conducted Thursday, February 23, 2017 at Redbird Arena in Normal. The preliminaries are scheduled to begin at 5:00 p.m. A Group Photo session will precede the competition at 4:35 p.m. Four contestants in the Class 1A competition of the Three-Point Shooting competition will qualify for the Class 1A Finals on Friday, February 24, 2017 between the Class 1A Semifinal Games (approx. 12:45 p.m.). Four contestants in the Class 2A competition of the Three-Point Shooting competition will qualify for the Class 2A Finals on Friday, February 24, 2017 between the Class 2A Semifinal Games (approx. 7:00 p.m.). The Class 1A and Class 2A champions will compete on Saturday, March 4, 2017 with the Class 3A and 4A cham-

pions at the conclusion of the Class 3A Third Place Game (approx. 12:30 p.m.), for **Queen of the Hill** honors.

Class 3A and 4A Dates of Competition: Class 3A and Class 4A preliminaries in the COUNTRY Financial Three-Point Showdown will be conducted Thursday, March 2, 2017 at Redbird Arena in Normal. The preliminaries are scheduled to begin at 5:00 p.m. A Group Photo session will precede the competition at 4:35 p.m. Four contestants in the Class 3A competition of the Three-Point Shooting competition will qualify for the Class 3A Finals on Friday, March 3, 2017 between the Class 3A Semifinal Games (approx. 12:45 p.m.).

Four contestants in the Class 4A competition of the Three-Point Shooting competition will qualify for the Class 4A Finals on Friday, March 3, 2017, between the Class 4A Semifinal Games (approx. 7:00 p.m.).

The Class 3A and Class 4A champions will compete on Saturday, March 4, 2017 with the Class 1A and Class 2A champions at the conclusion of the Class 3A Third Place Game (approx. 12:30 p.m.), for **Queen of the Hill** honors.

Transportation and Parking: It is the responsibility of each contestant to arrange for transportation to and from Redbird Arena. Each day, contestants should park in any of the public lots near the Redbird Arena complex. No special parking will be provided on Thursday, Friday or Saturday.

Lodging: Rooms at Holiday Inn and Hotel Suites, 3202 E. Empire, Bloomington, IL will be provided by the IHSA Office to the **four finalists** in each of the Class 1A, 2A, 3A and 4A Three-Point Shooting Competitions. Each finalist using a room must be accompanied by an adult who registers for the room. These rooms will be available for the Class 1A and Class 2A Finalists on Thursday night (February 23) and for Class 3A and Class 4A Finalists on Thursday night (March 2). **Contestants who do not qualify for the Three-Point Contest Finals will be responsible for their own lodging, and rooms will not be available through the IHSA Office.** Finalists are not obligated to use housing provided through the IHSA Office.

Entering Redbird Arena: On Thursday, contestants must enter Redbird Arena at the lower northeast entrance. It is located in the northeast corner of Redbird Arena on the underground level just south of Horton Fieldhouse. See Redbird Arena diagram for exact location. After entering Redbird Arena at

the northeast entrance, pick up your packet of information and tickets. On Friday and Saturday, those contestants who do not qualify for the finals are to use their season ticket and may enter any of the regular gates. The four finalists in each class and their coach may enter Redbird Arena on their season ticket for the respective sessions.

When To Report Thursday: Class 1A and Class 2A Contestants are to report to Redbird Arena between 3:30 and 4:30 p.m., Thursday, February 23 and Class 3A and Class 4A Contestants on Thursday, March 2. **Report to the personnel at the north baseline of the Arena to pick up a packet containing a season ticket and other material.** Packets will be given only to properly identified, qualifying contestants. Contestants should report dressed in school uniform and warm-up. Contestants must report to the arena floor in uniform for the required group photo at 4:35 p.m. Preliminary competition will begin at 5:00 p.m.

Contestant Tickets/Required Floor Passes: Each qualifier for the **Three-Point Shooting** preliminaries will receive one (1) complimentary general admission season ticket to the respective Girls State Final Basketball Tournament. It is to be used for admission to Redbird Arena on Friday and Saturday. Each of the finalists in each of the Class 1A, 2A, 3A and Class 4A competitions will receive two (2) Girls Basketball State Tournament Contestant Tags on Thursday evening after the completion of the preliminaries for use Friday (when applicable).

Tickets for Others: Preliminary competition on Thursday, February 23 and Thursday, March 2 are free to everyone. In order to see the games of the tournament Friday and/or Saturday, or the Three-Point Competition Friday, a ticket of admission for the tournament will be required. Tickets will be on sale at the Redbird Arena Ticket Office each day of the tournament.

Contestant Uniforms: Each contestant shall wear their official school team uniform, which shall be uniform jersey and uniform shorts. Uniform color shall be at the discretion of the participant. Shooters who appear at the competition not in school uniform, shall be disqualified from the shooting contest. Each contestant should report to Redbird Arena dressed to compete each time. Dressing room(s) will not be available.

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Personal Belongings: It is the responsibility of each contestant to make sure personal belongings are secure. We recommend contestants give them to their coach for safe keeping while you are competing. Neither Redbird Arena, nor IHSA, will be responsible for your personal belongings. Shower facilities following each competition will not be available.

Contestant-Coach Seating: All seats in the lower and upper bowl of Redbird Arena are general admission. On Friday and Saturday, all contestants and coaches may sit anywhere in which their season tickets allow access. Coaches may join their contestants on the arena floor Saturday only while the actual competition is under way.

Group Photo: We will take an official group photo of each of the Class 1A and Class 2A contestants on Thursday, February 23, and the Class 3A and Class 4A contestants on Thursday, March 2, at 4:35 p.m. The group photos will be taken at mid-court on the arena floor. **(See time schedule for additional information.)** Contestants may order and purchase color prints of these group photos. Order information will be included in the contestant packet.

Class 1A Schedule of Competition: Report to the arena floor on Thursday, February 23, in school uniform at 4:35 p.m. for a Group Photo. Three-Point Shooting Preliminaries begin at 5:00 p.m. On Friday, February 24, the four finalists should report to the tunnel entrance adjacent to Room 102 at the south end of the arena floor when the scoreboard clock shows 5:00 minutes to go in the Class 1A Semifinal Game No. 1. Warm-up is scheduled to begin at approximately 12:45 p.m. To get to the tunnel, use any aisle at the north end of the arena floor. The Queen of the Hill competition will take place on Saturday, March 4, between the Class 3A Third Place and Championship Game at approximately 12:30 p.m.

Class 2A Schedule of Competition: Report to the arena floor on Thursday, February 23, in school uniform at 4:35 p.m. for a Group Photo.

Three-Point Shooting Preliminaries begin at 5:00 p.m. On Friday, February 24, the four finalists should report to the tunnel entrance adjacent to Room 102 at the south end of the arena floor when the scoreboard clock shows 5:00 minutes to go in the Class 2A Semifinal Game No. 3. Warm-up is scheduled to begin at approximately 7:00 p.m. To get to the tunnel, use any aisle at the north end of the arena floor. The Queen of the Hill competition will take place on Saturday, March 4, between the Class 3A Third Place and Championship Game at approximately 12:30 p.m.

Class 3A Schedule of Competition: Report to the arena floor on Thursday, March 2, in school uniform at 4:35 p.m. for a Group Photo. Three-Point Shooting Preliminaries begin at 5:00 p.m. On Friday, March 3, the four finalists should report to the tunnel entrance adjacent to Room 102 at the south end of the arena floor when the scoreboard clock shows 5:00 minutes to go in the Class 3A Semifinal Game No. 1. Warm-up is scheduled to begin at approximately 12:45 p.m. To get to the tunnel, use any aisle at the north end of the arena floor. The Queen of the Hill competition will take place on Saturday, March 4, between the Class 3A Third Place and Championship Game at approximately 12:30 p.m.

Class 4A Schedule of Competition: Report to the arena floor on Thursday, March 2, in school uniform at 4:35 p.m. for a Group Photo. Three-Point Shooting Preliminaries begin at 5:00 p.m. On Friday, March 3, the four finalists should report to the tunnel entrance adjacent to Room 102 at the south end of the arena floor when the scoreboard clock shows 5:00 minutes to go in the Class 4A Semifinal Game No. 1. Warm-up is scheduled to begin at approximately 7:00 p.m. To get to the tunnel, use any aisle at the north end of the arena floor. The Queen of the Hill competition will take place on Saturday, March 4, between the Class 3A Third Place and Championship Game at approximately 12:30 p.m.

Results of Competition: Complete results will be posted on the IHSA website after competition each day.

Required Press Interviews: The four qualifiers in each of the Class 1A, 2A, 3A and 4A Three-Point Showdown, will be required to participate in an interview session with the press immediately following the conclusion of their respective preliminaries. The Press Interview Area will be located in room 101 at the end of the south tunnel off the arena floor. Any other participant on Thursday night may be interviewed by our local media on the arena floor after the event competition. The media has been given the same instructions. On Friday, the four finalists are required to participate in a press conference immediately following the conclusion of their respective competition. The four finalists Saturday also will be required to participate in a press conference following completion of both **Queen of the Hill** events. All formal press conferences will take place in the Press Interview Area. Your coaches are most welcome to join you for any and all of the formal press conferences. The Queen of the Hill competitors will also be interviewed on the court as part of the state tournament telecast following the conclusion of their competition Saturday.

Trophy Presentations:

- (1) Plaques will be presented to the three finalists for Class 1A, 2A, 3A and 4A in the **Country Three-Point Showdown** who do not advance to the Queen of the Hill competition.
- (2) Plaques will be presented to the winners of the overall competition between the respective Class 1A, 2A, 3A and 4A winners in the Three-Point Shooting Contest.
- (3) A Queen of the Hill Champion award will be presented to the winner of the overall competition between the respective Class 1A, 2A, 3A and 4A winners in the **COUNTRY Financial Three-Point Showdown**.

Use of Photos: Photographs supplied to the IHSA Office, on or before the deadline dates listed, by each contestant in the shooting competition, will be used in the Official Program. Programs will be on sale at the tournament Thursday-Saturday.