



PRE-HOLIDAY & HOLIDAY

BASKETBALL TOURNAMENTS

ORLANDO, FLORIDA 2024



Thank you for participating in the 2024 KSA Events Basketball Tournaments in Orlando, Florida. Each year hundreds of high school basketball teams join us in Central Florida to compete in the largest high school sanctioned basketball tournament in the country. This year, schools from across the country will have the opportunity to travel, compete and create life-long memories at this very special event.

With such a diverse group of athletes, KSA Events has strived to work with each team to incorporate their individual goals into their travel experience. From team bonding to educational experiences, the goal of KSA Events is to always provide learning and growth opportunities to student athletes on and off the courts.

As part of this commitment to the personal growth of student athletes, KSA Events has once again distributed over 250 scholarships to participating seniors throughout all of our programs for the 2024 school year. Book scholarships are assigned to each participating school for one senior, with the opportunity for these students to then enter an essay for additional scholarships. This year, our individual sports scholarships ranged from \$1,000 to \$5,000 for each essay winner to assist in their continuing education.

As we look toward the future, KSA Events commits to continuously evolve, keeping all of these key values at the core of what we do. With exciting new destinations, exclusive team bonding opportunities, and entertaining educational experiences, we promise that our 2024-2025 programming will continue to provide everything that you have come to expect from KSA Events.

Thank you again for participating in what we hope will be a game-changing experience for your team!

Sincerely,

Kelly Hayes
Executive Director
KSA Events

2024 KSA Events Basketball Tournaments Schedule and Tournament Champion

This section includes the schedule for the 2024 KSA Events Basketball Tournaments in Central Florida. Please use the schedule as a reference for your game times and dates. Please notice that times vary from day to day and from bracket to bracket. While this was done to make your tournament check-in and transportation as smooth as possible, we remind you to check your game times carefully. In all games, the **team on the top of the bracket** will be designated the **visiting team wearing dark uniforms** and the **team on the bottom of the bracket** will be designated the **home team wearing light uniforms**.

Please be aware that many factors must be taken into account when bracketing teams from multiple states. These include size requirements for first round match-ups and other rules that vary from state to state. Additionally, once match-ups are determined, their location within the bracket is sometimes changed to accommodate travel schedules. This information is provided to let all coaches know that the bracket being seen may not indicate actual team rankings within the bracket.

The KSA Events Basketball Tournament may utilize two types of brackets. The first type of bracket is a single elimination eight-team format. With full play-outs to 8th place, each team is guaranteed three games. Due to the overwhelming requests to participate in the tournament, we may also be utilizing a four-team round robin bracket, also with a guarantee of three games.

In all brackets, a champion plaque will be awarded. The eight-team bracket will use a standard single elimination format to determine place finishers. The round robin bracket place finishers will be determined by a progressive list of factors. Starting with overall record, any ties between teams in a category will be carried to the next category. (Carries to categories will only be applied to the tied teams.) These categories are listed below in order of application:

1. Overall Record
2. Head to Head Match-Up
3. Total defensive points allowed
4. Total offensive points scored

KSA EVENTS PRE - HOLIDAY BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT COMPETITION DATES

Thurs, December 19 - Sat, December 21, 2024

Pre-Holiday Games will be held at Gaylord Palms Resort and Convention Center located at 6000 West Osceola Parkway Kissimmee, FL 34746

KSA EVENTS HOLIDAY BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT COMPETITION DATES

Fri, December 27 - Mon, December 30, 2024

Holiday Games will be held at Gaylord Palms Resort and Convention Center located at 6000 West Osceola Parkway Kissimmee, FL 34746

SANCTIONING

The "NFHS APPLICATION FOR SANCTION OF INTERSTATE ATHLETIC EVENT" is filed in October with the Florida High School Activities Association. After approval, the form is forwarded to your State Associations for Sanctioning approval. In some cases, states have still not received a copy of this approved form. For that reason the NFHS has provided a link on their website (www.nfhs.org) to download a copy of this form. Start by clicking on the Sports tab and then scrolling down to and clicking on the Sanctioning tab. This will enable you to view the current Sanctioned states and also download a copy of the approval form.

KSA Events uses the NFHS Standardized Sanctioned Form for all sporting events. The form however, does not supersede any scheduling forms or other documents that your state association may require to be filed. If any such paperwork is necessary, it is still the responsibility of each school to complete such paperwork directly with your State Association.

GAME PROVISIONS

Court Surface:

- Parquet Wood flooring

Basketballs:

- Appropriate game balls will be provided for all practices and games
- Warm up balls and racks will be provided.

Sidelines:

- Chairs and standard court accommodations are provided for all courts
- Water is located directly on the bench and squirt bottles should be brought if desired.
- Injury ice bags and ice will be provided upon request.
- Squirt bottles and/or sports drinks (i.e. Gatorade or PowerAde) **are not** provided for use, however, each team may provide their own. Teams cannot bring Sports Drink Powder Mix to stir into water coolers

Medical and Injury Provisions:

- A full training staff and treatment area will be available for taping and other treatment purposes
- A staff of Certified Athletic Trainers will be on hand to assist all teams participating in the tournament. This staff is not assigned to individual teams, but they are available for all participants needed.
- ***In any event, disposable items such as tape or pre-wrap will not be provided and should be supplied by each team for their players***
- Individuals can purchase a "tape kit" for a small fee
- Trainers will be stationed at a designated area near the courts for all practices and games.
- An ambulance and Emergency Medical Personnel will be on call for all games
- If an individual needs to go to the hospital, the medical trainers will call an ambulance to transport the athlete. An adult must go with child to Sand Lake Hospital less than 2 miles from the Orange County Convention Center.

Locker Rooms:

- Due to the nature of the tournament, we request that all teams arrive dressed in uniform
- Locker rooms **Will Not** be available for teams at the Orange County Convention Center due to the size of the tournament

Laundry Facilities:

- Coin-operated laundry facilities are available at some hotels. **NOT ALL RESORTS HAVE LAUNDRY FACILITIES**
- It is suggested that each team bring their own laundry detergent due to on-site costs
- ***Remember, teams should bring both light and dark uniforms for use during the tournament and to each game regardless of what color you are scheduled to wear.***

RULES AND OFFICIALS

All officials will be registered to referee high school basketball games through the Florida High School Activities Association. Florida High School Activities Association (FHSAA)/National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) rules of play will be used for all games.

As each state may have slightly different rules interpretations, the following rule points are noted as the main rule differences you may encounter:

1. Each team will be given a fifteen-minute (Time Dependent) warm-up period following the end of the game that precedes them. (In effort to keep games on time teams should also utilize open areas to be warmed up prior to the scheduled game start)
2. Games will start at the scheduled start time and not earlier to accommodate any spectators that have purchased tickets to see the games.
3. A coach's box will be designated on the sideline in front of each team bench. The head coach will be allowed to stand at all times within this box. Should the coach or bench receive a technical foul, the coach will be required to sit for the remainder of that game.
4. Play will consist of four 8-minute quarters (Not halves).
5. Coaches can call time-outs from the bench.
6. Each team is allowed three (3) full time-outs and two (2) 20-second time-outs total across the entire game.
7. There is no shot clock.
8. The offensive player in possession of the ball is limited to hold the ball for a five-second count once a defender approaches. Prior to the five-second count, the offender must either dribble, shoot, or pass the ball. The same offender is also only allowed a five-second count while dribbling to either shoot, pass, or hold the ball. If they hold the ball, the same offender is allowed another five-second count before they either must shoot or pass the ball. (My apologies for any problems with the wording in this rule description. In short, most coaches would describe this as the offensive player being allowed a 5 second hold/a 5 second dribble/and a 5 second hold once a defender approaches).
9. Cheerleaders must remain in their seats along the sidelines at all times when the ball is alive or when the game is in progress.

Pre Holiday & Holiday Tournaments will be held at:

Gaylord Palms Resort and Convention Center
6000 West Osceola Parkway Kissimmee, FL 34746

Parking is available at the Gaylord Palms Resort and there is a fee of \$30.

KSA Events guests staying at the host resorts will be provided with transportation credentials to gain access to the shuttle buses that are on a constant loop between the resorts and sports complex.

Admission Costs

Athletes/Coaches/Managers – Free

- Providing that they complete the “*KSA Events Sports Waiver and Permission Form*” (This is a Waiver Form, Minor or Adult, that the Tournament Director will send to you separately)

KSA Events Registered Spectators – Free

- KSA Events Spectators that purchased a land package with KSA Events will receive an admission ticket to the Orange County Convention Center for the length of the event as part of their travel package.

Guests not booked with KSA Events – \$\$

- Spectators that did not book a land package with KSA Events will need to purchase an Event Admission Ticket online at www.KSAEvents.com or at the Convention Center.
- \$45.00 per day for Adults (Ages 10+) or \$125 for the length of event
- Ages 9 and under are free

CREDENTIAL/ WAIVER FORM

In our events held around the country, each facility that we use requires a different waiver for participation. In Orlando, the attached waiver forms, titled "KSA Events Waiver and Permission Form" must be completed by all participants, coaches, and/or team administrators prior to admission into *Orange County Convention Center*. As you will notice, there are two forms, one for minors and one for adults. Please distribute accordingly, as the "Minor" forms require an adult signature. (Either form may be copied as necessary.) Waiver forms do **not** need to be notarized.

Important- No participant or school affiliate will be allowed to enter complex locker or training facilities, step onto the court of play, or participate in any activity unless they submit a completed waiver form.

Waivers are completed digitally at <https://ksaevents.secure.force.com/waiver>. Each team will have a specific web code to be able to complete the waiver. Waivers will not submit unless all fields are completed and the appropriate web code is entered.

Florida Participants that are not staying at the resort will register at the Convention Center on their first day of competition or have the waivers completed digitally prior to arrival. Team Registration will take place at the Convention Center on the first day of competition.

Should you have any questions regarding this process, please do not hesitate to call our office.