

## STATE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT FAQ's

### **Where does my team enter the Siegel Center?**

Enter the Siegel Center by going down the ramp on the NW corner of the building.

### **Where can my team bus park?**

Parking for team busses will be available on Marshall Street, behind the Siegel Center. RMC folks (in the yellow jackets) will assist your driver.

### **What should we expect when our team enters the building?**

RMC security will check all players' bags – no outside food or drink is permitted. After the security check, players', coaches' and other team personnel's names will be checked against the Team Admittance List. The official team party is limited to 22 (20 participants and 2 coaches). Additional team members must have a ticket. Additional coaches with one of the VHSL accepted passes can enter via the pass gate on the upper level. Anyone who is not on the list will not be admitted. If you have not submitted your team admittance list in advance, you will have to fill one out before your team will be admitted.

### **Once we are in the building, where do we go?**

Tournament personnel will be there to direct you.

### **Who is the HOME team?**

The team on the top of the bracket is ALWAYS the HOME team. Your won-loss record is not a factor, nor is your placement as Region Champion or Runner-up. If your team is on the top line of the bracket, you are the HOME team and your team will wear white jerseys. If your team is on the bottom line of the bracket, you are the VISITING team and you will wear your dark colored jerseys.

### **Which locker room do we use?**

Locker rooms are pre-assigned by tournament personnel. They will direct you to the proper place.

### **When can my team take the floor?**

Tournament personnel will let you know when you can take the court. If you are playing in the first game of the day, we will try to get you on the court one hour prior to your scheduled start time. If your team is playing in the second or subsequent games, tournament personnel will need time to make sure the team benches and court are ready for you. They will signal you when your team can take the floor.

### **Which bench do we have?**

If you are the HOME team, you will occupy the bench to the right of the scorer's table. The VISITING team will occupy the other bench. Tournament personnel will assist you. Each bench has 25 chairs. If you have additional team personnel, they will have to sit in the stands behind your bench.

### **Can my team dunk before the officials arrive on the court?**

NO. Pre-game dunking is against the rules. There will be an alternate official and/or VHSL staff present during the entirety of your pregame warm-up. Any dunking will be penalized by a technical foul, and the head coach will lose the privilege of standing in the coach's box.

**What happens after my semifinal game?**

Both teams will participate in a post-game handshake, after which each team will gather its things and proceed to their assigned locker rooms. After a 10-minute “cooling off” period, Mike McCall, the VHSL’s Media Coordinator, will request that the coach and selected players from the losing team accompany him to the Sisisky Media Room for a post-game interview. The coach and selected players from the winning team will be escorted to the media room for the second interview period. Participation in the post-game interview is mandatory for both teams.

**What happens after the final game?**

After a brief celebration by the winning team, both teams will participate in a post-game handshake and then will proceed to their benches. Team members should not leave the court at any time. Awards will be presented in the following order:

1. The Sportsmanship Award
2. Medals to the members of the 2<sup>nd</sup> place team
3. Runner-up trophy to the head coach of the 2<sup>nd</sup> place team
4. Medals to the members of the 1<sup>st</sup> place team
5. Championship trophy to the head coach of the 1<sup>st</sup> place team.

After the awards have been presented, both teams should collect their things and proceed to their assigned locker rooms. Post-game interviews will be conducted, first with the 2<sup>nd</sup> place coach and selected players; then with the coach and selected players of the 1<sup>st</sup> place team.

**Who is allowed in the locker room after the game?**

Team personnel and school administrators will be permitted in the locker room following your game.

**Can my team attend other games in the tournament?**

Yes. You and your team may attend all games in the tournament. Players and coaches must enter as a team via the loading dock/team entrance. Players and coaches will be checked against the Team Admittance List.

**Can I get tickets for presale at my school?**

Yes – 500 tickets for your semifinal game and 1000 tickets for your final. Tickets are \$10.00 each and are available on a consignment basis directly from the VCU Ticket Office. Unsold consignment tickets and a check for sold tickets made out to “VCU Athletics” must be returned to the ticket office 90 minutes prior to your scheduled game time. For more information see

<http://www.vhsl.org/doc/upload/2015%20VHSL%20State%20Basketball%20Tournament%20Ticket%20Documentation.pdf>.

**We are bringing cheerleaders and a pep band. How do we get in?**

For each “spirit group” (pep band, cheerleaders, dance squad, step team, etc.) you are bringing, you must notify the tournament director, Ted Salmon ([ted\\_salmon@ccpsnet.net](mailto:ted_salmon@ccpsnet.net)) in advance. You must also complete a Spirit Group Admittance Form. There is a limit of 20 participants plus 2 coaches or directors for each group. Any additional participants must have a ticket. Your group(s) will enter via the ramp on the NW corner of the building, which is the team entrance. Security will check all bags – no outside food or drink is permitted. Once you have passed through security and check-in, tournament personnel will direct you to your space.

**What about parking for my spirit busses?**

Unfortunately, spirit busses must find a suitable place to park – there will not be room for them on Marshall Street with the team busses. Please instruct your bus drivers to pay close attention to parking restrictions in the neighborhoods around the Siegel Center.

**Where can our team's fans and followers sit once inside the Siegel Center?**

All tickets are general admission tickets. However, fans will be encouraged to sit directly behind or directly across from their own team's bench. Students who wish to stand during most or all of the game must locate in the end zone nearest their own team's bench. Fans who are disruptive and/or obnoxious will be asked to leave and/or escorted from the premises.

**Is there a "pass list" for school administrators and/or coaches' families?**

No. Administrators who have one of the VHSL accepted passes may enter (with proper I.D.) via the pass gate on the upper level (opposite the ticket office). Children under the age of 7 are admitted free when accompanied by an adult. All others must purchase a ticket.

**I am a fan coming to the games. Where can I park?**

There are ample spaces available in the Broad Street and Bowe Street parking decks. Parking is \$8.00. There may also be available on-street parking. Pay close attention to parking restrictions in neighborhoods around the Siegel Center.

**Where can I purchase a state tournament program?**

The official tournament program is an online publication. You may access it for free by going to the VHSL Publications page of the VHSL website (<http://www.vhsl.org/vhsl-publications>). You may print a copy of the program before you come to the games.

**Will tournament programs be provided to participating teams?**

No. The official tournament program is an online publication. You may access it for free by going to the VHSL Publications page of the VHSL website (<http://www.vhsl.org/vhsl-publications>). It is suggested that schools in the tournament have souvenir copies printed for team members and interested fans.

**Will there be a hospitality room for coaches and administrators this year?**

No. The coaches' hospitality room fell victim to League budget cuts.