



2024-2025 IHSA Girls Badminton State Finals

On behalf of the Illinois High School Association Board of Directors, the Badminton Advisory Committee, and IHSA member schools, it is my pleasure to congratulate you for qualifying for the 2024-25 IHSA Girls Badminton State Finals. It is our hope that you are able to enjoy the tournament, and we appreciate all of the work that you have done to make it to state. No other state in the country conducts interscholastic competition for schools like we do here in Illinois, and we are thrilled that you are able to be a part of the opportunity.

A special welcome and congratulations are extended to all the participants of this year's state tournament. You should be commended for your hard work, practice and dedication which have enabled you and your school to achieve success. I also want to welcome and congratulate the coaches of all of our competing schools who have trained and prepared these students to reach this level of performance. Here students have a chance to demonstrate the fruits of their hard work and dedication. As a participant you proudly represent your families, schools and communities in a very visible forum. Thank you for exhibiting what is best in the youth of our society.

The IHSA believes that interscholastic activities enrich the educational experience. Regardless of the outcome of events, we ask that you do your best and strive to display the best in sportsmanship and embrace all that can be learned through your performance. You have spent many long hours preparing and we wish you the very best and hope you enjoy your time at the IHSA Girls Badminton State Finals. You should be able to find in this communication the information necessary to make your trip to State as smooth as possible. Feel free to call the IHSA office if you have any questions. Thank you for your support of IHSA and for being a part of the IHSA State Final experience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stacey Lambert". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Stacey Lambert
Assistant Executive Director
Illinois High School Association



General Pre-Tournament Information

Dates and Place: The IHSA Girls State Final Badminton Tournament will be held at DeKalb High School, Dekalb, Illinois on Friday, May 16 and Saturday, May 17, 2025. Peter Goff will serve as State Final Manager.

IHSA and Dekalb High School Contact Information: -

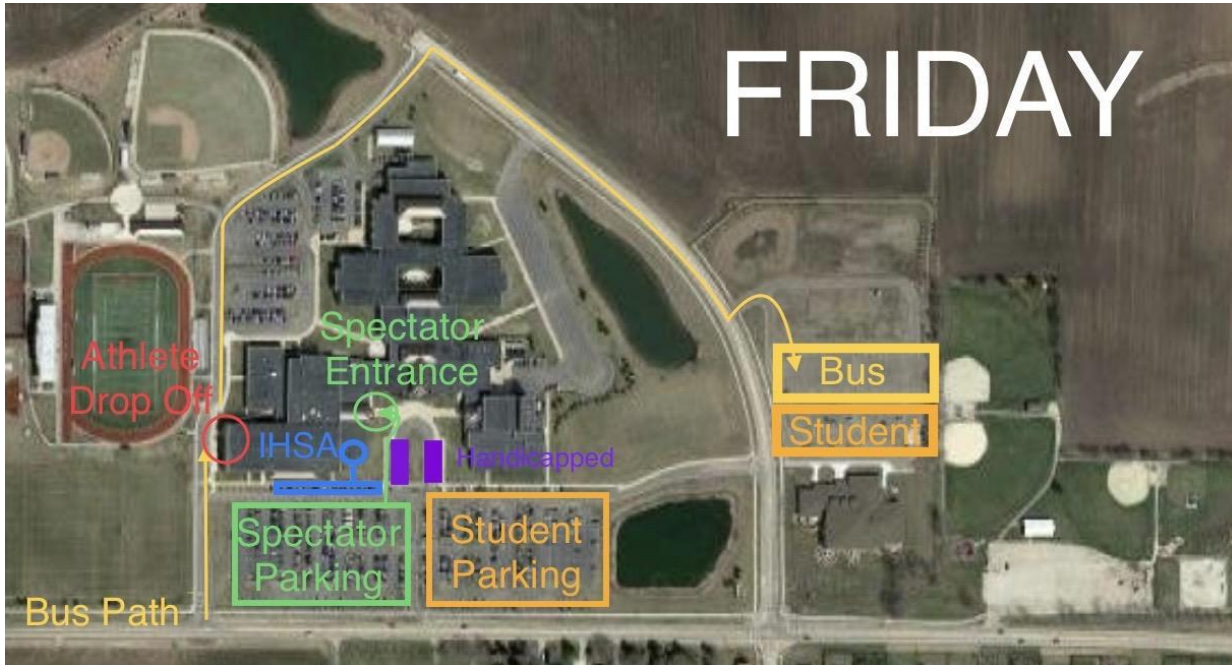
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Parking:

Thursday: All minis can park anywhere in the east or west primary lots. Coaches and athletes will enter through the main athletic entrance (door #38).



Friday: The west primary parking lot will be reserved for spectators all day, with special reserved spots for IHSA personnel. The east primary parking lot will be available after noon. All spectators will enter through the main athletic entrance (door #38). All minis and buses will drop off athletes at door #33, then circle around the building to park in the neighboring parking lot. A volunteer shuttle service will transport coaches/drivers to and from the field house from the neighboring parking lot.



Saturday: Both east and west primary parking lots are available for spectators. All spectators will enter through the main athletic entrance (door #38). All minis will park in the north lot. Coaches and athletes will enter through door #27.





Coaches Information

Warm-up Time: Friday warm up assignments are posted on the IHSAs website. There will be no sign ups for Saturday. We will be utilizing 16 total courts on Friday, all of them in the field house. We will use 8 courts in the Fieldhouse on Saturday leading up to the medal matches.

Time Schedule: There will be an opening ceremony this year. Teams will be issued command strips for fastening their banners to the walls of the field house in designated areas.

Entrance: On Friday, athletes will be dropped off at door #33 on the west side of the building. Spectators will always enter through the main athletic entrance (door #38) on the south side of the building.

School Packets: School packets can be picked up Thursday afternoon starting at 3:45pm or Friday after 7:30am.

Team Passes: Passes will be issued based on the sectional qualifiers. If a school has 1 qualifying individual, they shall receive 1 extra pass for a female warm-up partner.

Schools can receive up to 4 coaching passes in their packets.

Administrator Passes: School administrators are welcome to attend at any time during the tournament. Administrators will be able to sign in at the check in table and receive a wristband for entry. Administrators are invited to attend the awards ceremony in the fieldhouse at the end of the tournament.

Individual Qualifier Warm-up Option: For schools with one individual, you may bring another **female** member of the team or a coach to the Hit-Around and to warm-up your player during the competition. Sorry no family or friends may be used for this.

Personal Belongings: Carry them with you or choose a team location in the main gym. Only qualifiers and coaches will have access to the main gym. The IHSAs nor DeKalb High School will provide security or be liable for lost items.

Coaches' Meeting: A virtual coaches' meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 14th, 2025. A Link will be sent to coaches. The meeting will be recorded and shared.

Hospitality: Located in P105/107 hospitality is available for the participating coaches, officials, and administrators of the competing teams.

Concessions: Food and beverage service is located in the primary hallway.

Players are encouraged to bring their own water bottles to fill up in the facility.

Athletic Trainers: An athletic trainer will be available in the field house and in the athletic trainer's room just across the primary hallway.



“On deck and You’re Up”: The player(s) match number will be called. If a second call is needed, then the school’s name will be called. Matches will be called via PA. Players will check in at tournament scoring, be assigned a court and proceed to that court. Once the ongoing match is over, the players on deck will begin warm-ups. After the match is completed, all players will sign the scorecard and take that card to the tournament scoring area. Make sure the winner is circled.

Note players are allowed a 10-minute rest between matches.

If a problem arises on the court during a match, and players are unable to resolve it, both players should sit and wait for a roving official to come to the court. If problems continue during the match an official may be called to monitor the match.

Officials: Officials will be on the floor to assist with rules. Tell your players that if there is a conflict on the court, they should sit down on that court and an official will come to resolve the issue. Officials have been instructed that if they see violations, they may call them or correct them even if they were not asked to intervene. Generally, though they will observe play for obvious repeated faults such as illegal services, foot-fault and line faults.

Games Committee: The Games Committee, assigned by the IHSA, will also be on the floor to assist with rulings pertaining to violations of the Terms and Conditions and the Code of Conduct. Infractions must be handled **immediately**, coaches if you need a ruling it is your responsibility to request the games committee to review the situation as soon as it has taken place.

Scorer: Scorers will not be used until the medal matches; players will need to keep their own score like they do during the season.

Competitor Seating: Two seats are provided on the court for the coach and seats are provided for the on-deck players.

Results: Following the match the competitors will sign the scorecard and take it to tournament central. Double check to make sure the winner is circled.

Spectator Information

Spectators: Please review with your fans, the proper etiquette for fans in the stands. We would appreciate your help in reinforcing the no coaching rule.

Live Scoring: The IHSA website will continually update the state tournament results. www.ihsa.org is the web address. In addition, the scorezone will report the winners of the sectionals and the state final draw.

Signs, Banners and Mechanical Noisemakers: Please see Item IX-B, C of the Terms and Conditions. Signs may be hung in the Field House on the walls in designated areas using.



Ceremonies

Opening Ceremony: Each school is requested to bring a school flag or banner to carry during the opening ceremony and for display at the tournament. Each team will be issued command hooks that can be used to hang the school flag/banner in designated areas in the Fieldhouse.

Awards Ceremony: Immediately following the conclusion of play on Saturday, an awards ceremony will take place in the Dayton Gym at DeKalb High School. The top 3 teams and the top 6 doubles and singles players will participate. Teams – 1 team trophy and 8 individual medallions (6 players and 2 coaches) will be awarded to the players and coaches in addition to a Superintendent, Principal and Athletic Director medallion. Individuals – The top 6 places will receive a medallion. Only those coaches and players on the official state final roster in addition to the school Superintendent, Principal, Athletic Director, and Assistant Athletic Director are eligible to participate in the ceremony.

Fans will be allowed to attend the awards ceremonies after play has concluded and to take photographs following the ceremonies. Full teams will be allowed to attend the awards ceremony on Saturday for the team honors.

Awards Policy: In accordance with IHSA policy, only individuals from your school who are listed in the program and LOP may participate in the awards ceremony or opening ceremony at the IHSA state tournament. (No children, family members, non-qualifying players, etc.) IHSA staff members will strictly adhere to the awards limits outlined in the IHSA terms and conditions.



STATE FINAL TIME SCHEDULE

Thursday, May 15, 2025

3:45 – 8:00 pm Hit-A-Round for Teams and Individuals
(In accordance with IHSA by-laws, schools may only practice or hit around within their own team.)

Friday, May 16, 2025

7:30 am Doors Open to Officials, IHSA, Workers, and Team
7:30-9:30 am School Packet Distribution
7:45 am Doors open to all Competitors and Coaches
7:45-8:00 am Warm-Up Block (if needed, IHSA will notify coaches if this time slot is an open warm-up period)
8:00-8:15 am Warm-Up Block 1 (52 athletes)
8:15-8:30 am Warm-Up Block 2 (52 athletes)
8:30- 8:45 am Warm-Up Block 3 (52 athletes)
8:45 –9:00 am Warm-Up Block 4 (52 athletes)
9:15 am Opening Ceremony
9:45 am Matches begin for singles and doubles (Round 1, 2, 3)
Winner Bracket through Match # 88
Consolation Bracket through Match # 104

Saturday, May 17, 2025

7:30 am Doors Open to Officials, IHSA and Workers
8:00-8:50 am Warm-ups open to all
9:00 am Quarterfinals in Winner's Bracket – Singles #105-108
Sweet 16 in Consolation Bracket – Singles #109-112 (8 courts)
10:00 am Quarterfinals in Winner's Bracket – Doubles #105-108
Sweet 16 in Consolation Bracket – Doubles #109-112 (8 courts)
11:00 am Quarterfinals in Consolation Bracket for Singles/Doubles (8 courts) #113-116
Noon Semi-finals for Singles/Doubles -- #117-120 (8 courts)
1:00pm Singles - Match #121 & Doubles - Match #121 (2 courts) (MG)
1:30pm Finals for Singles – Matches #122 & 123 (2 courts) (MG)
2:00pm Finals for Doubles – Matches #122-123 (2 courts) (MG)
2:00 pm Awards Ceremony Following Conclusion of play