

# Lutheran Sports Association

December, 2008

Dear Friends:

The 25<sup>th</sup> annual *Illinois Lutheran Basketball Tournament of Champions, STATE 2009*, will be held March 6 – March 8, 2009 in Arlington Heights, Mt. Prospect, and Roselle with play-in games being played Monday, February 23 (**THIS IS NOT PRESIDENT'S DAY**). The **Tournament of Champions** is open to all Illinois Lutheran grade schools. Acceptance of teams is based upon performance during the season. Every winning team, especially league and tournament champions, is encouraged to apply for participation.

## **APPLICATION PROCESS, Eligibility, and Tournament Rules**

The application is an online process; go to [www.luthsports.org](http://www.luthsports.org). From the home page click the link to the Application site. Please familiarize yourself with our tournament and eligibility rules.

### **Application steps**

1. Complete team schedule on line as soon as you know that you are considering applying to the State tournament.
2. Update your game results regularly through **February 1, 2009 (11:59 P.M., web server time stamp)**
3. Complete and submit [School](#), [Team](#) and [Roster](#) information on the application site - **entered by February 1, 2009 (The application site will close at midnight on February 1, 2009)**
4. Mail entry fee (\$150.00) - **postmarked by February 1, 2009**. Make check payable to: Lutheran Sports Association of Illinois

Mail to:

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## **TOURNAMENT FORMAT**

The STATE 2009 Opening Ceremonies will begin on Friday, in Arlington Heights and Roselle at 10:00 A.M. and the first games will start at 10:30 A.M. Travel time will be taken into consideration as much as possible for teams traveling long distances. The format for the tournament weekend will be single elimination with a consolation bracket, assuring each team of playing a minimum of two games, with a maximum of four games. Every team will play one game on Friday and must be willing to play as early as 10:30 A.M. The final round of STATE 2009 (1st through 8th place and consolation championship) will be played on Sunday.

## **REGIONAL PLAY-IN GAMES**

All teams should keep **Monday, February 23rd** open for a play-in game See [www.luthsports.org](http://www.luthsports.org) for play-in format.

## **TOURNAMENT SITES, WORSHIP, and DANCE**

St. Peter, Arlington Heights will serve as Tournament Central for STATE 2009. Arlington Heights and Trinity, Roselle will serve as the Friday hosts. Tournament team pictures will be taken at St. Peter, Arlington Heights only on Friday. St. Paul, Mt. Prospect will also host tournament games on Saturday. Many schools in the state will provide STATE 2009 volunteers. Individuals interested in volunteering should contact the tournament committee. Concessions at all sites will be available during the tournament. The STATE 2009 Committee encourages attendance at the Saturday evening events. Worship is one of the highlights of the weekend. The LSA Board of Directors provides an opportunity for a Worship Service in Arlington Hts. GYM "A". Following Worship, a dance for all middle school students and a hospitality room for adults is provided at the HYATT.

## **HOUSING**

The Schaumburg Marriott will be the site of the STATE 2009 offices and more than 200 tournament rooms. The Woodfield Hyatt will serve as our second location, with over 150 tournament rooms. Both hotels have a wide variety of facilities, including an indoor pool, and a nightly room rate for participants, coaches and fans. All housing arrangements must be made

through the LSA website [www.luthsports.org](http://www.luthsports.org) click on basketball. We recommend that you submit your housing reservations early (before the team selection night and the play-in date). This will hold your reservations until after the selection process is complete.

## PROGRAM BOOK

STATE 2009 needs your support. Please read the materials included or at [www.luthsports.org](http://www.luthsports.org) and help the LSA by your participation. You are encouraged to include one or more ads in the STATE 2009 program book to show support for your team. Please send your ads early to insure their on time arrival. **Teams who send ads but are not selected for the final 16 teams can ask to have their ads removed and their money returned.**

## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

### Application Deadline February 1

Online Application, Season Summary, Entry fee

**No late applications will be accepted.**

You will be contacted to update your record before Selection Night.

### Selection Night February 16

The committee will select who is in, who is out, and who must play-in. You will be contacted no later than February 18 of your team's status.

### Advertising Deadline February 21

Teams not accepted or teams that lose a play-in game can have their ad removed from the book.

### Play-in Games February 23

Sites to be announced.

### Housing Deadline February 24

All arrangements must be made through housing chairman, Jim Kroll. The housing form is available online at [www.luthsports.org](http://www.luthsports.org). Send your list in early! **Do not wait** until after the selection process.

### Brackets released February 27

Tournament parings will be posted on the Lutheran Sports Association website and available for download. [www.luthsports.org](http://www.luthsports.org).

### STATE 2009 Tournament March 6 - March 8

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