

Lutheran Sports Association

November 2011

Dear Friends:

The 28th annual *Illinois Lutheran Basketball Tournament of Champions, STATE 2012*, will be held March 2 – March 4, 2012 in Arlington Heights, Crystal Lake, Lombard, and Roselle with play-in games being played Monday, February 20 (this is 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. 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 online as soon as you know that you are considering applying to the State Tournament.
2. Update your game results regularly through **February 1, 2012 (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, 2012 (The application site will close at 11:59 P.M. on February 1, 2012)**
4. Mail entry fee (**\$175.00**) - **postmarked by February 1, 2012.**
Make check payable to: Lutheran Sports Association of Illinois

Mail to:

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TOURNAMENT FORMAT

1. REGIONAL PLAY-IN GAMES All teams should keep **Monday, February 20, 2012** open for a play-in game. See www.luthsports.org for play-in format.
2. The STATE 2012 opening round of play will begin on Friday, in Arlington Heights and Roselle 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.
3. Second round games will be played on Saturday at Arlington Heights, Roselle, Lombard, and Crystal Lake.
4. Third round games will be played on Saturday at Arlington Heights, Roselle, and Lombard.
5. The final round of STATE 2012 (1st through 8th place and consolation championship) will be played on Sunday in Arlington Heights, Lombard, and Roselle.

CO-OP TEAMS

Teams wishing to participate in the LSA STATE 2012 basketball tournament as a Co-op team with another Lutheran school must submit a Co-op application by December 1, 2011. The rules for Co-op teams, along with the Co-op application form can be found on the LSA website www.luthsours.org under Co-op.

TOURNAMENT DETAILS and WORSHIP

St. Peter, Arlington Heights will serve as Tournament Central for STATE 2012. Tournament team pictures will be taken at St. Peter, Arlington Heights on Friday only. Many schools in the state will provide STATE 2012 volunteers. Individuals interested in volunteering should contact David Keller at dkeller@luthsports.org. Concessions at all sites will be available during the tournament. The LSA Board of Directors and 2012 STATE committee provide an opportunity for a Worship Service at St. Peter Arlington Heights Saturday evening at 8:15pm. Please plan to participate in worship with players and fans from around the state of Illinois.

HOUSING

The Schaumburg Marriott will be the site of the STATE 2012 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, 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 2012 needs your support. Please read the materials included or at www.luthsports.org and help the LSA by your participation. You are encouraged to include one or more ads in the STATE 2012 program book to show support for your team(s). 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.** All copy ready ads should be emailed to David Keller at dkeller@luthsports.org. The checks should be mailed to David Keller 1155 S. Ridge Arlington Hts, IL 60005.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Co-op Application Deadline December 1, 2011

Co-op application is available at www.luthsports.org under Co-op.

Application Deadline February 1, 2012 (11:59 P.M., web server time stamp)

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 13

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 17

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

Play-in Games February 20

Sites to be announced.

Housing Deadline February 17

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

Brackets released February 24

Tournament parings will be posted on the Lutheran Sports Association website and available for download. www.luthsports.org.

STATE 2012 Tournament March 2 - March 4

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