

Southern Illinois Junior High School Athletic Association

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SIJHSAA GIRLS & BOYS BASKETBALL STATE TOURNAMENT

HOST: REND LAKE COLLEGE INA, IL



1. **Eligibility List & Pass List Online Registration:** Make sure that your player list (15 player max) and pass list have been registered on the Rend Lake College Website. Go to www.rendlakewarriors.com and click on the Tournaments & Camps menu. Follow the instructions there to register your team. This must be done as soon as your team qualifies for your regional final. Eligibility lists must be hand carried to all the games. If an eligibility question is raised, you must produce your eligibility list to verify. Your eligibility list may be altered up to your first game of the tournament.
2. **Team Picture & School Logo:** Immediately after registering you will receive instructions on submitting a team photo and confirming your current school sports logo on file. The picture and logo will be used in the color program produced for the tournament. Please try to submit quality images at 300dpi if possible. The better-quality the file, the better it will look in the program.
3. **What to bring:** Water bottles, medical kit, & towels. Rend Lake College does not provide these.
***DON'T BRING WARM- UP BALLS AS THEY WILL BE PROVIDED!**
4. **Bus Parking:** When you get to Rend Lake College your bus driver will unload at the lane to the Pass Gate/Team Entrance on the north side of the gym. The driver will then be instructed by Rend Lake College Security on parking the bus in the parking lot Southwest of the gym.
5. **Pass Gate /Team Entrance:** This is located at the Northwest Corner of the gym. This is the only entrance your team and persons listed on the pass list may enter. If you go to the main fan entrance you will have to walk around to the Pass Gate/ Team Entrance. Once you are at the Pass Gate/Team Entrance a person there will direct your team to the proper dressing room and cheerleaders to the proper area of the gym that they will be cheering. Rend Lake College is not responsible for your possessions. Your coach might want to have a valuables bag for your team.
6. **Determining Home & Visiting Team:** The top of the bracket will be home team wearing white uniforms and the bottom of the bracket will be the visitor wearing dark uniforms. The home team will occupy the west bench and the visiting team will occupy the east bench. ***Brackets are found on the SIJHSAA Website.** (www.sijhsaa.com)
7. **Cheerleaders:** Cheerleaders of the home team will be located in the northwest corner of the gym, opposite their team's bench and the visiting cheerleaders will be located in the northeast corner of the gym, opposite their bench. Cheerleaders in uniform will be admitted through the pass gate for free. Cheerleaders shouldn't stand directly behind the basket. There can be a maximum of 15 cheerleaders in uniform, with no more than 8 on the end line during live balls. All 15 may participate in floor cheers at time-outs, quarter breaks, and halftime. The cheerleaders may have their shakers, but no shakers for fans or fan clubs.
8. **Admission Prices:** Adults \$5 (H.S. age & up) Students \$2 (Jr. High and down)
9. **Programs:** Rend Lake College produces a great commemorative program for the tournament. Cost is \$4.
10. **Players Dressed for Games:** Only 15 players may dress for tournament games. Players not dressing should be included on the Pass List during online registration. The Pass List has 10 open spots for Player Not Dressing, Cheer Sponsor, Man- ager/Scorekeeper, Bus Driver, or School Administrator.
11. **Official Ball:** Rawlings CNTR295-SIJHSAA (Boys) – CNTR285-SIJHSAA (Girls)
12. **Official Scorer:** The SIJHSAA will provide an official scorer at the scorer's bench. A spot is available for your scorer at the bench.
13. **Starting Lineups:** Will be announced before each game.

14. **At Conclusion of Games:** Fans must stay off the playing floor as teams will be warming up for the next game.
15. **3rd Place & Championship Trophy & Medal Presentation:** Each team finishing in the final 4 of each class will have trophy and medal presentations at the conclusion of your 3rd place or championship game. Each school will receive a team trophy and 20 medals presented to your team members. At the conclusion of this presentation, 2 minutes will be put on the clock for fans to take pictures. At the conclusion of the 2 minutes, the floor will be cleared for the next game. *During this time, the SIJHSAA will take a picture of each team to post on the SIJHSAA Website.
16. **Fan Seating:** Home team fans will sit behind the home team bench (southwest side of the gym) & across from the home team bench (northwest side of the gym). Visiting team fans will sit behind the visitor team bench (southeast side of the gym) & across from the visitor team bench (northeast side of the gym).
17. **State Tournament T-Shirts:** Apparel will only be sold prior to the tournament on SIJHSAA Online Stores. The official Apparel provider for the SIJHSAA is RHouse Sports. Information will be released prior to the tournaments concerning online store information.
18. **1st Game of a Session:** Teams will be allowed on the floor 20 minutes before game time for warm-up.
19. **Concessions:** Available in the concessions stand at the northeast corner-of James Waugh Gym. No food, drink, or coolers are allowed to be brought in the facility by fans.
20. **SIJHSAA By Law I Article IV I Section 7:** This deals with noisemakers, confetti, signs, poms, shakers, body paint, ect... Please read over this and share this information with your students & fans. Thus, tournament officials will not have to deal with this at the state tournament. For more details, visit www.sijhsaa.com / Basketball / Docs & Links
21. **Mercy Rule:** The Mercy Rule will be in effect for all state series games. This SIJHSAA rule states that once the score reaches a 30 point differential, or more, at the beginning of the fourth quarter or any point thereafter, the game will resort to a running clock. For more details, visit www.sijhsaa.com / Basketball / Docs & Links
22. **NFHS Basketball Equipment/ Apparel Specifications:** Please look over these and make sure your team is in compliance. (Exposed undershirts, exposed compression shorts, wrist bands, head bands, knee pads, etc.) For more details, visit www.sijhsaa.com / Basketball / Docs & Links
23. **Coaches Attire for State Finals:** Advancing to the SIJHSAA State Basketball Finals is an honor for your school and community. The SIJHSAA Board of Control has felt that the attire of the coaches needs to be addressed. We wish that coaches refrain from attire that isn't becoming (ex.-baseball hats, shorts, cutoff jeans, etc.). Hopefully coaching staffs will dress appropriately for the occasion.
24. **RLC Smoke-Free Campus:** By state law, Rend Lake College is a Smoke, Alcohol, and Marijuana-Free Campus. Please relay this information to your schools. Please refrain from the use of tobacco products on RLC Property. Those who are found in violation of the alcohol, tobacco, and marijuana policy will be subject to SIJHSAA penalties.
25. **Live Streaming:** The SIJHSAA is the basketball rights holder to all boys and girls basketball state tournament games. No individual or entity will be permitted to live stream or video record these tournament games without permission from the SIJHSAA. Do not pay for streams because of scams online.
 *Coaches of team's participating in the boys and girls state tournament series, will be permitted to video games their teams are participating in, with the expressed written permission from the Executive Director of the SIJHSAA. Coaches may not copy or disseminate the contents of the video recordings to players, coaches, administrators, or parents and fans, nor allow their video to be copied or otherwise distributed.
 *Parents will be allowed to video games from the stands with the use of hand-held video devices. No tripods or camera poles allowed.
26. **Radio Broadcasts:** Radio stations must get permission from the Executive Director, Greg Hale in order to broadcast games at RLC. He may be contacted by (cell) 618-318-2091 or (email) sijhsaa@gmail.com. Radio Broadcast Personnel should also check in at the pass gate at the Northwest Corner of the Gym.
27. **Trainer at RLC:** Certified Trainer will be on site for contests, provided by Deaconess Illinois.
28. **Iconik Studio Photography Information:** Separate Document
29. **Contacts For The Tournament:**
 - a. Greg Hale - SIJHSAA Executive Director 618-318-2091 (cell) sijhsaa@gmail.com (email)
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 - f. Chris Modellmog (Event Manager) 970-658-6316 (cell) modellmogc@rlc.edu (email)

Iconik Studio Instructions
SIJHSAA State Basketball Tournaments
Rend Lake College Ina, Illinois

The SIJHSAA has entered into a photography contract with Iconik Studio of Fairfield, Illinois. State Qualifying Teams and Cheerleaders will have photo opportunities with Iconik Studio with no obligation to purchase. Listed below is pertinent information.

1. General Information:

- A. No money up front.
- B. Online proof so parents can see the product first.
- C. Every athlete will receive a unique online code to access his or her images.
- D. All portrait packages are mailed home to the parents.
- E. All customer service is handled by Iconik Studio.
- F. 100% satisfaction guarantee – for obvious photographic mistakes.
- G. 3-week turnaround on packages once orders are placed by parents.
- H. All images taken by nationally recognized professional photographers – you will always see the same photographers.
- I. The attending team receives a 5 X 7 copy of each group for the team coach(es).
- J. The attending team receives all team photos for use in their school yearbook.
- K. Custom template – Your template will match your school and championship level.
(Standard and custom upgrade products available for teams and individuals)

2. Process:

A. Prior to the Tournament:

- 1. Teams advancing are required to electronically register with Rend Lake College. During this process, your school will be requested to include emails of each player's parent.
- 2. Cheerleaders will register on a separate form provided by the SIJHSAA office. This form will be submitted directly to Iconik Studio.
- 3. Team and Individual picture schedule will be announced by the SIJHSAA Office (players and team pictures will take place 1 hour before scheduled game time)
- 4. Cheerleader Team and Individual pictures will be taken immediately after team pictures.
- 5. Custom backgrounds will be created for the tournament.

B. State Tournament Begins:

- 1. Individual as well as team photos will be taken 1 hour before game time.
(Players & team followed by cheerleaders)
- 2. Photos will be taken in the Rend Lake College Convention Center Meeting Rooms.
- 3. Contact info will be documented for any athlete or cheerleader not included on the previous registrations.
- 4. Iconik Representatives will be on-site to answer any questions from parents.
- 5. Materials will be to given all answering ordering questions.

C. After The Tournament:

1. The parents of each athlete or cheerleader will receive an email with their images to view and order.
2. Parents can view, share, and order online. All orders will ship directly to the address they provide online when ordering.
3. Coaches will receive a custom plaque with their team photo.