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All-Tournament Team at Granite City Novice

Vanishka Ganda of Springfield, Dean Hemmer of Metro-East Lutheran, Evan House of Glenwood (Chatham), Myla Layne of Granite City, Mason Clattenburg of North Mac (Virden) A, and Brendan Hummer of Jacksonville demonstrated some of the best of Illinois's scholastic bowl future at this introductory tournament.

The top teams at this year's Novice tournaments are pictured on pages 7-9.

SchoBowlFest Brings Coaches Together Virtually

The 2023 SchoBowlFest Coaches Conference was held Saturday, September 30. Mike Laudermith of Fenton High School organized the event's in-person and virtual components. SchoBowlFest added a video conference component to compensate for pandemic restrictions, and having the option to participate without traveling has only grown more popular among coaches since.

This year, most coaches attended the conference online, although several showed up in person to see speakers David Reinstein, Sinecio Morales, Eric Huff, Bill Newsome, and Todd Garrison gave presentations with a heavy emphasis on cultivating and maintaining a healthy and positive attitude within scholastic bowl teams.

David Reinstein of Reinstein Quiz Bowl presented "Ten Things Every Scholastic Bowl Coach Needs to Know," outlining important fundamentals of developing a healthy and sportsmanlike mindset in yourself as a coach and among your players. An older version of this presentation appeared in Scholastic Visions newsletter in 2009, and can be read as part of the Coaching Handbook in the Members Only section of the IHSSBCA website.

Recent Rockford Auburn alumnus Sinecio Morales spoke on the player's perspective in "Coach YOUR Players." He focused on the importance of compassionate coaching to help players meet their personal goals, however large or small those goals may be. He encouraged coaches to meet their players where they are and to remember to keep the activity fun for the whole team.

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This issue goes out to over 200 current and former IHSSBCA members, including high school and middle school coaches, players, tournament directors, moderators, and friends of scholastic bowl.

NAQT State Tournament Qualifiers Confirmed

On January 2, invitations went out to teams that have qualified for the 2024 NAQT | IHSSBCA Illinois State Championship Tournament. This is the first of three championship tournaments, each of which calls upon the top teams in Illinois to demonstrate unique skills in high-pressure games. On February 24 at Centennial High School in Champaign, the IHSSBCA will challenge those teams to test themselves and each other on college-level questions over twelve timed rounds.

NAQT|IHSSBCA State uses NAQT-style timed format and questions written for NAQT's college Sectional Championship Tournaments. It has traditionally been a long tournament, letting teams test their mettle against as many opponents as possible. This year's anticipated schedule accounts for twelve rounds of play, with regular play ending around 5:00pm and final placement matches possibly extending to 7:00. The difficult questions, long day, and unusual format make it a great warmup for teams planning a trip to a national championship.

Teams have qualified for NAQT|IHSSBCA State by placing highly at varsity tournaments this season. Qualified teams may fill out a form at <bit.ly/2024naqtstate> to register. At time of writing, about a third of the 32 tournament berths have been filled, so prompt registration is essential to guarantee a spot. The cost of attendance is $100 per team. For more information, to ask about qualification, or to volunteer to staff, contact tournament coordinator Brad Fischer at <brad.a.fischer@gmail.com>.

IHSA State Tournament Upcoming

The third and final state championship in Illinois is sponsored by the IHSA. The tournament series uses common Illinois scholastic bowl format, and has three phases. All registered IHSA member teams compete at geographically-determined Regionals in two classes on March 4. Thirty-two Regional champions in each class advance to geographically-determined Sectionals on March 9, and eight Sectional champions per class advance to the State Championship at Heartland Community College in Normal on March 16.

In preparation for the IHSA tournament series, there are two deadlines that registered coaches must meet. First, report your team's varsity win-loss record for the season by 10:00am on February 5. Go to <ihsa.org> and use the top right "Login" button to access the IHSA Schools Center. In the record report form, you'll enter the number of your team's varsity wins and losses in all-subject, full-team games, and will have space to add commentary to help other coaches understand the strength of your competitive opponents.

After record reports are submitted, you will have from 11:00am on February 6 until noon on February 7 to submit a Sectional seeding form. Using the information from other coaches' record reports, you'll rank the top eight teams in your assigned Sectional. Once all coaches have had a chance to vote, the top eight teams will be distributed among that Sectional's Regional tournaments. Often (but not always), the top four teams in each Sectional will also be offered "home field advantage" by having the first chance to host Regionals.

Watch <ihsa.org/Sports-Activities/Scholastic-Bowl> and your email for updates about IHSA tournaments.

Register Your Team for the Masonic Academic Bowl

The registration deadline for this free tournament is January 11

The second Illinois state championship tournament is sponsored by the Masonic Academic Bowl. This is a two-phase tournament series that begins with Sectionals on February 17. The winning team from each Sectional tournament then advances to the State Championship at Bloomington High School on March 2.

The Sectional Tournament phase is open to all Illinois high schools, who attend the tournament free of charge courtesy of the generous sponsorship of Masonic Lodges around the state. Top teams at Sectionals and State also receive cash prizes from the Masonic Lodge. Sectionals are held across the state, dividing the registered teams up by geography and size class. The tournament series has three classes, ensuring that all teams can play against opponents from similarly-sized schools. Large schools play in Class 1A, medium-sized schools in 2A, and small schools in 3A.

The Masonic Academic Bowl stands out among the Illinois state tournaments in its unique format, which places a heavy emphasis on teamwork. Unlike the most common Illinois formats, bonuses are not tied to tossups. Instead, each game has five periods, alternating between tossup rounds and bonus rounds. In this format, each team controls the same number of bonuses (called "teamwork questions") each round, meaning that working together to consistently take points on the medium and hard parts of these questions is critical to teams' success.

Visit <ihssbca.org/masonics> to read guides created by the Grand Lodge to help moderators, coaches, players, and site managers understand the basic format and some of the most important rules in this tournament series. The Masonic Lodge also distributes full rule sets to registered teams prior to Sectionals. Contact Tournament Director Herman Albers at <albers@htc.net> with questions or to register your team.

45 Illinois Teams Make National Top 300

Barrington A tops Groger Ranks' midseason list of top national teams, followed closely by Buffalo Grove A at third place. Fremd (Palatine) A also landed in the top ten, ranking seventh in the nation. University Lab (Urbana), IMSA (Aurora), and Bloomington all landed within the top 50.

Overall, 45 Illinois teams placed in the ranking of the top 300, more than any other state. Texas ranks second with 30 teams, followed by California with 28. The second-place team, falling between Barrington and Buffalo Grove, is Kincaid (Piney Point, TX).

Groger Ranks has been ranking teams with a custom-made system that balances tossup and bonus points since 2018.

Read the full ranking on the Groger Ranks website at <grogerranks.com/2023/12/23/december-22-2023-rankings/>.

Mid-Season Members Poll

Submitted by Mark Taylor, Poll Coordinator

The mid-season members poll is the first members poll of the season, taking into account games played in the fall semester. The overall rankings include teams from both IHSA classes: Class A and Class AA. The Class A poll ranks only teams that are eligible to compete in the IHSA's Class A tournament. Teams receive 20 points for each first place vote in the Overall Ranking (10 points in the Class A Ranking), 19 (9) for second, etc. This tabulation also notes some teams' ranks in the Community Pre-Season Poll and includes an indication of whether their current ranks are higher, lower, or the same as their pre-season rankings.

If you are an IHSSBCA member, whether you're a coach, a moderator, a player, or a community supporter, and are interested in voting, email Mark Taylor at <mtaylor141@cps.edu>.

Overall Ranking

		December Rank		December Total Points	December Mentions	2022-23 Poll Rank
1	Barrington A	1	=	120	6	1
2	Buffalo Grove	2	=	114	6	2
3	Fremd (Palatine) A	3	↑	104	6	6
4	University (Urbana)	4	=	99	6	4
5	IMSA (Aurora)	5	=	97	6	5
6 - tie	Stevenson (Lincolnshire) A	6 - tie	↑	85	6	7
6 - tie	Bloomington	6 - tie	↑	85	6	11
8	Parker (Chicago)	8	↑	78	6	17
9	Payton (Chicago) A	9	↑	74	6	19
10	Evanston	10	↑	61	6	16
11	Timothy Christian (Elmhurst)	11		45	6	
12	Auburn (Rockford)	12	↓	44	6	3
13	Hinsdale Central	13	↓	43	5	8 - tie
14	Springfield	14	↓	35	5	12
15	Waubonsie Valley (Aurora)	15	↓	34	5	8 - tie
16	Fremd (Palatine) B	16		33	3	
17	Payton (Chicago) B	17		19	3	
18	Centennial (Champaign)	18		16	2	
19	Lisle	19		11	2	
20	Carbondale	20	=	10	3	20

Also receiving votes: Stevenson (Lincolnshire) B (9 points), Sandburg (Orland Park) (8), Metro-East Lutheran (Edwardsville) (7), Benet (Lisle) (6), Fenwick (Oak Park) (6), Barrington B (5), Homewood-Flossmoor (4), Champaign Central (3), Glenbard North (Carol Stream) (3), New Trier (Winnetka) (2)

Class A Ranking

		December Rank		December Total Points	December Mentions	2022-23 Poll Rank
1	Metro-East Lutheran (Edwardsville)	1	↑	34	4	5
2	St Teresa (Decatur)	2		30	4	
3	Winnebago	3	=	29	4	3
4	Timothy Christian (Elmhurst)	4	↑	28	3	6
5	Lisle	5	↑	19	3	10
6	Pleasant Plains	6		15	2	
7	Keith Country Day (Rockford)	7	↑	10	4	9
8 - tie	Mascoutah	8 - tie		7	1	
8 - tie	Northridge (Niles)	8 - tie		7	1	
10	El Paso Gridley	10		6	1	

Also receiving votes: Alton (4 points), Chicago Christian (4), Eureka (4), Warrensburg-Latham (4), Bloomington Central Catholic (3), Blue Ridge (Farmer City) (3), Johnston City (3), Mater Dei (Breese) (3), Cumberland (Toledo) (2), Rushville-Industry (2), Woodlands (Lake Forest) (2), Galesburg (1)

Turnabout Tournaments Scheduled for January 13, 2024

<ihssbca.org/turnabout>

Turnabouts are coming up on January 13! Turnabout tournaments give teams a chance to compete without having to go up against the best teams in the state. The vast majority of Scholastic Bowl teams are invited, but teams that have won large tournaments or repeatedly placed highly in the past year are not invited. These tournaments are a good experience for teams that are new, improving, or just enjoy playing.

2024 Turnabouts will be held at:

Belvidere: Contact Stuart Teso-Warner
<steso-warner@district100.com>
Evanston: Contact Terry Gatchell
<gatchellt@eths202.org>
Fairfield: Contact Tammy Austin
<taustin@fchsmules.com>
Homewood-Flossmoor: Contact Michael Sacks
<msacks@hf233.org>
Lincoln: Contact Josh Bartels
<jbartels@lchsrailers.org>
Mascoutah: Contact Chris Levrault
<levraultc@msd19.org>
Richmond-Burton: Contact Seth Herchenbach
<sherchenbach@rbchs.com>

Interested in hosting a Turnabout tournament? Have any other questions about Turnabouts or the Blacklist? Visit <ihssbca.org/turnabout> or email Turnabout Coordinator Mike Laudermith at <Laudermith@fenton100.org>.

Turnabout Blacklist

The Blacklist is determined based on the performance of each team in the previous season. Teams who have recently demonstrated themselves to be top competitors are not invited to Turnabouts. The following achievements preclude teams from attending Turnabouts:

- winning an IHSA Sectional tournament in the previous year;
- placing fourth or better at Masonic State in the previous year;
- winning the top division at a tournament with at least twenty teams in the same year or the previous year; or
- placing fourth or better in the top division of three or more tournaments in the same year or the previous year.

The goal is to allow as many teams as possible to experience the joy of answering questions.

The 2023-2024 Blacklist is: Alton, Auburn (Rockford), Barrington, Bloomington, Buffalo Grove, Carbondale, Centennial (Champaign), Champaign Central, Cumberland (Toledo), Dunlap, East Peoria, Evanston Township, Eureka, Francis Parker (Chicago), Fremd (Palatine), Geneseo, Hinsdale Central, IMSA (Aurora), Johnston City, Keith Country Day (Rockford), Latin (Chicago), Lincoln, Mascoutah, Metro-East Lutheran (Edwardsville), Northside (Chicago), Pleasant Plains, Riverdale (Port Byron), Roanoke-Benson, Rochester, Sandburg (Orland Park), Southwestern (Piasa), Springfield, Stevenson (Lincolnshire), Streator, Timothy Christian (Elmhurst), University Lab (Urbana), Walter Payton (Chicago), Waubonsie Valley (Aurora), and Winnebago

2023-24 Important Dates

Tournament Dates are listed in the Tournament Calendar

Deadline	Date
(HS) All-Sectional/All-State Nominations Open Nominate up to three of your players at <ihssbca.org/awards/all-sectional>	Monday, January 8, 2024 - Friday, February 2, 2024
(HS) IHSA Record Reporting Deadline Report your high school team's win-loss record at <center.ihsa.org>	Monday, January 8, 2024 - Monday, February 5, 2024
(MS) IESA Season Opens Schools may begin playing matches in IESA format	Monday, January 22, 2024
(HS) IHSA Sectional Seeding Meetings Online Vote to determine seeding and hosting privileges in your Sectional at <center.ihsa.org>	Tuesday, February 6, 2024 - Wednesday, February 7, 2024
(HS) All-Sectional Voting Open Vote for the top players in your Sectional at <ihssbca.org/awards/all-sectional>	Monday, February 12, 2024 - Friday, February 23, 2024
(MS) IESA Season Schedule Deadline Report your team's IESA-format schedule at <iesa.org>	Wednesday, February 21, 2024
(MS/HS) IHSSBCA Awards Banquet The Awards Banquet recognizes student, team, coach, and community award winners annually	6:00 PM Saturday, April 13, 2024
(MS) IESA Roster and Record Reporting Deadline Report your middle school team's win-loss record at <iesa.org>	Monday, April 15, 2024
(MS/HS) Moderator Certification Turnover Deadline Make sure tournament hosts and coaches have reviewed your moderating to renew your certification	Saturday, June 1, 2024

Nominate Your Players for All-Sectional/All-State in January

All-Sectional nominations will be open from
midnight on Monday, January 8 until
5:00pm on Friday, February 2

Changes and corrections to nominations may be made until
5:00pm on Friday, February 9
Corrections may only be made to nominations submitted before the February 2 deadline. New nominations will not be accepted after 5:00pm on February 2.

All-Sectional voting will be open from
midnight on Monday, February 12 until
5:00pm on Friday, February 23

What is All-Sectional and All-State?
This is a tiered system for recognizing the top players in the state. At the All-Sectional level, the voting system recognizes the top twelve players in each IHSA Sectional in both Class A and Class AA. The top six players from each Sectional are then advanced to All-State consideration. Only players nominated for All-Sectional are eligible for All-State consideration. A committee votes on the players eligible for All-State and determines a First Team of ten players and a Second Team of ten players in each class, for a total of forty honorees. All-State players and their families are invited to the IHSSBCA Awards Banquet in April.

Can I Nominate for All-Sectional and All-State?
Active coaches and administrators of Illinois high schools may nominate their players for All-Sectional and All-State. Each school (the combined coaches and administrators of one high school) may nominate up to three players total, and no more than three players may be nominated from a single school. A current coach or administrator may nominate one player not on their school's team, so long as that player's school ends up with no more than three nominees total.

Former coaches and administrators of Illinois high schools who are current IHSSBCA members may also nominate. Former coaches and administrators may nominate one player each, as long as there are no more than three nominees from any one high school.

Whom Can I Nominate?
Any current Illinois high schooler is eligible for nomination. Many coaches nominate their top few players.

When and How Should I Submit Nominations?
The online nomination form will be linked from the IHSSBCA website between midnight on Monday, January 8 and 5:00pm on Friday, February 2, 2024. Adjustments and corrections may be added to nominations until 5:00pm on Friday, February 9, but new nominations will be rejected if received after the February 2 deadline.

What Information do I Need to Nominate?
If you keep track of your team's statistics through the year, you'll have most of what you need to nominate already. You will need to list the total number of games the nominee has played in, the total number of tossups the nominee has played, the total number of correct tossups the nominee has gotten, and the number of correct tossups their highest-scoring teammate has gotten (to give their performance context). Then, you'll list the tournaments your player has attended, give a description of their best five games, and write a brief letter of recommendation.

Can I Vote for All-Sectional?
Each Illinois high school may submit a single vote for All-Sectionals. This vote is usually made by the head coach of the school, but can be made by any coach or administrator at the school. Votes from non-high school coaches, parents, players, etc. will not be counted. The second, third, etc. vote from a school will also not be counted. You may vote for your own players. Ballots are not posted publicly.

When and How Should I Vote for All-Sectional?
The voting form for All-Sectional will be available on the IHSSBCA website between midnight on Monday, February 12, and 5:00pm on Friday, February 23, 2024. The IHSSBCA website will have a posted link to the Google Form where you can submit your ballot. Read the nomination forms posted at <ihssbca.org/awards/all-sectional> for your IHSA Sectional before you begin voting. Be prepared to vote for the top twelve players in your Sectional; an incomplete ballot cannot be submitted. If your Sectional has fewer than twelve nominees, be prepared to rank all of them.

What if I Have More Questions?
Contact All-Sectional Coordinator Kristin Strey at <strey.k.a@gmail.com> or All-State Coordinator Brad Fischer at <brad.a.fischer@gmail.com>. You can also read the All-Sectional/All-State policies page, which is downloadable from <ihssbca.org/wp-content/uploads/all-sectional-all-state.pdf>.

Once the All-Sectional and All-State voting is complete, the All-State players will be honored at the

2024 IHSSBCA Awards Banquet

6:00pm April 20, 2024
Old Main Room, Bone Student Center
200 N University St, Normal
Illinois State University

The Awards Banquet also honors
the Illinois State Champion teams
Team Illinois
Coaches of the Year
Hall of Fame inductees, and
the Rob Grierson Friend of Scholastic Bowl

Watch the IHSSBCA website for registration information or contact Sharon Lorinskas at <srlorinskas@gmail.com> with questions



David Reinstein of Reinstein QuizBowl presents "10 Things Every Scholastic Bowl Coach Needs to Know" at SchoBowlFest

SchoBowlFest Brings Coaches Together Virtually

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Qwiz Camps founder Eric Huff discussed the importance of finding and relaying varied resources to players and of customizing practices to meet the unique needs of your team as it changes year to year. At the end of his talk, Eric provided discount codes for Qwiz Academy courses for all SchoBowlFest attendees. Qwiz Academy is a series of multi-week, online classes for players that teach the groundwork of essential scholastic bowl topics (the upcoming classes focus on chemistry, American history, and world mythology).

Bill Newsome, coach of Central Hardin High School in Kentucky, joined by video to present "Defense Against the Dark Language Arts," a discussion on helping players master literature. In a beautifully styled presentation, Bill offered a multitude of coaching strategies and resources for laying the groundwork of literature content for new players and enhancing the knowledge base of more experienced ones. Bill is a frequent and excellent instructor at summer Qwiz Camps, one of which will be held July 22-28 in Bloomington.

Another Kentucky coach, Todd Garrison of Glasgow High School, kindly flew to the conference to present "Writing Questions Equals Scottie Success." Todd has frequently led his team in producing the Scottie question set, which has been used at tournaments nationwide. Todd is an enthusiastic advocate for question writing as a learning and team-building activity. He provided numerous pointers on encouraging question writing and active learning without overburdening players.

In addition to the presentations, SchoBowlFest featured a random draw to distribute prizes donated by Qwiz, Reinstein Quiz Bowl, and the IHSSBCA. In addition, all attendees received a copy of the 2023 IHSA State Series questions as a door prize, and in-person attendees were given Qwiz merchandise.

Due to the overwhelming online attendance this year, the 2024 SchoBowlFest will be hosted virtually only. Thank you to all of our 2023 speakers, and to Mike Laudermith for the wonderful job he did to organize so many excellent presentations at Fenton this year!

Certified Moderators

ihssbca.org/moderators

Recommend moderators who have done an excellent job at tournaments you've hosted with this link:

Rate moderators who have read for your team at tounraments you've attended with this link:

Moderator	Home City	
Carolyn Aiken +	Morrison	HR 2024-25
Chris Appuhn +	East Moline	
Sister John Baricevic +	Belleville	
Colby Burnett +	Oak Park	
Ulysses Capistron +	Wood Dale	
Dan Caveglia +	St Peters, MO	
Andrew Cheun	Champaign	HR 2024-25
Brad Fischer	Rockford	
Elizabeth Furness +	Carlinville	
Linda Greene +	Rockford	
Matt Hasquin +	Medora	
Mike Laudermith +	Bensenville	HR 2024-25
Sharon Lorinskas +	Carbondale	
Abby Mueller +	Brighton	
Marshall Mullins +	Glen Carbon	
Ali Nagib +	Chicago	
Clark Reamer +	Dwight	
Brad Savage +	Chicago	
Elaine Seevers +	Cordova	HR 2024-25
Jacob Simmons +	Edwardsville	
Mike Sorice +	Champaign	HR 2023-24
Kristin Strey	Rockford	
Mark Taylor +	St Charles	
Stuart Teso-Warner +	Rockford	
Brad Tutterow +	O'Fallon	
Brian Tutterow +	Brighton	
Joy Tutterow +	O'Fallon	
Luke Wigtil +	Rockford	

Key	
+	Recommended by tournament hosts
++	Highly Recommended by tournament hosts
HR	Highly Rated by coaches and players; rating is valid through indicated season

IHSSBCA Novice Tournaments

<ihssbca.org/novice>

85 teams played Novice statewide on November 4

Novice tournaments are a gentle introduction to the game for brand new high school players. They help new players get used to the game while using questions tailored to the knowledge base of incoming freshmen and sophomores who have not studied scholastic bowl before. Because of this, Novice tournaments are restricted to inexperienced players. Players marked with an asterisk (*) in team listings were found to be inelligible during or after the tournaments. Visit <ihssbca.org/novice> to see the Novice elligibility restrictions and to use the "Check Eligibility" button to verify your players' eligibility next season.

Because these tournaments are intended to be gentle introductions to the game, the IHSSBCA always welcomes hosts who want to run small, localized Novice sites! Contact the Novice coordinator to host a site in 2024-2025. Until then, it's certain that all of us are looking forward to seeing these new players succeed this season and for the rest of their competitive careers!

Novice at Belvidere (6 teams)



Pictured left: Champions Keith Country Day (Rockford)
Kareem Almonajed, Antonia Huber, Merrick Meyer, Theo Phillpott, and Niamh Theisen

Pictured right: Runners-Up IMSA (Aurora)
Abhinav Anne, Lucas Davis, Valentina Duque, Tony Han, Jonathan Handjojo, *Jeev Hora, and Liam Stewart

Third Place: Belvidere
Fourth Place: Winnebago
Top player: Merrick Meyer, Keith Country Day (Rockford), 100 points per game

Novice at Fremd (Palatine) (20 teams)



Champions Adlai Stevenson (Lincolnshire) A
Ethan Base, Jessica Muradian, Shreecharan Shreekumar, Richard Xu, and Lylian Zhu



Runners-Up William Fremd (Palatine) A
Sophie Chen, Mantra Mittal, *Eli Musicar, Sora Shinoda, and Joshua Yoo

Third Place: Adlai Stevenson (Lincolnshire) A
Fourth Place: Hoffman Estates A
Top player: Anirudh Srinivasan, Stevenson (Lincolnshire) B, 130 points per game

Novice at Granite City (8 teams)



Champions Springfield
Vanshika Ganda, Sebastian Moore, and Ben Perry



Runners-Up North Mac (Virden) A
Kaleb Buckellew, Mason Clattenburg, Brett Gillespie, and Abigail Ternirelli

Third Place: Metro East Lutheran (Edwardsville)
Fourth Place: Jacksonville
Top player: Vanshika Ganda, Springfield, 82.14 points per game

Novice at Limestone (Peoria) (8 teams)



Champions Pleasant Plains
Mykah Bileck, Isabelle Coleman, Henry Reeves, Jack Sandel, and Colin Tribble



Runners-Up Dunlap
Alishba Asim, James Doran, Kaylee Song, Sharvi Tandon, and William Timpe

Third Place: Galesburg
Fourth Place: Metamora
Top player: Silas Descalzo, Galesburg, 85 points per game

Novice at Lincoln-Way East (Frankfort) (28 teams)



Champions Francis W. Parker (Chicago) A
Jack Bartlett, Daniel Chang, Darius Cleaver, and Chase Wayland



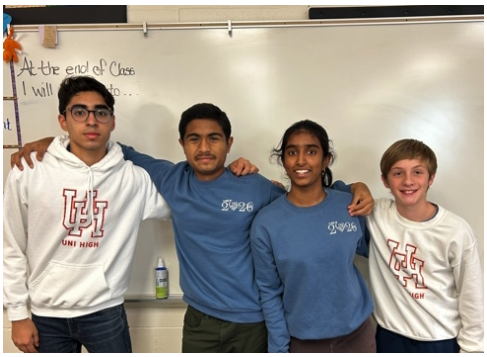
Runners-Up Lincoln-Way East A
Elise Froehlich, Sam Lee, Ishaan Patel, Aaron Pranger, and Hope Therrien

Third Place: Waubonsie Valley (Aurora)
Fourth Place: Latin (Chicago)
Top player: Salil Pakti, Waubonsie Valley (Aurora), 110 points per game

Novice at Mattoon (15 teams)



Champions Bloomington
Emily Bowling, Benjamin Cox, Levi Donahoo, Finn Higgins, Jaxon Kaufman, Mayah Lee, and Georgia Solis



Runners-Up University Lab (Urbana)
Akeel Dixon, Will Gravlin, Sriharish Kannan, Kruthi Ramanath, and Saif Shakir

Third Place: Charleston
Fourth Place: Centennial (Champaign) A
Top player: Alex Chiritescu, Charleston, 102.5 points per game

In Memory of Nick Pitz



In late November, 2023, Paul Nicholas "Nick" Pitz, coach of Moline passed away. Nick was a charter member of the IHSSBCA, a member of the Coaches Hall of Fame, and an invaluable member of the Illinois scholastic bowl community.

Nick coached at Moline High School for twenty-three years, from 1993 to 2016, amassing hundreds of wins and even more lives touched. His teams were always competitive, taking fourth place at Masonic state in 2007, third place in 2001, and the state championship in 1999.

He was a coach of Team Illinois three times at the Panasonic Academic Championship national tournament. He co-coached with David Riley in 2006, with Tom Egan in 2007, and with David Adkins in 2008. In 2007 and 2008, he led Team Illinois to its first and second all-star national titles.

By 2011, when he was inducted into the Coaches Hall of Fame, Nick had amassed more than 600 career wins with Moline, but his reach within the community went far beyond his team's victories and continued long after his retirement. He remained active in the game as a moderator, reading locally and at the Masonic and IHSA State Championship tournaments.

Nick stayed active in other ways as well, frequently volunteering his time with the IHSSBCA (many of our annual award recipients can thank Nick for arranging for their awards plaques) and maintaining strong ties within the community. He wrote and co-wrote numerous articles for the newsletter that can still be read as part of the IHSSBCA's Coaches' Handbook.

Nick's obituary can be read, courtesy of Weerts Funeral Home, at <dignitymemorial.com>. In it, his family remember Nick as the Illinois scholastic bowl community does: as an energetic and involved person with passions for learning, for teaching, and for adventure. Since his passing, members of the community have overwhelmingly recalled his kindness, which he modeled for his team and for the community.

Nick was a cornerstone of the Scholastic Bowl community in northwest Illinois and around the state, and he will be greatly missed.



In memory of Nick, his family have requested donations to the River Bend Food Bank <riverbendfoodbank.org>, the Davenport Salvation Army, the Bettendorf Presbyterian Church <bettpres.org>, or the German American Heritage Center in Davenport <gahc.org>, where Nick served on the Board of Directors.

Photo: Nick Pitz presenting the Friend of Scholastic Bowl Award at the IHSSBCA Awards Banquet in 2016

IHSSBCA Riley Memorial Kickoff Tournaments

<ihssbca.org/kickoff>

175 teams played Kickoffs statewide on November 18

Kickoff tournaments are early-season varsity tournaments for all IHSSBCA member teams. In 2016, the IHSSBCA Kickoff Tournaments were renamed in honor of Coach David Riley of Loyola (Wilmette), who passed away in 2015. David was a Chair of the IHSSBCA, a frequent moderator at tournament host, a mentor to uncounted Illinois players and coaches, and a longtime supporter of the community.

These varsity tournaments qualify the top 15% of teams at each site for NAQT's High School National Championship Tournament. At the time of writing, nine teams representing eight schools from Illinois have registered for HSNCT, with about 150 spots remaining in the tournament field.

Kickoff at Auburn (8 teams)



Champions IMSA (Aurora) A
Jeev Hora, Nathaniel Huang, Joshua Mu, Carrie Pridemore, and Stephen Walsh



Runners-Up Auburn (Rockford)
Olivia Jones, Huan Lin, Brielle Rach, and Luke Snyder

Third Place: IMSA (Aurora) B
Fourth Place: Winnebago
Top player: Stephen Walsh, IMSA (Aurora) A, 105 points per game

Kickoff at Barrington Challenge Division (8 teams)



Champions Barrington A
Kaushik Gollamudi, Rohan Kher, and Charles Young with Coach Jeff Price



Runners-Up Buffalo Grove A
Nishchal Aradhya, Ben Finkelshteyn, Rohan Ganeshan, Jack Omansky, Danny Potapo, and Anthony Safnov

Third Place: Adlai Stevenson (Lincolnshire) A
Fourth Place: Evanston A
Top player: Rohan Ganeshan, Buffalo Grove A, 178.57 points per game

Kickoff at Barrington Standard Division (20 teams)

Champions New Trier (Winnetka)
Justin Angres, Zachary Malo, Michael McNulty, Jack Shaewitz, and Caleb Sim

Runners-Up Loyola (Wilmette) A
Nick Bobay, Jack Ehlert, Luca Mellado, Colin McLaughlin, and Ethan Santiago

Third Place: Northridge (Niles)
Fourth Place: Adlai Stevenson (Lincolnshire) C
Top player: Sohan Avula, Elgin Academy A, 68.75 points per game

Kickoff at Fairfield (7 teams)



Champions Carbondale A
Clark Anderson, Olu Badejo, Ryan Dai, Jonas Goodson, and Danial Pitafi



Runners-Up Johnston City A
Gavin Abernathy, Ava Anderson, Lucas Mayes, Chase McReynolds, Max Saavedra, and Waylon Woolard

Third Place: Fairfield
Fourth Place: Carterville
Top player: Ava Anderson, Johnston City A, 75 points per game

Kickoff at Homewood-Flossmoor Champions Division (36 teams)

Champions William Fremd (Palatine) A
Adrian Berkmans, Dwij Bhatt, Ziyan Khan, and Anvith Vanukuri

Runners-Up
Francis W. Parker (Chicago) A
Grant Koh, Annoshae Mirza, Beckett Nikitas, Warner Vance, and Chase Wayland

Third Place: William Fremd (Palatine) C
Fourth Place: William Fremd (Palatine) B
Top player: Sriram Koritala, Lisle, 109 points per game

Kickoff at Homewood-Flossmoor Challengers Division (34 teams)

Champions Fenwick (Oak Park) B
Tom Colony, Cece Flosman, Thomas Haraburda, Alex Michels, Ryan Solecki, and Matthew Zeh

Runners-Up Oswego East C
Cassius Amegashie-Caref, Kushan Bonela, Jackson Cannon, Sahil Patel, Raul Perez, Ibrahim Sheikh, and Cristian Teran

Third Place: Walter Payton (Chicago) C
Fourth Place: Chicago Christian (Palos Heights)
Top player: Toby Fratto, Chicago Christian (Palos Heights), 71 points per game

Kickoff at Lincoln Competitive Division (18 teams)

Champions Bloomington
Ben Cox, Levi Donahoo, Soren Gjefjeld,
Finn Higgins, Mayah Lee,
Ansel Lollar, and James Schirano

Runners-Up Springfield A
Ethan Baima, Vashika Gunda,
Braydon Meyer, Nate Pasman,
Marc Quiroz, and Sri Thuppal

Third Place: St Teresa (Decatur) A
Fourth Place: Galesburg
Top player: Soren Gjesfjeld, Bloomington, 111 points per game

Kickoff at Lincoln Standard Division (12 teams)

Champions Springfield C
Randy Aymer, Zeb Edwards,
Sebastian Moore, Ben Perry,
and Brady Wilkin

Runners-Up Pleasant Plains B
Kate Carney, Ben Gross,
Toby Nass-Helfer, Henry Reeves,
Adelyn Rollins, and Colin Tribble

Third Place: Riverton
Fourth Place: Illinois Valley Central (Chillicothe)
Top player: Amelia Gaddis, Riverton, 44 points per game

Kickoff at Mattoon (20 teams)



Champions University Lab (Urbana)



Runners-Up Centennial (Champaign) A

Third Place: Paris
Fourth Place: Champaign Central A

Kickoff at Southwestern (Piasa) (12 Teams)

Champions Mascoutah
Wyatt Curry, Kaylee Killbreath,
Chase Levrault, John Sullivan,
and Dan Walthes

Runners-Up
Metro-East Lutheran (Edwardsville)
Adam Broekemeier, Mary Curtis,
Ella Garlinghouse, Dean Hemmer,
Ganyn Krausz, Ethan Massa,
and Erik Neath

Third Place: Alton
Fourth Place: Rushville-Industry
Top player: Wyatt Curry, Mascoutah, 110 points per game

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2023-24 Middle School Tournament Calendar as of November 7, 2023

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(IESA Week) Date	Northeast IESA Div A,C,D	Northwest IESA Div B, E, F	Southeast IESA Div G, K. L, N	Southwest IESA Div H, I, J, M, O
(15) 10/14	SchoBowlFest Lincoln. Annual coaches' conference open to the public. Visit <ihssbca.org/schobowlfest>			
(16) 10/18 Wednesday				
(17) 10/28				
(18) 11/4				
(19) 11/11	Loyola Invitational Loyola (Wilmette)			
(28) 1/13		Knights' Challenge Auburn (Rockford)		
(30) 1/22 Monday	IESA Season Begins Teams may begin playing matches using IESA rules.			
(31) 2/3		*Keith 5th/6th Winter* *Keith Country Day (Rockford)*		
(33) 2/17	**Junior Wildcat** **Northwestern U (Evanston)**			**Falcon Invitational II** **Franklin (Springfield)**
(34) 2/21 Wednesday	IESA Season Schedule Due Online Go to <iesa.org/login> to submit your season schedule of matches using IESA rules			
(34) 2/24				
(42) 4/15 Monday	IESA Record Reporting Deadline Go to <iesa.org/login> to submit your season's win-loss record and your team's roster for the IESA State Tournament series.			
(43) 4/24 Wednesday	IESA Regionals Multiple Sites	IESA Regionals Multiple Sites	IESA Regionals Multiple Sites	IESA Regionals Multiple Sites
(44) 4/29 Monday	IESA Sectionals Multiple Sites	IESA Sectionals Multiple Sites	IESA Sectionals Multiple Sites	IESA Sectionals Multiple Sites
(44) 5/3 Friday	IESA State Peoria Civic Center			

National Tournaments

April 7	Rosemont, IL	NAQT Individual Player National Championship	naqt.com/ipnct
May 10-12	Rosemont, IL	NAQT Middle School National Championship	www.naqt.com/msnct

IHSSBCA Steering Committee Meeting Minutes for August 5, 2023

Respectfully submitted by Kristin Strey
acting for Secretary Linda Greene

The autumn meeting of the IHSSBCA Steering Committee was held in Champaign Saturday, August 5, 2023 beginning at 10:00am. Present were Brad Fischer, Mike Laudermith, Sharon Lorinskas, Michael Sacks, Chad Sloan, Trevor Stanley, Kristin Strey, and Mark Taylor.

Treasurer's report: Nevagay Abel was unable to be in attendance, and sent an unofficial preliminary report for review. The committee discussed the need for a membership drive, and Michael Sacks suggested moving informational mailings later into September and double-checking that all IHSSBCA tournament registrants are members of the association.

Awards banquet: Sharon Lorinskas reported a slight increase in the room rental deposit for the 2024 Awards Banquet, and projected a proportional increase in the rental fee. Although the difference is small, possible means of making up the difference were discussed.

Moderator certification: Marshall Mullins has decided to step back from the moderator certification coordinator position. Brad Fischer and Michael Sacks observed a need to refocus the program to connect with moderators and provide more effective services to the community. The group moved to implement a tiered system in which moderators would voluntarily be included in a contact list, and could receive badges for being recommended by tournament hosts and by being rated highly in the traditional moderator certification form.

Webmaster's report: In a message sent to Brad before the meeting, webmaster Hunter Fast advised that he will pay to renew the association's WP Engine subscription and be repaid.

Team Illinois: Brad, Sharon, and Mark Taylor, three of the four Team Illinois coaches, reported that Team Blue won the National All-Star Academic Tournament, Team White took third, and Team Orange took fourth. Each of these last two finishes was the highest placement by a B (or C) team at any NASAT. The highest placement of any Team Illinois B team before this year was fifth. NASAT has been online for several years, but it may move back to in-person competition soon.

Treasurer transition: Brad reported that Nevagay Abel and Jonathan Legendre have nearly completed the treasurer transition. Nevagay needs a higher tier of access to the website to manage membership, and will be given the needed permissions. The committee agreed to give Nevagay permission to sign for the association's PNC account.

Membership registration: Snail mail registration has created problems in the past due to delays in the mail system, and PayPal registration payments have often not worked well with the printable registration form because the registrant can be unclear. Hunter is working on an ecommerce system for the website to allow members to register for annual membership, events, and add-ons online. Tournament registration might be added to this system, and might be implemented between the Novice and Kickoff registration dates. Jamie Pamatot will handle the start-of-year mailing, which will follow a mass email blast.

SchoBowlFest: Mike Laudermith has reached out to presenters. Mike and Brad will contact companies in the community for door prizes. A virtual simulcast will be set up once again.

IHSSBCA tournaments: The coordinators are Kristin for Novice, Erin for Kickoff, and Mike for Turnabout. IHSSBCA|NAQT State will be held at Champaign Centennial again, and will be coordinated by a hosting committee that will be determined later this year. Questions have been arranged for all four tournaments.

Who's In Charge?

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Masonic tournament guides: These have been approved by the Masonic Lodge and will be posted to the IHSSBCA website.

Hall of Fame: David Reinstein is temporarily stepping back from chairing the Hall of Fame Committee, and a replacement is needed; Brad will find an option. The possibility was raised of allowing fewer than three inductees per year, since much of the backlog of nominees who coached before the association was formed has run out. Mike suggests contacting past inductees to find out whether there are coaches they know who are missing from the current nominations list.

Membership rates: Since the lifetime membership rate was unclear at the last meeting, it was set at $50. The lifetime membership option is intended for retired coaches. It provides access to emails, the website, and the newsletter, and does not come with tournament access. Retired coaches who return to active coaching will have their lifetime membership suspended, and must pay annually for full coaching access while they are active to have access to tournament registration for their team. An annual student rate with access to everything except tournament registration was set at $10.

Grants: Due to lower membership rates, the association may not be able to award the same number of grants that have traditionally been offered annually. Discussion was tabled until fall grant requests have been received.minutes

Steering Committee Open Meeting

The annual open meeting of the IHSSBCA Steering Committee will be held online at 10:00am on Sunday, February 18, 2024. The open meeting is an opportunity for IHSSBCA members to raise issues they see within the Illinois scholastic bowl community and to participate in discussions that will support and strengthen the activity as it continues to grow.

Contact Chair Brad Fischer at <brad.a.fischer@gmail.com> to submit an agenda item ahead of the meeting or to request a link to attend.

2024 Officer Elections

Each year, two of the IHSSBCA's four elected positions (Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, and Ombudsperson) come up for consideration at the annual open meeting. This year's elections are for the Chair and Secretary. The current association Chair is Brad Fischer of Keith Country Day School (retired), who is completing his first term in the position. The association's longtime and current Secretary is Linda Greene of Rockford Auburn High School. The election will be overseen by Ombudsperson Erin Limestall of Olympia High School.

For more information about IHSSBCA elections, download the IHSSBCA constitution from <ihssbca.org/policies>. Contact Ombudsperson Erin Limestall at <erin.limestall@olympia.org> to make a nomination before the meeting.

Matt's Buzzers Awards Grants to Illinois Teams

Three Illinois teams were among the recipients of a Matt's Buzzers grant in December. Metro-East Lutheran High School and Saint Boniface Catholic School (both in Edwardsville) and Waverly Junior/Senior High School in Waverly each received a $250 grant toward a new buzzer system.

Matt's Buzzers provides grant-based support to scholastic bowl teams in memory of Matt Cvijanovich, who played at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. For more information, visit <mattsbuzzers.com>.

Statement of Revenue and Expense
FY24 (Current Fiscal Year)

August 1, 2023 to November 11, 2023

Submitted by Nevagay Abel, IHSSBCA Treasurer

Revenue		
Memberships	$	4,268.55
Scorebooks	$	589.88
Newsletter Ads	$	-
Donations	$	-
Sponsorship	$	-
Awards Banquet	$	-
SchoBowlFest	$	210.39
Grants	$	-
Team Illinois In	$	-
Total Revenue	**$**	**5,068.82**
Expenses		
Grants	$	-
Newsletter	$	-
Tounaments and Mailings	$	-
Scorebooks and Mailings	$	603.30
Membership Mailings	$	-
Website	$	312.00
SchoBowlFest	$	1,063.28
Banquet and Awards	$	723.60
Miscellaneous	$	-
Total Expenses	**$**	**2,702.18**
Net 23-24 Gain (Loss)	**$**	**2,366.64**
From 22-23	**$**	**10,642.22**
Bank Balance 09/26/2023	**$**	**13,008.86**

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Date	Northeast (IHSA Dist 1-3)	Northwest (IHSA Dist 4)	Southeast (IHSA Dist 5, 7)	Southwest (IHSA Dist 6, 7)
9/30	SchoBowlFest At Fenton (Bensenville). Annual coaches' conference open to the public. Visit <ihssbca.org/schobowlfest>			
10/7 SAT Date		Harvard Fall Auburn (Rockford)		
10/14	Falcon Kickoff F/S Wheaton North			
	ACF Fall High School Only Mirror Online			
10/21	Scobol Solo Sandburg (Orland Park)			
10/28 ACT Date				
11/4 SAT Date	IHSSBCA Novice Fremd (Palatine) Lincoln-Way East (Frankfort) ~~Payton (Chicago)~~	IHSSBCA Novice Belvidere Limestone (Peoria)	IHSSBCA Novice Mattoon	IHSSBCA Novice Granite City
11/11	History Bowl Regional Homewood-Flossmoor	Butterfield Memorial JV Moline	International Scholastic Bowl Bradley University (Peoria)	
11/18	IHSSBCA Riley Kickoff Barrington Homewood-Flossmoor	IHSSBCA Riley Kickoff Auburn (Rockford)	IHSSBCA Riley Kickoff Fairfield Mattoon	IHSSBCA Riley Kickoff Lincoln Southwestern (Piasa)
	Kickoff Tournaments have honored the memory of David L. Riley (Loyola) since 2016.			
		Riverdale Invitational Riverdale (Port Byron)	Hendricks Memorial Blue Ridge (Farmer City)	
12/2 SAT Date				Athens Frosh-Soph Athens
12/9 ACT Date	History Bowl Regional Sandburg (Orland Park)	Roanoke-Benson JV Roanoke-Benson		
12/16	Reinstein Varsity Barrington			
1/6			**Mattoon Frosh-Soph** **Mattoon**	Macomb Rotary Macomb
1/13	IHSSBCA Turnabout Homewood-Flossmoor Richmond-Burton	IHSSBCA Turnabout Belvidere Knights' Challenge F/S Auburn (Rockford)	IHSSBCA Turnabout Fairfield	IHSSBCA Turnabout Lincoln Piasa Bird Invitational Southwestern (Piasa)
1/20	Loyola Ultima Loyola (Wilmette)			
1/27		Winnebago Invitational Winnebago	Centennial F/S Centennial (Champaign)	FROSTBITE Granite City

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Date	Northeast (IHSA Dist 1-3)	Northwest (IHSA Dist 4)	Southeast (IHSA Dist 5, 7)	Southwest (IHSA Dist 6, 7)
2/2 Friday	IHSA Record Reports Due Online Go to <center.ihsa.org> to submit your season's win-loss record for the IHSA Sectional Seeding Meetings			
2/3				Robinson Memorial Springfield PAWS Palmyra (MO)
2/7 Wednesday	IHSA Sectional Seeding Meetings Online Go to <center.ihsa.org> to vote on the top teams in your IHSA Sectional			
2/10 ACT Date	History Bowl Champs Stevenson (Lincolnshire)			**Quincy JV** **Quincy** Railer Rumble II Lincoln
2/17	Masonic Sectionals Multiple Sites	Masonic Sectionals Multiple Sites	Masonic Sectionals Multiple Sites	Masonic Sectionals Multiple Sites
2/24	NAQT State Finals Centennial (Champaign)			
3/2	Masonic State Finals Bloomington			
3/4 Monday	IHSA Regionals Multiple Sites	IHSA Regionals Multiple Sites	IHSA Regionals Multiple Sites	IHSA Regionals Multiple Sites
3/9 SAT Date	IHSA Sectionals Multiple Sites	IHSA Sectionals Multiple Sites	IHSA Sectionals Multiple Sites	IHSA Sectionals Multiple Sites
3/16	IHSA State Finals Heartland College (Normal)			
3/30				
4/6	**H-F Trash Tourney** **Homewood-Flossmoor**			**Spring Cleaning Trash** Location TBA
4/13 ACT Date	Awards Banquet Illinois State U (Normal)			
5/4 SAT Date				

National Tournaments

April 7	Rosemont, IL	NAQT Individual Player National Championship	naqt.com/ipnct
April 25-28	Arlington, VA	IAC National Championships (History Bee and Bowl)	usa.iacompetitions.com
April 26-28	Rosemont, IL	NAQT Small School National Championship	naqt.com/ssnct
May 24-26	Atlanta, GA	NAQT High School National Championship	naqt.com/hsnct
June 8-9	**Reston, VA**	**PACE National Scholastics Championship**	**pace-nsc.org**
June 15-16	*Online*	*IQBT National All-Star Academic Tournament*	

High School Tournament Results

10/7: Harvard Fall at Auburn (Rockford) (13 teams)
Competitive Division (8 teams)
1. Barrington A, 2. Fremd (Palatine) A, 3. Auburn (Rockford), 4. Fremd (Palatine) B
Top player: Rohan Kher, Barrington A, 95 ppg

Standard Division (5 teams)
1. Winnebago, 2. Blue Ridge (Farmer City), 3. Woodlands (Lake Forest) A, 4. Barrington C
Top player: AJ Johnson, Blue Ridge (Farmer City), 50.63 ppg

10/14: ACF Fall Nationwide HS online (24 teams)
1. "Alexandria Scholars" (VA) A, 2. Mira Loma (CA), 3. Detroit Catholic Central (Novi, MI) A, 4. Belmont (MA)
Top player: Padraig Finan, Washington Connections (TX), 104 ppg

Teams from Illinois
5. Fremd (Palatine) A
6. Fremd (Palatine) B
17T. Stevenson (Lincolnshire)
23. Winnebago

10/21: Scobol Solo at Sandburg (Orland Park) (128 players)
1. Rohan Kher, Barrington
2. Charles Young, Barrington
3. Sriram Koritala, Lisle
4. Dwij Bhatt, Fremd (Palatine)
5T. David Bertolasi, Belvidere
5T. Omkar Marathe, Fremd (Palatine)
5T. Anna-Maria Olarov, Napeville North
8. Soren Gjesfjeld, Bloomington
9. Sam Kemeny, Evanston
Morning champion: Rohan Kher, Barrington

11/4: IHSSBCA Novice (85 teams)

Photos of top teams begin on page 5

Novice at Belvidere (6 teams)
1. Keith Country Day (Rockford), 2. IMSA (Aurora), 3. Belvidere, 4. Winnebago
Top player: Merrick Meyer, Keith Country Day (Rockford), 100 ppg

Novice at Fremd (Palatine) (20 teams)
1. Stevenson (Lincolnshire) B, 2. Fremd (Palatine) A, 3. Stevenson (Lincolnshire) A, 4. Hoffman Estates A
Top player: Anirudh Srinivasan, Stevenson (Lincolnshire) B, 130 ppg

Novice at Granite City (8 teams)
1. Springield, 2. North Mac (Virden) A, 3. Metro East Lutheran (Edwardsville), 4. Jacksonville
Top player: Vanshika Ganda, Springfield, 82.14 ppg

Novice at Limestone (Peoria) (8 teams)
1. Pleasant Plains, 2. Dunlap, 3. Galesburg, 4. Metamora
Top player: Silas Descalzo, Galesburg, 85 ppg

Novice at Lincoln-Way East (Frankfort) (28 teams)
1. Parker (Chicago) A, 2. Lincoln-Way East (Frankfort) A, 3. Waubonsie Valley (Aurora), 4. Latin (Chicago)
Top player: Salil Pakti, Waubonsie Valley (Aurora), 110 ppg

Novice at Mattoon (15 teams)
1. Bloomington, 2. University (Urbana), 3. Charleston, 4. Centennial (Champaign) A
Top player: Alex Chiritescu, Charleston, 102.5 ppg

Report your upcoming tournaments and tournament results on the state tournament central page for 2023-2024!



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11/11: International Scholastic Bowl at Bradley University (Peoria) (24 teams)
1. East Peoria, 2. Washington, 3. Metamora, 4. St Teresa (Decatur)
Top player: Logan Phillips, St Teresa (Decatur), 83.75 ppg

11/11: History Bee and Bowl Regional at Homewood-Flossmoor (14 teams)
Varsity History Bowl (8 teams)
1. Stevenson (Lincolnshire) A, 2. Waubonsie Valley (Aurora), 3T. Benet (Lisle), 3T. Lisle

JV History Bowl (6 teams)
1. Stevenson (Lincolnshire) E, 2. Barrington, 3T. Homewood-Flossmoor B, 3T. Stevenson (Lincolnshire) C

11/18: Hendricks Memorial at Blue Ridge (Farmer City) (8 teams)
1. Warrensburg-Latham, 2. Roanoke-Benson, 3. Schlarman (Danville), 4. Blue Ridge (Farmer City) A

11/18: Early-Season at Riverdale (Port Byron) (12 teams)
1. Morrison, 2. Riverdale (Port Byron) 3. Moline, 4. Annawan

12/2: Athens Fresh-Soph at Athens (16 teams)
1. Pleasant Plains, 2. Centennial (Champaign) A, 3. St Teresa (Decatur), 4. Auburn

High School Tournament Results

11/18: Riley Kickoff (175 teams)

Photos of top teams begin on page 8

Kickoff at Auburn (Rockford)
1. IMSA (Aurora) A, 2. Auburn (Rockford),
3. IMSA (Aurora) B, 4. Winnebago
Top player: Stephen Walsh, IMSA (Aurora) A, 105 ppg

Kickoff at Barrington (28 teams)
Challenge Division (8 teams)
1. Barrington A, 2. Buffalo Grove A,
3. Stevenson (Lincolnshire) A, 4. Evanston A
Top player: Rohan Ganeshan, Buffalo Grove A, 178.57 ppg

Standard Division (20 teams)
1. New Trier (Winnetka), 2. Loyola (Wilmette) A,
3. Northridge (Niles), 4. Stevenson (Lincolnshire) C
Top player: Sohan Avula, Elgin Academy A, 68.75 ppg

Kickoff at Fairfield (7 teams)
1. Carbondale A, 2. Johnston City A, 3. Fairfield,
4. Carterville
Top player: Ava Anderson, Johnston City A, 75 ppg

Kickoff at Homewood-Flossmoor (70 teams)
Champions Division (36 teams)
1. Fremd (Palatine) A, 2. Parker (Chicago) A,
3. Fremd (Palatine) C, 4. Fremd (Palatine) B
Top player: Sriram Koritala, Lisle, 109 ppg

Challengers Division (34 teams)
1. Fenwick (Oak Park) B, 2. Oswego East C,
3. Payton (Chicago) C, 4. Chicago Christian (Palos Heights)
Top player: Toby Fratto,
Chicago Christian (Palos Heights), 71 ppg

Kickoff at Lincoln (30 teams)
Competitive Division (18 teams)
1. Bloomington, 2. Springfield A, 3. St Teresa (Decatur) A,
4. Galesburg
Top player: Soren Gjesfjeld, Bloomington, 111 ppg

Standard Division (12 teams)
1. Springfield C, 2. Pleasant Plains B, 3. Riverton,
4. Illinois Valley Central (Chillicothe)
Top player: Amelia Gaddis, Riverton, 44 ppg

Kickoff at Mattoon (20 teams)
1. University (Urbana), 2. Centennial (Champaign) A,
3. Paris, 4. Champaign Central A

Kickoff at Southwestern (Piasa) (12 Teams)
1. Mascoutah, 2. Metro-East Lutheran (Edwardsville),
3. Alton, 4. Rushville-Industry
Top Player: Wyatt Curry, Mascoutah, 110 ppg

12/2: Woodford County at El Paso Gridley (6 schools)
Varsity Division (6 teams)
1. Metamora, 2. Eureka, 3. Roanoke-Benson, 4. El Paso Gridley

12/2: Woodford County at El Paso Gridley (6 schools)
JV Division (5 teams)
1. El Paso Gridley, 2. Metamora, 3. Roanoke-Benson,
4. Fieldcrest

Monday, 12/4: Rock Falls Triangular (3 schools)
Varsity: 1. Rock Falls, 2. Sterling, 3. Oregon
JV: 1. Rock Falls, 2. Oregon, 3. Sterling

12/9: Roanoke-Benson JV at Roanoke-Benson (8 teams)
1. Riverdale (Port Byron), 2T. Roanoke-Benson,
2T. Schlarman (Danville), 4. Henry-Senachwine

12/9: History Bee and Bowl Regional at Sandburg (Orland Park) (18 teams)
Varsity History Bowl (8 teams)
1. Waubonsie Valley (Aurora) A,
2. Stevenson (Lincolnshire) A,
3T. Homewood-Flossmoor A,
3T. Waubonsie Valley (Aurora) B

JV History Bowl (10 teams)
1. Stevenson (Lincolnshire) C, 2. Barrington B,
3T. Lincoln-Way East, 3T. Whitney Young (Chicago)

12/16: Reinstein Varsity at Barrington (71 teams)
Uber-Competitive Division (24 teams)
1. Barrington A, 2. Buffalo Grove,
3. Innovation (Alpharetta, GA) A, 4. Fremd (Palatine) A
Top player: Rohan Ganeshan, Buffalo Grove, 143 ppg

Standard Division (47 teams)
1. Springfield, 2. Belvidere, 3T. Carbondale, 3T. Lisle
Top player: Sriram Koritala, Lisle, 118.75 ppg

Middle School Tournament Results

Wednesday, 10/11: Saint Viator 8th Grade at Saint Viator (Arlington Heights) (12 teams)
1. St Raymond (Mount Prospect), 2. St Norbert (Northbrook),
3. Holy Family (Inverness) A,
4. St Paul of the Cross (Park Ridge)

Wednesday, 10/18: Grade School Academic Bowl at DePaul (Chicago) (22 teams)
1. St Benedict (Chicago) A,
2. Immaculate Conception St Joseph (Chicago) B,
3. Immaculate Conception St Joseph (Chicago) A,
4. St Viator (Arlington Heights)

11/11: Loyola Middle School Invitational at Loyola (Wilmette) (22 teams)
1. Immaculate Conception St Joseph (Chicago) A,
2. St Raymond (Mount Prospect) A, 3. St Norbert (Northbrook),
4. St Benedict (Chicago) A
Top player: Daniel Ortman, St Norbert (Northbrook), 107.5 ppg

11/11: Gladiator Fall at St Mary's Visitation (Elm Grove, WI) (14 teams)
1. Quest (Palatine) A, 2. Keith Country Day (Rockford) A,
3. Marshall (Rockford) A,
4. St Mary's Visitation (Elm Grove, WI) A
Top player: Aatman Shah,
Keith Country Day (Rockford) A, 115.71 ppg

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