


2025 . . . A very Special Year for the LSA!

<p><u>LSA Historical Facts . . . 1975 – 2025</u></p>	<p>STATE Calendar for 2025</p>
<p>On May 10, 1975 in Bloomington, IL six Christian men founded the Lutheran Sports Association of Illinois to offer STATE competitions for Lutheran churches in Adult and High School Basketball. Their vision over the years has led to additional STATE championships in . . .</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Grade School Basketball in 1985</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Grade School Volleyball in 1988</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Grade School Track & Field in 1990</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Grade School Cheerleading in 1992</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Grade School Cross Country in 2005</i></p> <p>We want to thank all of the Lutheran churches and schools, administrators, coaches, athletes, and fans, who have taken part in the various STATE events over the past fifty years and have made the success of the LSA organization possible.</p> <p>The LSA is <i>always looking for individuals</i>, who would be interested in serving as STATE Event Committee members or LSA Board members. If interested or wanting to learn more, please contact Dave Kinsinger at dkinsinger@luthsports.org.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The LSA Board of Directors</i></p>	<p>High School Basketball March 1 – 2 Peoria</p> <p>Grade School Cheerleading March 7 TBD</p> <p>Grade School Basketball March 7 – 9 Arlington Heights, Lombard, Melrose Park & Roselle</p> <p>Grade School Track & Field May 17 – 18 Concordia University – Chicago, River Forest</p> <p>Grade School Cross Country October 18 Bloomington</p> <p>Grade School Volleyball November 7 – 9 TBD</p>
<p><u>50 Years = \$50 Entry Fee Discounts</u></p> <p>In celebration of the Lutheran Sports Association of Illinois’ fiftieth year anniversary <i>in 2025 the LSA Board of Directors will be reducing the entry fees for every school in all of the year’s STATE championships by fifty dollars.</i> This has been possible through a donation from the estate of Ralph H. Krueger (1928 – 2022). Ralph was instrumental in the development of the Lutheran Athletic Association (LAA) in 1962. The LAA organized leagues for Lutheran churches of all denominations in and around the Chicagoland area offering Men’s Softball for 45 years, Men’s and High School Basketball from 1962 – 2012, and Women’s’ Volleyball through 2019. Ralph’s lifetime commitment to fellow Lutheran was exemplary, and his gifts will now be enjoyed by all of our Lutheran churches and schools throughout the year of 2025.</p>	 <p>The logo features the letters 'LSA' in a bold, blue font. To the right of 'LSA' is a circular emblem containing the number '50' with 'TH' above it and 'ANNIVERSARY' below it. Below the 'LSA' text, the years '1975-2025' are printed in a smaller font.</p>



Changes Coming in 2025 . . . Can You Help Us?

New Location Needed for Grade School Cheerleading:

The LSA Board of Directors will be seeking a new host site for the STATE Cheerleading Championship in 2025, since Concordia University – Chicago has a scheduling conflict on Friday March 7th, 2025 for our event. We are not expecting that this conflict will be a continued problem, but we are looking for a host site in the Northwest Suburbs of Chicago with:

Main Gym Capacity of 350+ / 2nd Gym for Warm-up Routines &
Rooms or Area to House 14 Teams

New Location Needed for Grade School Volleyball:

The LSA Board of Directors will be seeking a new host for the STATE Girls' and Boys' Volleyball in 2025 with our Springfield schools hosting their twenty-first and final STATE Tournament on November 1 – 3, 2024. The community has been a gracious host of our STATE event for many years. There are several requirements needed for any group of communities to serve as the host sites for the STATE Volleyball Tournament:

Host Sites with 6 Gyms / 460 Hotel Room Nights / Worship Facility / Pool of 17-20 Officials /
400 Volunteer Hours

If any locality has a possible interest in serving as the host site for Grade School Cheerleading and/or Grade School Volleyball in 2025, please contact Shannon Schmidt at (618) 593-9500 or by email at sschmidt@luthsports.org for GS Cheerleading and Ron Moll at (217) 381-2612 or by email at rmoll@luthsports.org for GSVB.