



# GRADE SCHOOL BASKETBALL

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Athletic Director

This letter was sent to the AD at all Lutheran school  
In Illinois. If you did not receive this letter, please  
check with your school office.

## Application site Log-in

Any Lutheran School Athletic Director needing  
assistance logging on to the application sight, please  
contact Steve Moeller at [smoeller@luthsports.org](mailto:smoeller@luthsports.org)

The 39<sup>th</sup> annual *Illinois Lutheran Basketball Tournament of Champions, STATE 2024*, will be held March 1-3 in Arlington Heights, Lombard, Melrose Park, and Roselle with play-in games being played Monday, February 19 (this is President's Day). The **Tournament of Champions** is open to all Illinois Lutheran grade schools. Acceptance of teams is based upon performance during the season. Every winning team, especially league and tournament champions, is encouraged to apply for participation.

## APPLICATION PROCESS - Eligibility and Tournament Rules

The application is an online process; go to [www.luthsports.org](http://www.luthsports.org). From the home page select the dropdown menu for sports / Grade School Basketball and click the link to the Application Site. Please familiarize yourself with our tournament and eligibility rules.

### Application steps

1. Complete team schedule online as soon as you know that you are considering applying to the State Tournament.
2. Complete and submit School, Team, and Roster information on the application site - **entered by February 1 (the application site will close at 11:59 P.M. on February 1)**
3. Mail entry fee **(\$200.00) - postmarked by February 1**. Teams not selected will have their fee returned.  
Make check payable to: Lutheran Sports Association of Illinois

Mail to:

**David Keller**  
**Lutheran Sports Association**  
**1155 S. Ridge Ave.**  
**Arlington Heights, IL 60005**

4. Update your game results regularly through **February 21**.

## TOURNAMENT FORMAT

1. REGIONAL PLAY-IN GAMES All teams should keep **Monday, February 19** open for a play-in game. **This is President's Day**. See [www.luthsports.org](http://www.luthsports.org) for play-in format.
2. The STATE opening round of play will begin on Friday in Arlington Heights and Roselle at 10:30 A.M. Travel time will be taken into consideration as much as possible for teams traveling long distances. The format for the tournament weekend will be single elimination with a consolation bracket, assuring each team of playing a minimum of two games, with a maximum of four games. Every team will play one game on Friday and must be willing to play as early as 10:30 A.M.

## TOURNAMENT DETAILS and WORSHIP

Tournament team pictures will be taken at St. Peter, Arlington Heights on Friday only. Many schools in the state will provide volunteers. Individuals interested in volunteering should contact [GSBB@luthsports.org](mailto:GSBB@luthsports.org). Concessions at all sites will be available during the tournament. The LSA Board of Directors and STATE basketball committee provide an opportunity for a Tournament Worship Service at St. Peter Arlington Heights Saturday evening at 8:15P.M. Please plan to participate in worship with players and fans from around the state of Illinois. Come for worship, stay for pizza, and shoot to win.

## HOUSING

The Schaumburg Marriott, the Woodfield Hyatt, and Hyatt Place will serve as our hotel locations. All housing arrangements **MUST** be made through the LSA website [www.luthsports.org](http://www.luthsports.org), *click on sports / grade school basketball*. We ask that you submit your housing reservations before the team selection night and the play-in date. This will hold your reservations until after the selection process is complete. The housing deadline is **Friday, February 16** (this date is before the play-in games).

## PROGRAM BOOK

The LSA will continue to provide a printed program book. However, like last year, the book will be more streamline and ecofriendly. Team ads will not be sold as was the case last year.

## RULES REGARDING ROSTER SIZE

**3.02 Teams rosters are limited to fifteen players.**

**3.03 Each team is allowed a maximum of three adults to function as coaches, manager or statistician. Each team must have at least one person who must be at least twenty-one years of age to function in one of the above capacities. There may be two student managers that are currently enrolled at the participating school.**

**5.06 Only registered cheerleaders may be on the floor during the STATE Tournament.**

**The state basketball committee, in order to insure the safety of players and cheerleaders, reserves the right to limit the number of rostered cheerleaders on the floor/baseline at one time.**

## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

**Application Deadline** February 1 (11:59 P.M., web server time stamp)

Online Application, Season Summary, Entry fee mailed

**No late applications will be accepted.**

You will be contacted to update your record before Selection Night.

**Selection Night** February 12

The committee will select who is in, who is out, and who must play-in. You will be contacted no later than February 16 of your team's status.

**Housing Deadline** February 16

All arrangements must be made through housing chairman, Jim Kroll at [jkroll@luthsports.org](mailto:jkroll@luthsports.org). The housing form is available online at [www.luthsports.org](http://www.luthsports.org) **Send your housing list in early! Please submit your housing reservations before the team selection night. The final Deadline is the Thursday after selection night and before the play-in date.**

**Play-in Games** February 19

Sites and times to be announced. Teams that lose their play-in game will have their entry fee returned minus the cost of 1 referee.

**Brackets released** February 23

**T-Shirt Order Deadline** February 22

Tournament parings will be posted on the Lutheran Sports Association website and available for download. [www.luthsports.org](http://www.luthsports.org)

**STATE Grade School Basketball Tournament** March 1-3

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