

**LUTHERAN SPORTS ASSOCIATION
OF ILLINOIS**

Serving the Lord's Young People Since 1975

January 12, 2012

Dear Friends in Christ,

The 2011-2012 basketball season is well under way and another exciting Illinois Lutheran Basketball Tournament of Champions is now being planned by the Lutheran Sports Association of Illinois. The 37th Annual STATE High School Basketball Tournament will be held on *February 24-26, 2012*. Games will be played at Christ Lutheran School in Peoria and Bethel Lutheran School in Morton. Please note that the tournament is being held two weeks earlier than in the recent past so as to avoid conflicts with spring high school sports and encourage participation.

THE WINNERS WILL BE CROWNED STATE CHAMPIONS OF 2012!

All Lutheran congregations in Illinois are eligible and we encourage all teams to apply for participation in the tournament. Please see the "Special Note – Rule Changes" on the second page of this e-mail concerning team and player eligibilities.

TOURNAMENT FORMAT

STATE 2012's field will consist of two divisions – High School Freshman/Sophomore and High School Varsity -- with up to sixteen teams in each division. Based upon the total of qualified applications for a division, each division will include between 6 and 16 teams. The final rounds will be played on Sunday, February 26. Each team will be assured a minimum of two games, since a consolation bracket will be included.

APPLICATIONS AND ENTRY FEES

All teams hoping to participate must return their application to the LSA, postmarked no later than Friday February 3, 2011, and include an entry check made payable to the Lutheran Sports Association of Illinois. The entry deadline will be strictly enforced. The entry fees are as follows: Freshman/Sophomore \$175.00, High School Varsity \$225.00. Teams will be notified of their acceptance no later than February 7, 2012, and entry fees will be returned if your team is not selected for the 2012 tournament field. Send your applications and entry fee to:

Dave Kinsinger, 102 Maple Ridge Drive, Morton, IL 61550-1122

TOURNAMENT APPLICATIONS AND RULES

The STATE 2012 Tournament of Champions' application and rules for all divisions is now available on our LSA Web Site at www.luthsports.org. Please complete the tournament application for your team(s) on the web site. If you are unable to access the application or rules, contact Dave Kinsinger immediately to obtain the forms. The deadline for the completed application and entry fees will be enforced. Please take the time to review the STATE rules as they may differ from your league or other tournament rules.

SPECIAL NOTE – RULE CHANGES: Please note in Rule 3.02 that teams in the High School Freshman-Sophomore Division are not required to be an established squad during the current basketball season. However, the teams must still comply with all player eligibility rules. Rule 4.02 has been modified to allow an additional non-member player to a non-combined team roster if the initial roster consists of fewer than ten players. Please refer to the Rule for further requirements to verify attempts of inviting participation on the team.

HOUSING

The Lutheran Sports Association has secured rooms at the following hotels for STATE 2012. Rule 9.03 requires all non-commuting participants to stay at the official STATE 2012 hotels. If you do not abide by Rules 9.03 this year, you and your team(s) will forfeit your eligibility to play at STATE 2013. The official hotels with pertinent information are as follows:

Jameson Inn & Suites
4112 North Brandywine Drive
Peoria, IL 61614
Phone: (309) 685-2556
FAX: (309) 685-6272

Baymont Inn & Suites
2002 West War Memorial Drive
Peoria, IL 61614
Phone: (309) 686-7600
FAX: (309) 686-0686

Super 8 - Peoria
1816 West War Memorial Drive
Peoria, IL 61614
Phone: (309) 688-8074
FAX: (309) 688-8284

25 Rooms
Room Rate: \$89.99 plus tax, per night
Cut off Date: Friday, February 10, 2012

15 Rooms
\$54.00 plus tax, per night
Friday, February 10, 2012

15 Rooms
\$59.00 plus tax, per night
Thursday, February 9, 2012

Best Western Ashland House
201 East Ashland Avenue
Morton, IL 61550
Phone: (309) 263-5116

15 Rooms
\$89.99 plus tax, per night
Friday, February 10, 2012

Everyone is encouraged to secure their room reservations as a block as soon as possible with the hotel. Reservations can be made by directly phoning the STATE 2012 hotels. Please note the cut-off dates for each hotel and make your reservations promptly. In case of any questions, please contact Dave Kinsinger.

PROGRAM BOOK ADVERTISING

The Lutheran Sports Association is now sponsoring their 37th annual tournament and would appreciate all efforts to help defray the tremendous costs of STATE 2012 through the sale of program book commercial and non-commercial advertisements, patron listings, and LSA memberships. Program advertisements provide a much-needed source of revenue to help overcome tournament costs, and they provide a means for businesses to show their support for the Lutheran Sports Association before the fans. Non-commercial ads can be placed by team boosters to congratulate their teams on their season as well. An ad format/price list sheet is included in this mailing for your use. If you wish previous program books or further information, please contact Dave Kinsinger at (309) 263-8117. The deadline for receipt of all advertising is Friday, February 10, 2012 and should be sent to Dave Kinsinger. Note: We would welcome any business or individual names included with the team application for us to contact concerning program book advertisement possibilities.

We hope to see you on February 24-26, 2012. It will be an exciting weekend! Come join us for athletic competition and Christian fellowship!

For further information contact: Dave Kinsinger Hm: (309) 263-8117 Wk: (309) 263-8922
E-mail: djknsngr@mtco.com

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(7 1/2" X 4 1/2")

Commercial Advertisement - \$150

Non-Commercial Advertisement - \$95

Back Cover - \$350

Inside Cover - \$250

HALF PAGE

(3 3/4" X 4 1/2")

Commercial Advertisement - \$95

Non-Commercial Advertisement - \$60

QUARTER PAGE

(1 7/8" X 4 1/2")

Commercial Advertisement - \$60

Non-Commercial Advertisement - \$40