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104th ANNUAL PIAA BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

MECHANICSBURG – The 2024 PIAA Basketball Championships are scheduled to be contested at the Giant Center in Hershey, PA starting Friday, March 21st, 2024, through Saturday, March 23rd, 2024. This is the 104th Annual PIAA Boys Basketball Championships and the 51st Annual PIAA Girls' Basketball Championship.

The first round saw 192 teams to kickoff championships on Friday, March 8th and Saturday, March 9th. Every team had their eyes on the prize, hoping to stay alive to play for a state title in the Giant Center March 21st through March 23rd. Now, just 24 teams will play in Chocolatetown for a state title.

HISTORY OF THE CHAMPIONSHIPS

The inaugural season for boys' basketball was in 1920; crowning Harrisburg Tech as the PIAA Champion at the Penn State Armory in State College. There was a single classification, 3A, in the sport for 24 years. In 1945, boys' basketball was separated into two classes, A and B. McAdoo High School won the first 2A championship. However, the two classifications only lasted five years. With the rapid growth of the sport, PIAA needed another classification. Boys' basketball become three classifications in 1948: A, B, and C.

The first PIAA Girls' Basketball Championships was held in 1973 at the Farm Show Arena, as class A. The girls quickly grew to another classification in 1976. That year was the inaugural year for what we know of the classifications to be today, 2A and 3A. Then, two years later, basketball grew to three classifications with the addition of 1A in 1978.

Boys and girls both added another classification in 1984, having four classifications each. The last expansion for classifications happened in 2017. That was the first year for six classifications for each gender.

The boys' championship has been hosted at a plethora of sites around the Keystone State, up until 1967. Since 1967, the championships have been home to five sites: the Civic Arena, Farm Show Arena, Hershey

Park Arena, Bryce Jordan Center, and Giant Center. Hershey, Pa has been home to the PIAA Basketball Championships from 1976-78 then 1980-2006 then again from 2013-to present.

Below is a list of the PIAA Basketball Championship sites:

- Hersheypark Arena, Hershey (28)
- Farm Show Arena, Harrisburg (14)
- Palestra, University of Pennsylvania (21)
- Penn State Armory, Penn State University (11)
- Giant Center, Hershey (10)
- Bryce Jordan Center, Penn State University (6)
- Albright College, Reading (6)
- Pavilion, Pittsburgh (5)
- Westminster College, New Wilmington (4)
- Convention Hall, Philadelphia (4)
- Rockne Hall, Allentown (4)
- Civic Arena, Pittsburgh (4)
- Pitt Stadium, University of Pittsburgh (3)
- Pitt Field House, Pittsburgh
- Juniata College, Huntingdon (2)
- Catholic Youth Center, Scranton (2)
- Bucknell University, Lewisburg (2)
- Kingston Armory, Kingston (1)
- J.P. McCaskey High School, Lancaster (1)
- Farrell High School, Farrell (1)
- Lebanon High School, Lebanon (1)
- Radnor High School, Radnor (1)
- Pottsville (1)
- New Castle High School, New Castle (1)
- Bethlehem (1)

2023 Results

Girls

1A: Union Area def. Lourdes Regional, 46-29
2A: Kennedy Catholic def. Homer Center, 65-45
3A: Dunmore def. River Valley, 42-30
4A: Lansdale Catholic def. Blackhawk, 53-45
5A: Archbishop Wood def. South Fayette, 61-54
6A: Archbishop Carroll def. Cedar Cliff, 43-37

Boys

Imani Christian def. Berlin Brothersvalley, 81-64
Lancaster Mennonite def. Alliquippa, 60-44
West Catholic def. Deer Lakes, 83-55
Lincoln Park def. Neumann Goretti, 62-58
Imhotep Charter def. Exeter, 78-40
Reading def. Roman Catholic, 63-56 OT

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To see the lay out of the Giant Center and where the media working area is:
<http://www.piaa.org/assets/web/documents/2024%20BBALL%20MEDIA%20ROW.png>

Championship Brackets: http://www.piaa.org/sports/championship_details.aspx?sport=basketball

For a full list of any previous championship results, follow this link:
<http://www.piaa.org/news/details.aspx?ID=3095>

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