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105th ANNUAL PIAA BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

MECHANICSBURG – The 2025 PIAA Basketball Championships are scheduled to be contested at the Giant Center in Hershey, PA starting Thursday, March 27th, 2025, through Saturday, March 29th, 2025. This is the 105th Annual PIAA Boys Basketball Championships and the 52nd Annual PIAA Girls' Basketball Championship.

The first round saw 384 teams play in 192 games to kickoff championships on Friday, March 7th and Saturday, March 8th. Every team had their eyes on the prize, hoping to stay alive to play for a state title in the Giant Center March 27th through March 29th. Now, just 24 teams will play in Chocolatetown for a state title.

The PIAA Championships kickoff Thursday morning with the Special Olympics of Pennsylvania Unified Bocce Championships. Eight teams vying for a title: Bald Eagle Area HS, Blackhawk HS, Downingtown East HS, Meadville Area HS, Palmyra HS, Salisbury HS, South Park HS and Sun Valley HS. The Bocce Championships will begin at 9 a.m.

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 (29)
- Farm Show Arena, Harrisburg (14)
- Palestra, University of Pennsylvania (21)
- Penn State Armory, Penn State University (11)
- Giant Center, Hershey (15)
- 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)

2025 Results

Girls

1A: Bishop Guilfoyle def. Mt. View, 35-17
2A: Kennedy Catholic def. Marion Center, 42-40
3A: Lancaster Catholic def. Westmont Hilltop, 56-39
4A: Blackhawk def. Scranton Prep, 56-44
5A: Archbishop Wood def. Cathedral Prep, 37-27
6A: Cardinal O'Hara def. Spring-Ford, 42-26

Boys

Imani Christian def. Berlin Brothersvalley, 79-52
Aliquippa def. Holy Cross, 74-52
Devon Prep def. Franklin Area, 60-56
Lincoln Park def. Archbishop Carroll, 80-50
Imhotep Charter def. Franklin Regional, 59-48
Central York def. Parkland, 53-51

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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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