

Boys' 2013-2014 COUNTRY Financial Three-Point Showdown Participant Instructions

As a participant in the COUNTRY Financial Three-Point Showdown, we ask that you please review these instructions with your coach and family. We also would ask you to email a head and shoulder photo to be included in the official Boys' Basketball State Final Program. Please note the information and deadline for photos to be emailed to the IHSA Office below. You may want to email your photo prior to actually qualifying for the competition. If you have any question afterwards, please contact Associate Executive Director Kurt Gibson or Coordinator of Special Programs, Kayode Adegoke at the IHSA Office.

For the twenty-third time in the history of boys' basketball, as many as 256 more students will have the opportunity to come to the Peoria Civic Center at Carver Arena and experience a special part of **America's Original March Madness**. We hope you will learn from your competitive experience, and we hope you will have some fun doing it.

Photo Deadlines:

Class 1A and 2A Three-Point – Saturday, March 8, 2014

Class 3A and 4A Three-Point – Saturday, March 15, 2014

Please use the following guidelines when emailing your photo: Save the file with a .JPG or .TIF extension. In the subject area of the email, **please include the participant's name and school**. This is very important as we will receive a large number of photos. Please email your photo to: kadegoke@ihsa.org

General Information: The Peoria Civic Center is located in downtown Peoria at 201 S.W. Jefferson (corner of Fulton and Jefferson Streets) Phone (309) 673-8900.

Class 1A and 2A Dates of Competition: Preliminaries for Class 1A and Class 2A in the COUNTRY Financial Three-Point Showdown will be conducted Thursday, March 13, 2014, at Carver Arena in the Peoria Civic Center. The Class 1A and 2A preliminaries are scheduled to begin at 5:00 p.m. with a group photo scheduled at 4:30 p.m. Four contestants in the Class 1A and four contestants in the Class 2A portions of the Three-Point Shooting Competition will qualify for Class 1A and Class 2A Finals on Friday March 14, 2014. The Class 1A and Class 2A champions will compete on Saturday, March 22, 2014, for **King Of The Hill** honors.

Class 3A and 4A Dates of Competition: Preliminaries for Class 3A and Class 4A in the COUNTRY Financial Three-Point Showdown will be conducted Thursday, March 20, 2014, at Carver Arena in the Peoria Civic Center. The Class 3A and 4A preliminaries are scheduled to begin at 5:00 p.m. with a group photo scheduled at 4:30 p.m. Four contestants in the Class 3A portion and four contestants in the Class 4A portion of the Three-Point Shooting Competition will qualify for Class 3A and Class 4A Finals on Friday, March 21, 2014. The Class 1A, 2A, 3A and 4A champions in each event will then compete on Saturday, March 22, 2014, for **King Of The Hill** honors.

Transportation: It is the responsibility of each contestant to arrange for transportation to and from Carver Arena. On Thursday, March 13 and Thursday, March 20, contestants should park in any available lot near the Civic Center.

Lodging: Rooms will only be provided by the IHSA Office, (at the 4 Points Sheraton Hotel, 500 Hamilton Blvd, Peoria, IL 61602) to the **four finalists** who qualify on Thursday, March 13 for Class 1A and 2A and Thursday, March 20 for Class 3A and 4A in the Three-Point Contest. **Contestants who do not qualify for the Finals of the Three-Point Contest on Thursday, March 13 for Class 1A and 2A and Thursday, March 20 for Class 3A and 4A will be responsible for their own lodging, and rooms will not be available through the IHSA Office.** Each finalist using a room must be accompanied by an adult who registers for the room. These rooms will be available for Class 1A and 2A contestants Thursday night (March 13) and Class 3A and 4A contestants Thursday night (March 20). Finalists are not obligated to use housing provided through the IHSA Office.

Schedule For Thursday Preliminaries

Class 1A and 2A – March 13
Class 3A and 4A – March 20

3:30-4:15 p.m. – All contestants are to report to Carver Arena at the Civic Center. Immediately upon entering Carver Arena, report to IHSA staff at tables on the concourse inside Carver Arena to pick up your Contestant Packet.

The Contestant Packet will contain a Participant Pass for the shooter, meal pass and other material. Packets will be given only to properly identified contestants.

3:45-4:15 p.m. – Contestants may warm-up on the Caterpillar or Ameren Illinois Courts in the March Madness Experience, located in the Peoria Civic Center Exhibit Hall adjacent to the Carver Arena.

4:30 p.m. – Contestants in the Three-Point Shooting competition must assemble on the Carver Arena floor in uniform for the required group photo. Enter the Carver Arena floor through the seating area.

4:35 p.m. – Three-Point Shooter Group Photo on the Carver Arena Floor (Mandatory for all Contestants)

4:40 p.m. (Approx.) – Group Photo of all Three-Point Shooting Judges on the Carver Arena Floor (Mandatory for All Judges)

Information on ordering group photos will be included in each contestant packet.

4:55 p.m. (Approx.) – Warm-ups begin for Class 1A and 2A Three-Point Shooting Groups No. 1 and No. 2 on Carver Arena Floor.

5:00 p.m. – Preliminary Round Three-Point Shooting in Carver Arena begins

5:55 p.m. (Approx.) – Preliminary Round Three-Point Shooting in Carver Arena ends

Contestant Meal: Three-Point Shooters may pick up their meal at Stand 9 behind Section 18 anytime between 5:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. The meal includes a pork burger sandwich, chips, gourmet cookie and medium drink.

Contestant Ticket/Required Floor Pass: Each qualifier for the **COUNTRY Financial** Preliminaries will receive one (1) Boys' Basketball Participant Standing Room Only Tag to the respective Boys' Basketball Tournament. It is to be used for admission to Carver Arena on Friday and Saturday. Thursday after the completion of the preliminaries, the finalists will receive two (2) additional Boys' Basketball Three-Point Shooting Participant Standing Room Only Tags for their respective class. The contestant will need to use the Participant Tag on Friday for getting to and from the arena floor at the appropriate time.

Tickets For Others: The preliminary competition on Thursday, March 13, and Thursday, March 20, is free to everyone. In order to see the games of the tournament Friday and/or Saturday, or the Three-Point Competition Friday, a ticket of admission for the tournament will be required. It is anticipated each session will be sold out. If tickets are available, they will be on sale at the Civic Center box office prior to each session.

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Contestant Uniforms: All contestants shall wear their official school team uniform, which shall be uniform jersey and shorts. Uniform color shall be at the discretion of the participant. Contestants who appear at the competition not in school uniform, shall be disqualified from the contest. A dressing room will be available and is located on the Arena floor level on the West side of the building behind the stands where the scorer's table is located.

Personal Belongings: It is the responsibility of each contestant to make sure personal belongings are secure. We recommend contestants give them to a person (coach/parent) for safe keeping while competing. Neither the Civic Center nor IHSA will be responsible for your personal belongings. Shower facilities following each competition will be available. Contestants must bring their own soap and towel.

Class 1A Schedule of Competition: Three-Point Shooting Preliminaries begin at 5:00 p.m. On Friday, March 14, the four Class 1A finalists for the Three-Point Showdown are scheduled to warm-up on Center Court of March Madness Experience Exhibit Hall from 1:15 p.m. -1:30 p.m. The Class 1A finals of the Three-Point Shooting Contest will take place between the Class 1A Semifinal Games at approximately 1:45 p.m.

Class 2A Schedule of Competition: Three-Point Shooting Preliminaries begin at 5:00 p.m. On Friday, March 14, the four Class 2A finalists for the Three-Point Showdown Contest are scheduled to warm-up on Center Court of March Madness Experience Exhibit Hall from 7:30 p.m.-7:45 p.m. The Class 2A finals of the Three-Point Shooting Contest will take place between the Class 2A Semifinal Games at approximately 8:00 p.m.

Class 3A Schedule of Competition: Three-Point Shooting Preliminaries begin at 5:00 p.m. On Friday, March 21, the four Class 3A finalists for the Three-Point Showdown Contest are scheduled to warm-up on Center Court of March Madness Experience Exhibit Hall from 1:15 p.m.-1:30 p.m. The Class 3A finals of the Three-Point Shooting Contest will take place between the Class 3A Semifinal Games at approximately 1:45 p.m.

Class 4A Schedule of Competition: Three-Point Shooting Preliminaries begin at 5:00 p.m. On Friday, March 21, the four Class 4A finalists for the Three-Point Showdown Contest are scheduled to warm-up on Center Court of March Madness Experience Exhibit Hall from 7:30 p.m.-7:45 p.m. The Class 4A finals of the Three-Point Shooting Contest will take place between the Class 4A Semifinal Games at approximately 8:00 p.m.

On Saturday, March 22, the Three-Point King of the Hill competition is scheduled for approximately 1:45 p.m.

Results of Competition: Complete results will be posted on the IHSA web site after each different competition each day.

Required Press Interviews: The four qualifiers will be required to participate in an interview session with the press immediately following the conclusion of their preliminaries. The Press Interview Room is located on the east side lower level behind Section 1. Any other participant Thursday night may be interviewed with the media on the arena floor after the event competition. The media has been given the same instructions. On Friday, the four finalists are required to participate in a press conference immediately following the conclusion of their competition. The four finalists Saturday night also will be required to partici-

pate in a press conference following completion of the **King Of The Hill** event. All formal press conferences will take place in the Press Interview Room. Your coaches are most welcome to join you for any and all of the formal press conferences. The King of the Hill competitors will also be interviewed on the court as part of the state tournament telecast following the conclusion of their competition Saturday.

Trophy Presentations:

(1) Plaques will be presented to the three finalists for Class 1A, 2A, 3A and 4A in the Three-Point Shooting Contest who do not advance to the King of the Hill competition.

(2) Plaques will be presented to the winners of the overall competition between the respective Class 1A, 2A, 3A and 4A winners in the Three-Point Shooting Contest.

(3) A King of the Hill champion award will be presented to winner of the overall competition between the respective Class 1A, 2A, 3A and 4A winners in the Three-Point Shooting Contest.

Autograph Session(s): The four contestants who qualify for the finals in the Three-Point Shooting Contest are to report in their warm-up uniform to the IHSA Store at the March Madness Experience in the Exhibit Hall (adjacent to Carver Arena) at 11:00 a.m. Friday, March 14, and Friday, March 21, for instructions concerning the autograph session involving them.

Use of Photos: Photographs supplied to the IHSA Office in advance by each contestant in the shooting competition will be used in the Official Program.