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U.S. BANK STATE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS TO TIP OFF FRIDAY

ALBUOUEROUE, N.M. – The New Mexico Activities Association would like to advise the public of important information pertaining to the 2017 U.S. Bank State Basketball Championships.

The first round of the tournament will be played on Friday, March 3 (Girls) and Saturday, March 4 (Boys) at the home sites of the higher seeded teams. Tickets for the first round games will be \$5.00.

The Class A-6A seeding meetings were held on Sunday, February 26; brackets are now posted on the NMAA website at www.nmact.org.

The Quarterfinals, Semifinals, and Finals will be payed March 7-11 in the Albuquerque metro area. WisePies Arena aka The Pit will play host to the majority of the tournament, with all state championship finals being played on Friday, March 10 and Saturday, March 11. Rio Rancho's Santa Ana Star Center and Bernalillo High School will host games Tuesday, March 7 – Thursday, March 9 (see NMAA website for specific bracket information). Rio Rancho High School and Cleveland High School will also be utilized on Wednesday, March 8 for the 3A Boys Quarterfinals.

The University of New Mexico will charge \$5.00 for parking for all vehicles. Parking is free at the Santa Ana Star Center, Bernalillo High School, Rio Rancho High School, and Cleveland High School.

Due to security protocols at WisePies Arena aka The Pit, it is recommended that spectators arrive early as metal detectors and bag screenings are now required processes for entry to the facility.

TICKETS: Ticket prices vary during the tournament depending on the facility.

Bernalillo HS, Rio Rancho HS, & Cleveland HS

\$5.00 Students/ Seniors/ Military \$10.00 Adults

Santa Ana Star Center

\$5.00 Students/ Seniors/ Military \$10.00 Adults

WisePies Arena aka The Pit

\$5.00 Students/ Seniors/ Military (General Admission)

\$10.00 Adults (General Admission)

\$15.00 Reserved Chair back

* Pre-sale tickets for games at The Pit can be purchased by calling 505.925.LOBO or by logging onto www.unmtickets.com.

* Tournament passes will be sold at the NMAA or by calling 505.923.3110 for \$135 until Monday, March 7 at 3:00 PM. Tournament passes provide re-entry privileges throughout the tournament, as well as a reserved seat at The Pit.

VIDEO STREAMING:

The NFHS Network will offer all quarterfinal, semifinal and championship games LIVE online for a subscription fee with prices starting at \$9.95. Fans should go to <u>www.nfhsnetwork.com</u> to sign up today; fans are also encouraged to sign up early to get their access code to avoid missing any of the games.

OFFICIAL STATE CHAMPIONSHIP MERCHANDISE:

Graphic Connection is the exclusive State Championship Merchandise provider of the NMAA. Souvenir items commemorating this exciting event can be purchased at any of the five tournament venues or by calling (505) 821-2777 or visiting <u>www.gcsportswear.com</u>.

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