

**2026 METRO LEAGUE
3A BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT BULLETIN**

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TOURNAMENT BRACKETS: (see bracket for specific game date, time and site)

[3A Boys Basketball Championship Tournament](#)

[3A Boys Basketball District Qualifier Tournament](#)

[3A Girls Basketball Championship Tournament](#)

[3A Girls Basketball District Qualifier Tournament](#)

ADVANCEMENT

- The top eight (8) Metro League schools advance to the Sea-King District Tournament
- The top six (6) Sea-King Tournament teams advance to the WIAA State Regional Tournament

ROSTERS

- Teams must update their rosters into WPA by Sunday, February 8th, 2026
 - Roster number is limited to 12 athletes: DO NOT DELETE REGULAR SEASON ROSTERS
 - Rosters are not locked during the duration of any tournament; if updated, then it is the responsibility of the school to have their latest post-season roster updated on WPA for game management: DO NOT DELETE REGULAR SEASON ROSTERS
 - Roster: “Make PDF” > Output Format: Standard > Varsity > Title: Metro Tournament

ADMISSION

▪ Ticket Overview

Tickets will only be available digitally via HomeTown. There are no cash sales at this event

▪ Ticket Prices

Adult/Student without ASB	\$11.00
Student (with ASB)	\$8.00
Student (K-8)	\$8.00
Senior Citizen (62 yrs +)	\$8.00

Championship Prices

Adult/Student without ASB	\$12.00
Student (with ASB)	\$9.00
Student (K-8)	\$9.00
Senior Citizen (62 yrs +)	\$9.00

Note: Estimated service charge included

PASS GATE

- Each participating school will submit a gate list – listing out managers, trainers, supervisors/administrators, school media/press, cheer coach(es), video, and statisticians- into WPA by Sunday, February 8th, 2026
 - Pass List: “Make PDF” > Output: Pass List

❖ **CHEER:** Cheerleaders of the participating schools in uniform will be admitted free at the pass gate only; they must be accompanied by an adult advisor for entry

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REMINDERS

- For post-season tournaments, only **6** cheerleaders can actively be on the floor
- See additional items under CHEER section of document
- ❖ **BAND:** Band members in uniform of participating schools with instruments will be admitted without charge as a group with their advisor at the pass gate only
- REMINDERS**
 - Schools planning to bring a band are to notify the site manager 48-hours before gametime
 - For the Championship games, contact (tadavis@seattleschools.org)
 - See additional items under BAND section of document
- ❖ **PRESS**
 - School photographer and school press (one each) should be on team's pass list. They will be admitted without charge at the pass gate with their League Identification visible.
 - A limited number of press seats will be available
 - See additional items under PRESS section of document
 - *Note: Entry not guaranteed if facility is at capacity*
- ❖ **SUPERVISION**
 - All schools are required to name and bring an administrator to post-season contests who actively monitors their fans and assists the site manager
 - The school administrator should enter via the Pass Gate at least 30-minutes prior to game-time and upon entry, meet with the site manager
 - See additional items under SUPERVISION section of document
- ❖ **ACCEPTED PASSES**
 - Current Year (25-26) Coaches' Association and Metro or WIAA Lifetime
 - *Note: Entry not guaranteed if facility is at capacity; School Staff Passes not accepted*

OFFICIAL TABLE

- The official announcer, scorebook, clock operator and 30-second timer will be furnished by game management.
- No one will be allowed at the officials table except the official timekeeper, scorekeeper, announcer, 30-second clock operator, and Tournament Manager

HOME TEAM AND UNIFORMS

- The higher seeded team on the tournament bracket will be the home team
- The home team will wear their WHITE uniform
- **Instruct your team to bring both uniforms**

PROTEST PROCEDURE

- A single games committee is assigned by the tournament manager for all Metro tournaments

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- Decisions involving the interpretation of a rule may be protested; however, a decision involving an official's judgment cannot be questioned
- A protest during a game situation must be announced to the officials working the game
- The protest must be decided upon before the game is allowed to continue. The Protest Committee should consult the coach(s) and officials involved as well as timers and/or scorers, if deemed necessary
- If an Athletic Director is from a school that is participating, he/she will not be involved in the protest hearing

SPORTSMANSHIP – VIOLENT CONDUCT POLICY

- The tournament adheres to the League By-Laws and WIAA Handbook for all tournament basketball games as per WIAA handbook rules and regulations
- Appeals may be submitted to the Tournament Manager and Executive Director of Athletics according to the WIAA protest procedure

CHEER

- Cheerleaders are to be located in front of their respective crowd on the side designated for their school; cheerleaders not on floor must be in stands and allow for unobstructed walking space
- The game floor must be kept clear at the end of each game; this includes any cheer program's entrance into the game
- Cheer battles are not allowed at any time during the Metro tournament

BANDS

- Schools planning to bring a band are to notify the Tournament Manager **48-hours before gametime to allow facility planning time**
- Band seating location will be designated by each site manager
- The bands from the designated home team will have the first option to play the National Anthem prior to the first game each day
- Band instruments are to be used for the playing of music under the direction of the conductor and not as noisemakers
- Bands are to cooperate with the opposing school by alternating turns of play
- Play only during time outs, dead balls, between periods
- Drums and other musical instruments must not be played while the ball is in play. Emphasis is placed on NOT starting play with less than 45 seconds on clock & must stop 20 seconds prior to start of play

PRE-GAME WARM UP

- The teams will be permitted to warm up on the playing floor a minimum of 20-minutes prior to the start of each game
- Teams playing in the first contest may get on the floor 30-minutes before the assigned starting time
- Teams are to warm up at the BASKET OPPOSITE their assigned bench

NATIONAL ANTHEM

- Played at first contest only each day by home team (if band not there, pledge may be recited).

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GAME PA ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Only announcements relating to the tournament will be permitted
- Announcements must be approved by the Tournament Manager
- All game starters will be introduced alternately, starting with the visiting team

HALFTIME ENTERTAINMENT

- All playoff games have a 10-minute halftime
- All halftime entertainment must be approved in advance by the Tournament Manager.
- Schools will be responsible for bringing their own music, audio adapters, extension cords, etc.
- Any entertainment must be completed, and the floor cleaned with no less than 3 minutes left in halftime
- Performing groups will be limited to 5-minutes of participation each championship game

SUPERVISION (CROWD REGULATIONS)

- Duties of Supervisory Personnel
 - This supervisor must report into the pass gate 30-minutes prior to the game time.
 - The primary responsibility of the supervisor is to coordinate with game management in supervising the student body sections and may also be asked to help with bag checks at entry
- School supervisory personnel will be contacted should any problems arise involving their school
- Make certain the adult supervisor is placed behind their team's bench
- All other supervisors must be in the stands; they are to ensure students wait until prior game ends before entering seating areas
- Artificial noisemakers will not be permitted in the gym (including cheerleaders' megaphones)
- Confetti and balloons will not be allowed in any gym; schools may be charged by the management with additional clean-up expenses
- **Spectators are to STAY OFF THE FLOOR AT ALL TIMES – including half-time and at conclusion of game**

PARKING

- Only bus parking for participating teams will be available; no other reserved parking available

SEATING/CAPACITY

- All other seating areas will be on a first-come first-serve basis in their designated school areas based on availability and capacity
- Visitors for Designated Home Team and Designated Visiting Team will be assigned on game day (Review posted notices and signage)
- All patrons agree to adhere to directions given by game day staff for safety (keeping aisles and walkways clear, notice regarding event capacity, etc.)

TOWELS

- Teams will need to provide their own towels

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LOCKER ROOMS

- Teams will be assigned locker rooms prior to the game (for dressing). Clear all items out of the rooms prior to game time
- The locker rooms will be restricted to the participating team's coaches, players, managers, and other authorized personnel
- Locker rooms will be available for use 30 minutes prior to the scheduled game

VALUABLES

- Teams will be responsible for their own valuables
- Do not leave any valuables unlocked in the locker room

TEAM BENCHES

- Team benches will be assigned each night: home team is the higher seed
- The team bench will be limited to the players (12), trainers, and coaches; managers can sit behind the bench

GAME BALLS

- The game ball will be furnished by the home team. The condition of the ball must be agreed upon with the officials
- Championship game ball will be furnished by Tournament Managers
- Each team is to provide own basketballs for warm-up

AWARDS

- **Metro All-League honor recipients will be honored between Championship games; these students should enter via the Pass Gate.** Again, only the All-League recipients will be admitted for half-time recognition (does not apply to teams/coaches not playing in the tournament or teammates of All-League recipients)
- All-Metro certificates will be sent to school Athletic Directors to hand out to their recipients
- Boys and Girls Metro championship trophy will be presented immediately following the game

PRACTICE SESSIONS

- No practice shall be allowed at the championship game tournament site

MEDICAL SERVICES

- Teams must provide their own trainer and supplies

STREAMING

- Only approved platforms pre-approved by the Tournament Manager are permitted
- NFHS has exclusive rights at all quarterfinal games hosted at SPS sites and championship games (SPU)

PRESS

- Press must sign in and always have their press identification visible
- All press must adhere to direction of site manager including placement during the game