



MEDIA ADVISORY

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DC STATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION HOSTS STATE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

WHAT/WHO: The high-school basketball teams of DC public schools, public charter schools, private schools, parochial and independent schools will compete in the District of Columbia State Athletic Association (DCSAA) Boys and Girls Basketball State Tournaments. Teams were seeded on regular season record and the record of their opponents.

WHEN: Thursday, February 27, 2014 – Thursday, March 6, 2014
See attached tournament schedule for more information.

First-round games will be hosted by the higher-seeded team on Thursday, February 27.
Quarterfinal games will be hosted by the higher-seeded team on Friday, February 28.
Semifinal games will be played Sunday, March 2 at American University's Bender Arena.
The championship games will be played on Thursday, March 6 at Verizon Center.

BACKGROUND: The St. John's Cadets are the top seed in each 12-team tournament. In each 12-team bracket, the top four seeds receiving byes consist of one Catholic school, one private school, one public charter school and one public school. The boys' field consists of teams from the D.C. Interscholastic Athletic Association, the Public Charter School Athletic Association, the Interstate Athletic Conference and the Washington Catholic Athletic Conference. The girls' field consists of teams from the D.C. Interscholastic Athletic Association, the Independent School League, the Public Charter School Athletic Association and the Washington Catholic Athletic Conference.

The District's public, private, parochial, independent, and charter school sports teams have the opportunity to compete against each other as a result of DCSAA's formation in early 2012 by Mayor Vincent C. Gray and the Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE).

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About the District of Columbia State Athletic Association

The mission of the District of Columbia State Athletics Association (DCSAA) is to serve member schools and the maximum number of their student-athletes by providing leadership and support for interscholastic athletic programming that will enrich the education experiences of all participants.

The DCSAA will preserve and promote the educational significance of interscholastic athletics by:

- Providing for fair competition between member schools;
- Promoting sportsmanship and ethical behavior;
- Establishing and enforcing standards of conduct for student-athletes, coaches, administrators, officials and spectators;
- Protecting the physical well-being of student-athletes and promoting healthy adolescent lifestyles; and
- Promoting participation of female and disabled students on member teams.