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106th ANNUAL PIAA BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

MECHANICSBURG – The 2025-26 PIAA Basketball Championships are scheduled to be contested at the Giant Center in Hershey, PA starting Thursday, March 19th, through Saturday, March 21st, 2026. This is the 106th Annual PIAA Boys Basketball Championships and the 53rd Annual PIAA Girls' Basketball Championships.

The first round saw 384 teams play in 192 games to kick off the championships on Friday, March 6th and Saturday, March 7th. Every team had their eyes on the prize, hoping to stay alive to play for a state title in the Giant Center March 19th through March 21st. 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. The first Bocce Championships were held in 2015. Blackhawk HS looks to defend their 2025 Bocce Championship title as these eight teams are set to compete: Bald Eagle Area HS, Bristol HS, Blackhawk HS, Chartiers Valley HS, Clarion Area HS, Haverford HS, Schuylkill Haven HS and Shippensburg HS. The Bocce Championships will begin at 9 a.m. Fans are welcome to attend or watch the action live on PCN: [Bocce Media Release](#).

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 were held in 1973 at the Farm Show Arena in Harrisburg, 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 increased 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 (30)
- 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, Huntington (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)

2024-25 Basketball Championship Results

Girls

1A: Bishop Guilfoyle def. Linville Hill, 53-34

2A: Berlin Brothersvalley def. Bishop McCort, 62-50

3A: Loyalsock Township def. Shady Side Academy, 55-43

4A: Neumann Goretti def. Lansdale Catholic, 48-45

5A: South Fayette def. Archbishop Wood, 45-37

6A: Perkiomen Valley def. Upper St. Clair, 58-27

Boys

1A: Neighborhood Academy def. Sankofa Freedom Academy, 60-51

2A: Linville Hill def. Sewickley Academy, 55-54

3A: West Catholic def. South Allegheny, 60-51

4A: Devon Prep def. Berks Catholic, 55-39

5A: Neumann Goretti def. Hershey, 85-71

6A: Father Judge def. Roman Catholic, 71-60

Bocce Champions

2025: Blackhawk

2024: Peters Township

2023: St. Marys Area

2022: WC Henderson, Mifflin County & Grove City

2020-21: *No Championships*

2019: Bald Eagle Area

2018: North Penn

2017: Elizabeth Forward & Rochester

2016: Baldwin

2015: Elizabeth Forward

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