

WIAA // GESA CREDIT UNION

2026 1A, 2A STATE BASKETBALL

COACHES PACKET

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1A, 2A - Yakima Valley SunDome

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POSTSEASON STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES

In addition to the information available in this 1A, 2A State Basketball Coaches Packet that is specific to the Yakima Valley SunDome, please review the [Basketball Postseason Standard Operating Procedures](#) for detailed information including the following:

- Roster Limits
- Pass Gates & Supervisor Passes
- Home Team & Uniform Designations
- Pre-Game Timing, Warm-Ups and Player Introductions
- Game Balls
- Designated Tournament Physician Authority

2026 1A, 2A STATE BASKETBALL WELCOME

Dear Coaches, Athletic Directors and Supervisors:

Congratulations on your school's basketball season! As you prepare for State Basketball in Yakima, please take time to carefully review all tournament information and WIAA regulations.

Complete details—including brackets, schedules, guidelines, and policies—are available on the [Boys](#) and [Girls](#) State Basketball Tournament Central pages. School personnel, parents, and fans can also visit the site for the Fan Link and additional event information.

Tournament management looks forward to an exciting three days of basketball and providing a positive experience for all participants and spectators.

Pre-Tournament Questions:

Lanc Den Boer, Tournament Director
(509) 885-0502

Practice Gym Scheduling:

Mel Moore, Assistant Tournament Director
(509) 952-2453

Team Media Information:

Rich Austin, Yakima Valley Sports Commission
(509) 594-2742

LODGING:

- **Visitor Information:** Find area hotels, restaurants, and attractions at visityakima.com.
- **Hotel Reservations:** Fans, bands, and parents should contact hotels directly to book rooms.

TOURNAMENT PERSONNEL

TOURNAMENT MANAGER:	Lance Den Boer
ASSISTANT TOURNAMENT MANAGERS:	Mel Moore & Dave Cullen
BOYS FLOOR MANAGER:	Andy Affholter Sr.
GIRLS FLOOR MANAGER:	Mindi Dribnak
TOURNAMENT OFFICE STAFF:	Gail Ragland
OFFICIALS COORDINATOR, LIAISONS:	Jerry Caoile & Dick Eglet
Announcer Coordinator:	Louise Adams
Press Liaisons:	Rich Austin & Yakima Valley Sports Commission Staff
TOURNAMENT PHYSICIAN COORDINATORS:	Dr. Ray Snyder & Dr. Richard Edgerly
ATHLETIC TRAINER COORDINATORS:	Orthopedics NW, PLLC & Sports Medicine Advantage
PASS GATE & LOCKER ROOM SUPERVISOR:	Bert Karnofski
TEAM HOST COORDINATOR:	Coni Rogers
SUNDOME EVENTS MANAGER:	Lindsee Curfman
TEAM DINNER & CHEER BREAKFAST:	Yakima Valley Lodging Assoc, Yakima Valley Sports Commission, Greater Yakima Sports Association
WIAA REPRESENTATIVE:	Andy Barnes

MEDIA QUESTIONNAIRE

Congratulations on your outstanding basketball season! We look forward to hosting you at the 1A & 2A State Basketball Championships in Yakima. Your team is a success story, and we want to help share it with media across the state. Providing interesting facts and stories about your players will help showcase your team and recognize the achievements of your student-athletes. This optional (but recommended) form should be **emailed to Rich Austin at rich@visityakima.com by Tuesday, March 2 at 12:00 PM**. Please reach out to Rich directly at (509) 594-2742 with questions.

Team: 1A 2A Boys Girls

School: _____ **Mascot:** _____

Head Coach: _____ **Number of Seasons:** _____

Prior Experience: _____

Has your team set any school records this season? List team or individual records and totals:

Players on your team who hold school basketball records. List player and record:

Awards. Please list your players who have won All-League, League MVP, All-State or similar honors (list player, honor & year):

Milestones. Ex: 1,000 points 750 rebounds 500 assists, etc. List player and achievements

Players who have accepted college athletic scholarships. List player, college and sport(s):

Inspirational player: Do you have a player on your team who has overcome injury, tragedy, or some form of adversity that makes them an inspiration to the team:

PLAYER: _____

DETAILS: _____

Do any of your players have parents who enjoyed noteworthy athletic success at your school or somewhere else:

Does your team (or any of your players) have a pre-game ritual or routine before every game?:

Was there any one game or event that stands out as a focal point in your season? Explain:

Any other noteworthy information:

SITE-SPECIFIC INFORMATION

TEAM & SCHOOL PARKING:

- **Free Parking:** School buses, as well as school vans, rental vans, and charter buses carrying at least four (4) tournament participants, may park free (no pass required).
- **Official School Vehicles:** School officials in official school vehicles may park free.
 - **TIP:** Display a clearly visible sign with your school name on the dashboard to help parking attendants identify school-sanctioned vehicles.
- **Paid Parking: Individuals arriving in private vehicles (players, coaches, staff, or families) must pay for parking.**
- **No Multi-Day Passes:** Daily parking tickets only; multi-day passes will not be sold.
- **Rental Vans & Special Requests:** Schools using rental vans or needing special parking accommodations should contact the SunDome Office (509-248-7160) and speak with Gail Ragland in advance to obtain a parking credential.
- RV Camping is available at the SunDome.
<https://www.statefairpark.org/p/central-wa-state-fair/rv-camping>

PRE-TOURNAMENT SPAGHETTI DINNER:

- **Team Dinner:** Spaghetti dinner for team personnel and cheerleaders will be hosted by the **Yakima Valley Lodging Association & Yakima Valley Sports Commission** Tuesday evening in the SunDome after check-in (not open to the public).
- **Schedule:** 1A at 5:00 PM; 2A at 6:00 PM. Doors open at 4:30 PM for registration, check-in, and hand stamps.

ENTRANCE & TEAM PACKETS:

- **Tournament Packet Pickup:** Issued at the SunDome Pass Gate located in the NE corner of the venue (team check-in area) on Tuesday night or upon arrival Wednesday/Thursday.
- **Team Entry:** Players and team personnel listed on the team's Pass Gate list will be hand-stamped at the Pass Gate for facility and locker room access.
 - **No Outside Food/Drink:** Not allowed inside the SunDome.
 - **Exception:** Players may bring drinks in their bags for games.
 - **Note:** Food and drinks cannot be hand carried through the pass gate.
- **School Personnel Entry:** School personnel (School Supervisors, Superintendents, Principals, School Board Members, etc.) pre-registered on the team's Pass Gate list will be granted access at the Pass Gate with verification of ID.
- **Individuals not pre-registered on the school's Pass Gate list will not be allowed entry.**
- **School Media Entry:** School Media registered on the team's Pass Gate list will be admitted through the Pass Gate with verification of ID.
- **Cheer Squad Entry:** Cheerleaders in uniform, mascot, and approved advisors/coaches (1 per 5 cheerleaders, max 3) admitted with hand stamp. Head Cheer Coach must verify the roster.
- **Band Entry:** Band members with instruments and their advisor admitted as a group for their

school's game.

- **Bus Driver Entry:** One team bus driver admitted with ID; additional drivers must pay.

GAME DAY INFORMATION

TEAM CHECK-IN AND LOCKER ROOMS:

After entering through the SunDome's NE corner Pass Gate approximately one hour before game time, locker room attendants will make arrangements for the storage of team equipment, and go over locker room locations, taping procedures, and pre-game preparations.

- **Locker Room Access:** Available at halftime of the preceding game. Students must have adult supervision; entry requires proper ID. Media access is restricted immediately after games.
- **Valuables:** Do not leave items in locker rooms; take bags to the bench during the game.
- **Locker Room Attendants:** Staffed outside each locker room for assistance.
- **Warm-Up:**
 - 15 minutes max for all games (excluding introductions).
 - First games of the day get 20 minutes.
 - Coaches should have teams ready 25 minutes before the first game and 20 minutes for others.
 - Warm-ups occur on each team's half of the court only; no extra shooting allowed. Follow WIAA warm-up guidelines.
- **Water:** Provided behind benches and in locker rooms.
- **Assistance:** Floor managers or tournament office staff available for help.
- **Locker Room Assignments:** School names posted outside; assignments may change for semi-final and final games.
- **Damage & Cleanup:** Locker rooms checked after each game; schools are responsible for any damage or carpet stains. Clean up the bench and locker room areas at the game's end.

COURT ASSIGNMENTS:

- **Home Team Bench:**
 - **Boys:** left of the scorer's table.
 - **Girls:** right of the scorer's table.
 - Placement may change for crowd control at the discretion of the Tournament Manager
- **Courtside Seating:**
 - 15 chairs for players, coaches, and team personnel.
 - 1 additional chair for team physician or certified athletic trainer with a medical pass.
 - 4 chairs at the end of the court reserved for team hosts.
- **Scorekeeper:**
 - Space designated at scorer's table for team scorekeeper/stats person.
 - Must not approach the Head Scorekeeper; scoring issues handled by coaching staff.
 - Using computer stats may limit additional seating; no extra chairs provided for

statisticians or team personnel.

- **Coach Seating:** If the Head Coach stands during the game, one seat must remain empty.

MEDICAL SERVICES & ATHLETIC TRAINING FACILITIES

On behalf of Orthopedics NW, PLLC and Sports Medicine Advantage, we welcome your team to the WIAA/Gesa Credit Union 1A, 2A State Basketball Tournament. Throughout your stay our tournament medical staff is excited to support your team's medical needs. The following will be available to you at the sports medicine tent:

- Taping and first aid. **It is preferred if you can provide your own taping supplies.**
- Ice and flexi wrap for all acute and chronic injuries.
- Concussion evaluation and management.
- Athletic training staff to support your team and team athletic trainer.
- A physician will be with the sports medicine team or on call if needs present.
- The athletic training staff will be documenting all injuries and treatments for the WIAA. **Please support them by providing any information they need to gather.**
- The athletic training staff will coordinate emergency medical services and hospital transportation if appropriate.
- Additional specialty health care services are available in the community.

You are welcome to use the taping area or ask us to tape for you. If you have special needs, please check with us in an appropriate time frame so that we may properly assist you. Please have your ATCs and/or medical providers introduce themselves to our medical team by visiting the sports medicine tent prior to your games.

ATHLETIC TRAINER/PHYSICIAN FORM:

- This form, available on the following page, is required if your team plans to designate one certified athletic trainer OR team physician to handle player injuries during games.
- **Submission: Must be signed by a school administrator/athletic director and submitted to the Tournament Manager.**
- **Access:** Approved individuals receive a special pass and bench access during games.
- **Seating:** One additional chair is provided at the bench for this role.
- **Limit:** Only one (trainer OR physician) allowed; not counted among the 20 team personnel.

SCHOOL ATHLETIC TRAINER/DOCTOR

RETURN TO THE TOURNAMENT MANAGER

Team medical personnel must register with the tournament medical authority. This information confirms the responsible individual(s) in the event of an injury to a participant. **EACH TEAM IS ALLOWED ONE TRAINER OR DOCTOR.**

Name of High School: _____

Name of Head Coach: _____

Name of Athletic Trainer/Doctor: _____

Is this Athletic Trainer NATA Certified? Yes No

Name of Student Medical Support: _____

Name of Team Physician: _____

Will this physician be on your bench? Yes No

In the event that an athlete needs medical attention on the court or in the locker room, the WIAA Tournament Medical Personnel will make the initial assessment and then will turn the athlete over to the designated school trainer/or physician. However; the decision determining whether an injured participant may "return to play" shall be made by the WIAA Tournament Medical Personnel and may not be overturned by a coach, official, parent, another physician or any other person.

If an injured participant has a team physician present, consultation between the Tournament Manager and Team Physician is expected when time permits, prior to the decision.

Please list any special needs or concerns regarding your student-athletes which may be helpful or pertinent in any emergency situation (i.e., diabetic, epileptic, etc.)

Principal/Designee Name (Printed): _____

Principal/Designee Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

SCHEDULING PRACTICE GYM TIME:

- **Practice Times:** Contact Mel Moore, Assistant Tournament Manager, at (509) 952-2453 to schedule.
- **NOTE: Practice times are limited.**

STUDENT & FAN SEATING:

- **Student Sections:** Lower bleachers are reserved for each team's student section; non-students should not sit there.
- **Fan Seating:** Home fans typically sit on the west side; visitors on the east (subject to change for crowd control).
- **Check Seating:** Review the daily seating chart at the pass gate or main entrance.
- **Priority Access:** Student sections are reserved for teams playing that game and must be cleared promptly afterward.
- **Courtesy:** Do not enter reserved sections until the previous game ends—allow teams and fans to finish without disruption.

TEAM HOSTS:

- **Team Hosts:** Local Yakima Valley business members assigned to Thursday's teams.
- **Assignment:** Hosts attend Wednesday games and are assigned to winners advancing to Thursday.
- **Host Responsibilities:** Arrange one meal for the team and coaches during the tournament.
- **Seating:** Hosts receive four seats at the end of the court next to the team bench.

'TEAMING UP' PROGRAM:

The 'Teaming Up' program involves participating teams and bands making school visits to local schools. This program is not coordinated by Tournament Management; teams must arrange visits directly with local schools.

- **Purpose:** Promote academics, sportsmanship, and athletics while giving back to the community.
- **Participation:** Open to teams, bands, and cheer squads.
Resources: Contact information for Yakima Valley schools is available on individual school district websites.

FILMING:

- **Filming:** Must be done from the top of the fan seating area (no floor access). Outlets are available near spotlight towers; bring your own extension cord.
- **Filming Personnel:** Must be pre-registered on the school's Pass Gate List as the official school video person.
- **Photography:** Official School Photographers must stay in designated courtside areas.
- **Flash Use:** Permitted unless it interferes with play.

GAME STATISTICS:

Halftime and postgame box scores will be distributed to coaches participating in that game and will be posted near the tournament brackets and in the press area. Postgame box scores will be posted on the online brackets which can be found on the [Boys](#) and [Girls](#) State Basketball Tournament Central pages and in the WIAA Live App.

TOURNAMENT PHOTOGRAPHS (TEAMS, CHEER SQUADS, BANDS):

- **Team Photos:** Taken prior to all games on Wednesday and Thursday in the SunDome State Fair Room.
- **Timing:** Begins 45 minutes before each scheduled game; teams must be ready at assigned times.
- **Order:** Girls' teams photographed first, followed by boys.
- **Cheer/Band Photos:** Schools must coordinate separately with the photographer for on-court halftime photos.

BANDS & NATIONAL ANTHEM:

- **National Anthem:** Played at the first game of each day and prior to each Championship game.
- **Band Check-In:** Band directors must check in with floor managers at least 20 minutes before game time.
- **Soloists:** Must be approved by the Tournament Manager prior to the tournament.
- **Performance Priority:** Scheduled as early as possible; home team receives priority.
- **Final Decision: Tournament Manager may select a non-school performer for Championship games.**

CHEER TEAM BREAKFAST:

- Friday at 8:00 AM (doors open at 7:30 AM) in the SunDome State Fair Room.
- **Details:** Free continental breakfast hosted by Greater Yakima Sports Association & Yakima Valley Lodging Association.
- Includes door prizes
- All cheer squads are encouraged to attend.

TOURNAMENT MERCHANDISE:

Rush Team Apparel will have tournament apparel for sale throughout the tournament.