

381 SCHOOLS DRAWN

FOR 88TH STATE TOURNAMENT

A field of 381 teams will begin play March 3 in the 88th Annual IHSAA Boys Basketball Tournament Series. For the first time, champions will be crowned in four classes on March 28 at the RCA Dome in Indianapolis. The four class champions will move on to the inaugural Tournament of Champions April 3 and 4 at the RCA Dome in Indianapolis.

Sectional play is scheduled to conclude on Saturday, March 7. The 64 sectional winners -- 16 in each of the four classes -- will advance to a one-game regional on Friday, March 13 at 32 sites across the state.

The 32 regional champions -- eight in each of four classes -- will advance to semi-state competition on March 21. There will be eight semi-states -- two in each of the four classes. At each semi-state site, two first-round games will be played the morning of March 21, followed by the semi-state championship game that night. The eight semi-state champions -- two in each of the four classes -- will advance to the state finals on March 28 at the RCA Dome.

At the state finals, there will be a championship game in each of the four classes, beginning with Class A at 11 a.m. and followed immediately by the Class 2A game. After a mid-afternoon break, the second session will begin with the Class 3A championship game at 6:30 p.m., followed by the Class 4A championship game.

Those four class champions will play April 3 and 4 in the Tournament of Champions. Conducted by blind draw, the Tournament of Champions pairings have the Class 2A winner meeting the Class A winner in the opening game, followed by the Class 4A winner against the Class 3A winner. The first-round winners will return the following night to play in the championship game.

SECTIONAL PAIRINGS

Teams listed in bracket order; teams with byes advance to semifinals; first team listed is home team on the scoreboard

First-round games, March 3-4, 1998

Semifinals, March 6, 1998 (6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.)

Championship games, March 7, 1998 (7:30 p.m.; Game moved to 4 p.m. if either school has a team participating in girls semi-state)

Tickets: \$4 per session. Multiple-session tickets are \$9 (four-session sites); \$7 (three-session sites).

Media Credentials: Contact host school athletic director as outlined in January 1998 *IHSAA Bulletin*.

TOURNAMENT FORMATS

7-Team Sectionals (9 sites: Calumet, East Chicago, Frankfort, Fremont, Perry Meridian, Scottsburg, Southridge, Triton, White River Valley) -- Will play one first-round game at 7 p.m. March 3; two first-round games at 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. March 4. The seventh team listed drew a first-round bye and will play against the March 3 winner at 6 p.m., March 6.

6-Team Sectionals (40 sites) -- Will play two first-round games at 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. March 3. The fifth and sixth teams listed will play each other in the first game of the semifinals on March 6.

5-Team Sectionals (15 sites: Alexandria, Attica, Bellmont, Castle, Elkhart Central, Greensburg, Lafayette Jefferson, Lawrenceburg, Milan, North Montgomery, Orleans, Paoli, Southwestern (Shelbyville), Tecumseh, West Vigo) -- Will play one first-round game at 7 p.m. March 3; two semifinal-round games at 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. March 6.

CLASS 4A

Sectional 1, East Chicago Central (7)

Gary Wirt vs. Gary Wallace; Gary Roosevelt vs. Hammond; East Chicago Central vs. Gary West Side; Bye: Hammond Morton vs. Gary Wirt-Gary Wallace winner.

Sectional 2, Merrillville (6)

Highland vs. Munster; Merrillville vs. Lake Central; Bye: Lowell vs. Crown Point.

Sectional 3, Michigan City (6)

Hobart vs. Valparaiso; Chesterton vs. Michigan City; Bye: LaPorte vs. Portage.

Sectional 4, Penn (6)

South Bend LaSalle vs. Mishawaka; South Bend Riley vs. South Bend Adams; Bye: South Bend Clay vs. Penn.

Sectional 5, Elkhart Central (5)

Warsaw vs. Concord; Goshen vs. Elkhart Memorial; Bye: Elkhart Central vs. Warsaw-Concord winner.

Sectional 6, East Noble (6)

Fort Wayne Snider vs. East Noble; DeKalb vs. Fort Wayne Northrop; Bye: Fort Wayne North Side vs. Columbia City.

Sectional 7, Marion (6)

Homestead vs. Marion; Huntington North vs. Fort Wayne Wayne; Bye: Jay County vs. Fort Wayne South Side.

Sectional 8, Lafayette Jefferson (5)

Harrison vs. Lafayette Jefferson; Logansport vs. McCutcheon; Bye: Kokomo vs. Harrison-Lafayette Jefferson winner.

Sectional 9, Noblesville (6)

Indianapolis Broad Ripple vs. Hamilton Southeastern; Noblesville vs. Pike; Bye: Carmel vs. North Central (Indianapolis).

Sectional 10, New Castle (6)

Anderson vs. New Castle; Connersville vs. Muncie Central; Bye: Anderson Highland vs. Richmond.

Sectional 11, Perry Meridian (7)

Perry Meridian vs. Indianapolis Manual; Center Grove vs. Indianapolis Northwest; Ben Davis vs. Decatur Central; Bye: Southport vs. Perry Meridian-Indianapolis Manual winner.

Sectional 12, Terre Haute North (Hulman Center) (6)

Mooresville vs. Terre Haute South; Brownsburg vs. Terre Haute North; Bye: Avon vs. Northview.

Sectional 13, Franklin Central (6)

Warren Central vs. Franklin Central; Indianapolis Arsenal Tech vs. Lawrence North; Bye: Indianapolis Arlington vs. Lawrence Central.

Sectional 14, Columbus North (6)

Bloomington North vs. Columbus East; Columbus North vs. Martinsville; Bye: Bloomington South vs. East Central.

Sectional 15, Seymour (6)

Jeffersonville vs. Jennings County; Bedford North Lawrence vs. Floyd Central; Bye: New Albany vs. Seymour.

Sectional 16, Castle (5)

Evansville Central vs. Evansville North; Evansville Harrison vs. Castle; Bye: Evansville Reitz vs. Evansville Central-Evansville North winner.

CLASS 3A

Sectional 17, Calumet (7)

Calumet vs. Griffith; Hammond Noll vs. Hammond Gavit; Hammond Clark vs. Andean; Bye: Gary Mann vs. Calumet-Griffith winner.

Sectional 18, Twin Lakes (6)

Benton Central vs. West Lafayette; Rochester vs. Kankakee Valley; Bye: Rensselaer vs. Twin Lakes.

Sectional 19, Plymouth (6)

Culver Military vs. South Bend Washington; New Prairie vs. South Bend St. Joseph's; Bye: Mishawaka Marian vs. Plymouth.

Sectional 20, NorthWood (6)

Lakeland vs. Wawasee; West Noble vs. Northridge; Bye: Angola vs. NorthWood.

Sectional 21, Peru (6)

Whitko vs. Tippecanoe Valley; Peru vs. Carroll (Fort Wayne); Bye: Fort Wayne Concordia vs. Fort Wayne Elmhurst.

Sectional 22, Belmont (5)

Harding vs. Norwell; Belmont vs. New Haven; Bye: Fort Wayne Dwenger vs. Harding-Norwell winner.

Sectional 23, Muncie Southside (Muncie Fieldhouse) (6)

Muncie Southside vs. Delta; Yorktown vs. Elwood; Bye: Mississinewa vs. Blackford.

Sectional 24, Frankfort (7)

Zionsville vs. Westfield; Frankfort vs. Lebanon; Western vs. Crawfordsville; HamiltonHeights vs. Zionsville-Westfield winner.

Sectional 25, Plainfield (6)

Indianapolis Cathedral-Indianapolis Chatard; Brebeuf vs. Plainfield; Bye: Danville vs. Indianapolis Scecina.

Sectional 26, Shelbyville (6)

Pendleton Heights vs. Greenfield-Central; Mt. Vernon (Fortville) vs. New Palestine; Bye: Shelbyville vs. Rushville.

Sectional 27, Franklin (6)

Greenwood vs. Franklin; Whiteland vs. Brown County; Bye: Roncalli vs. Beech Grove.

Sectional 28, West Vigo (5)

Sullivan vs. Edgewood; West Vigo vs. Owen Valley; Bye: South Vermillion vs. Sullivan-Edgewood winner.

Sectional 29, Greensburg (5)

Batesville vs. South Dearborn; Franklin County vs. Madison; Bye: Greensburg vs. Batesville-South Dearborn winner.

Sectional 30, Scottsburg (7)

Silver Creek vs. Corydon Central; Charlestown vs. Scottsburg; Providence vs. Salem; Bye: North Harrison vs. Silver Creek-Corydon Central winner.

Sectional 31, Washington (6)

Washington vs. Vincennes Lincoln; Gibson Southern vs. Jasper; Bye: Princeton vs. Pike Central.

Sectional 32, Boonville (6)

Evansville Memorial vs. Boonville; Mount Vernon vs. Heritage Hills; Bye: Tell City vs. Evansville Bosse.

CLASS 2A

Sectional 33, Boone Grove (6)

Boone Grove vs. North Newton; Hanover Central vs. Wheeler; Bye: River Forest vs. Lake Station Edison.

Sectional 34, North Judson (6)

Bremen vs. Knox; Glenn vs. North Judson; Bye: Winamac vs. LaVille.

Sectional 35, Westview (6)

Central Noble vs. Westview; Jimtown vs. Prairie Heights; Bye: Fairfield vs. Churubusco.

Sectional 36, Garrett (6)

Leo vs. Eastside; Fort Wayne Luers vs. Heritage; Bye: Woodlan vs. Garrett.

Sectional 37, Maconaquah (6)

Maconaquah vs. Manchester; Southwood vs. Northfield; Bye: Wabash vs. North Miami.

Sectional 38, Cass (6)

Cass vs. Northwestern; Eastern (Greentown) vs. Delphi; Bye: Pioneer vs. Taylor.

Sectional 39, South Adams (6)

Madison-Grant vs. South Adams; Adams Central vs. Bluffton; Bye: Eastbrook vs. Oak Hill.

Sectional 40, Alexandria (5)

Shenandoah vs. Muncie Burriss; Alexandria vs. Tipton; Bye: Frankton vs. Shenandoah-Muncie Burriss winner.

Sectional 41, North Montgomery (5)

Southmont vs. Fountain Central; Seeger vs. Western Boone; Bye: North Montgomery vs. Southmont-Fountain Central winner.

Sectional 42, Greencastle (7)

Tri-West Hendricks vs. Monrovia; South Putnam vs. Greencastle; North Putnam vs. Cascade; Bye: Cloverdale vs. Tri-West Hendricks-Monrovia winner.

Sectional 43, Hagerstown (6)

Union County vs. Hagerstown; Winchester vs. Cambridge City Lincoln; Bye: Northeastern vs. Centerville.

Sectional 44, Speedway (6)

Knightstown vs. Eastern Hancock; Indian Creek vs. Speedway; Bye: Indianapolis Ritter vs. Triton Central.

Sectional 45, Lawrenceburg (5)

Switzerland County vs. North Decatur; South Decatur vs. Lawrenceburg; Bye: South Ripley vs. Switzerland County-North Decatur winner.

Sectional 46, Southwestern (Hanover) (6)

Clarksville vs. Southwestern (Hanover); Crawford County vs. Eastern (Pekin); Bye: Brownstown Central vs. Austin.

Sectional 47, Paoli (6)

South Knox vs. North Knox; Eastern (Bloomfield) vs. Linton; Bye: Mitchell vs. Paoli.

Sectional 48, Southridge (7)

North Posey vs. Evansville Mater Dei; Forest Park vs. Oakland City Wood Memorial; South Spencer vs. Southridge; Bye: Perry Central vs. North Posey-Evansville Mater Dei winner.

CLASS A

Sectional 49, Hebron (6)

Whiting vs. Kouts; Morgan Township vs. Hebron; Bye: Washington Township vs. LaCrosse.

Sectional 50, Triton (7)

Oregon-Davis vs. Culver Community; Triton vs. South Central (Union Mills); Argos vs. Michigan City Marquette; Bye: Westville vs. Oregon-Davis-Culver Community winner.

Sectional 51, Fremont (7)

Hamilton vs. Fort Wayne Christian; Fort Wayne Canterbury vs. Fort Wayne Blackhawk; Howe Military vs. Fremont; Bye: Bethany Christian vs. Hamilton-Fort Wayne Christian winner.

Sectional 52, Southern Wells (6)

Tri-Central vs. Wes-Del; Southern Wells vs. Marion Lakeview Christian; Daleville vs. White's.

Sectional 53, Tri-County (6)

Tri-County vs. West Central; Caston vs. Frontier; Bye: North White vs. South Newton.

Sectional 54, Sheridan (6)

Rossville vs. Clinton Central; Clinton Prairie vs. Lafayette Central Catholic; Bye: Carroll (Flora) vs. Sheridan.

Sectional 55, Monroe Central (6)

Union City vs. Union (Modoc); Monroe Central vs. Cowan; Bye: Randolph Southern vs. Wapahani.

Sectional 56, Tri (6)

Lapel vs. Indianapolis Lutheran; Blue River Valley vs. Tri; Bye: Park Tudor vs. Indiana School for the Deaf.

Sectional 57, Attica(6)

Attica vs. North Vermillion; Riverton Parke vs. Turkey Run; Bye: Rockville vs. Covington.

Sectional 58, White River Valley (7)

Union (Dugger) vs. Shakamak; Bloomfield vs. White River Valley; Eminence vs. Clay City; Bye: North Central (Farmersburg) vs. Union (Dugger)-Shakamak winner.

Sectional 59, Southwestern (Shelbyville) (5)

Edinburgh vs. Waldron; Southwestern (Shelbyville) vs. Morton Memorial; Bye: Morristown vs. Edinburgh-Waldron winner.

Sectional 60, Milan (5)

Jac-Cen-Del vs. Madison Shawe; Milan vs. Hauser; Bye: Rising Sun vs. Jac-Cen-Del-Madison Shawe winner.

Sectional 61, Orleans (5)

Orleans vs. West Washington; Springs Valley vs. Medora; Bye: Crothersville vs. Orleans-West Washington winner.

Sectional 62, Henryville (6)

New Washington vs. South Central (Elizabeth); Henryville vs. Lanesville; Bye: Borden vs. Graceland Christian.

Sectional 63, North Daviess (6)

Shoals vs. Vincennes Rivet; Barr-Reeve vs. Loogootee; Bye: Washington Catholic vs. North Daviess.

Sectional 64, Tecumseh (5)

Cannelton vs. New Harmony; Northeast Dubois vs. Tecumseh; Bye: Evansville Day vs. Cannelton-New Harmony winner.

REGIONAL PAIRINGS

Friday March 13, 1998

Teams from odd-numbered sectionals will be home team on the scoreboard

Tickets: \$5.

Media Credentials: Contact host school athletic director.

CLASS 4A

EAST CHICAGO -- Winner at Sectional 1 vs. Winner at Sectional 2.

MICHIGAN CITY -- Winner at Sectional 3 vs. Winner at Sectional 4.

WARSAW -- Winner at Sectional 5 vs. Winner at Sectional 6.

KOKOMO -- Winner at Sectional 7 vs. Winner at Sectional 8.

ANDERSON -- Winner at Sectional 9 vs. Winner at Sectional 10.

SOUTHPORT -- Winner at Sectional 11 vs. Winner at Sectional 12.

COLUMBUS NORTH -- Winner at Sectional 13 vs. Winner at Sectional 14.

JEFFERSONVILLE -- Winner at Sectional 15 vs. Winner at Sectional 16.

CLASS 3A

KANKAKEE VALLEY -- Winner at Sectional 17 vs. Winner at Sectional 18.

PLYMOUTH -- Winner at Sectional 19 vs. Winner at Sectional 20.

BELLMONT -- Winner at Sectional 21 vs. Winner at Sectional 22.

MUNCIE SOUTHSIDE (Muncie Fieldhouse -- Winner at Sectional 23 vs. Winner at Sectional 24.

SHELBYVILLE -- Winner at Sectional 25 vs. Winner at Sectional 26.

FRANKLIN -- Winner at Sectional 27 vs. Winner at Sectional 28.

MADISON -- Winner at Sectional 29 vs. Winner at Sectional 30.

VINCENNES LINCOLN -- Winner at Sectional 31 vs. Winner at Sectional 32.

CLASS 2A

NORTH JUDSON -- Winner at Sectional 33 vs. Winner at Sectional 34.

GARRETT -- Winner at Sectional 35 vs. Winner at Sectional 36.

CASS -- Winner at Sectional 37 vs. Winner at Sectional 38.

ALEXANDRIA -- Winner at Sectional 39 vs. Winner at Sectional 40.

GREENCASTLE -- Winner at Sectional 41 vs. Winner at Sectional 42.

HAGERSTOWN -- Winner at Sectional 43 vs. Winner at Sectional 44.

SOUTHWESTERN (Hanover) -- Winner at Sectional 45 vs. Winner at Sectional 46.

SOUTHRIDGE -- Winner at Sectional 47 vs. Winner at Sectional 48.

CLASS A

CULVER COMMUNITY -- Winner at Sectional 49 vs. Winner at Sectional 50.

SOUTHERN WELLS -- Winner at Sectional 51 vs. Winner at Sectional 52.

CLINTON CENTRAL -- Winner at Sectional 53 vs. Winner at Sectional 54.

MONROE CENTRAL -- Winner at Sectional 55 vs. Winner at Sectional 56.

WHITE RIVER VALLEY -- Winner at Sectional 57 vs. Winner at Sectional 58.

SOUTHWESTERN (Shelbyville) -- Winner at Sectional 59 vs. Winner at Sectional 60.

SPRINGS VALLEY -- Winner at Sectional 61 vs. Winner at Sectional 62.

LOOGOOTE -- Winner at Sectional 63 vs. Winner at Sectional 64.

SEMI-STATE PAIRINGS

Saturday, March 21, 1998

First team listed is home team on the scoreboard.

First-round games at 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.; championship games at 8:05 p.m.

Tickets: \$6 for one session; \$9 for both sessions.

Media Credentials: Contact host school athletic director.

CLASS 4A

WEST LAFAYETTE -- Winner at Warsaw vs. Winner at Michigan City; Winner at East Chicago Central vs. Winner at Kokomo.

BLOOMINGTON -- Winner at Jeffersonville vs. Winner at Columbus North; Winner at Southport vs. Winner at Anderson.

CLASS 3A

MUNCIE -- Winner at Plymouth vs. Winner at Belmont; Winner at Muncie Southside vs. Winner at Kankakee Valley.

EVANSVILLE -- Winner at Madison vs. Winner at Franklin; Winner at Shelbyville vs. Winner at Vincennes Lincoln.

CLASS 2A

FORT WAYNE -- Winner at Alexandria vs. Winner at North Judson; Winner at Cass vs. Winner at Garrett.

INDIANAPOLIS -- Winner at Southridge vs. Winner at Hagerstown; Winner at Southwestern (Hanover) vs. Winner at Greencastle.

CLASS A

MARION -- Winner at Clinton Central vs. Winner at Southern Wells; Winner at Culver Community vs. Winner at Monroe Central.

TERRE HAUTE -- Winner at Southwestern (Shelbyville) vs. Winner at Springs Valley; Winner at Loogootee vs. Winner at White River Valley.

STATE FINALS PAIRINGS

Saturday, March 28, 1998

RCA Dome, Indianapolis

First team listed is home team on the scoreboard.

Tickets: \$6 (unreserved) or \$8 (reserved) for one session; \$15 (reserved only) for both sessions.

Media Credentials: Request in writing on company letterhead to Jim Russell at IHSAA office by Monday, March 23.

CLASS A -- Winner at Marion vs. Winner at Terre Haute, 11 a.m.

CLASS 2A -- Winner at Fort Wayne vs. Winner at Indianapolis , immediately following Class A championship.

CLASS 3A -- Winner at Muncie vs. Winner at Evansville, 6:30 p.m.

CLASS 4A -- Winner at West Lafayette vs. Winner at Bloomington, immediately following Class 3A championship.

TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS PAIRINGS

Friday-Saturday, April 3-4, 1998

RCA Dome, Indianapolis

First team listed is home team on the scoreboard.

Tickets\$ 8 for one session or \$12 for both sessions.

Media Credentials: Request in writing on company letterhead to Jim Russell at IHSAA office by Monday, March 30.

Friday, April 3, 7 p.m. -- Class 2A Winner vs. Class A Winner.

Friday, April 4, 8:30 p.m. -- Class 4A Winner vs. Class 3A Winner.

Saturday, April 4, 8 p.m. -- Championship game.