

Special Olympics *Washington*



2017 East Region WSU Basketball Tournament Notes

1. The Smith-Bohler Complex is a large facility, so please know where your team members are at all times. Team skills and individual skills competition will take place in gym 7. All teams will pick up team packets at the Bohler-Smith Galleria (the brackets in this packet supersede any other brackets sent out) Maps are enclosed for the Smith-Bohler Complex.
2. Parents and caregivers are not allowed on the court or to sit in team chairs during the games. Parents and caregivers are not allowed on the team skills or individual skills competition areas unless they are one-on-ones for the athletes. Two coaches are allowed to sit with the team during competition. Only the designated head coach may communicate with the officials during the game.
 - We are asking those individuals who are capable of walking up and down stairs to please do so while at the WSU tournament. This will free up the elevator for those who truly need it to get to the various locations in the Bohler-Smith complex
3. **Parking:** See attached Parking instructions. Information regarding parking will be available at the team check-in table as well.
4. **There is no food or drink (other than water) allowed in the gyms at WSU.** Teams and spectators will be allowed food and other beverages beside water in designated eating areas. Above Smith gym will be the designated lunch area. This area will have spectator seating for individuals to eat and teams can use this space as a team staging area as long as teams are not spreading out and taking up a great deal of space. It's very important that you pass this onto your team, coaches, and families. Teams found not to be following this rule will be asked to leave the gym, and will lead to a forfeit.
5. There will be an Olympic (Cougar) town in the Smith Building. We will have games set up, coloring, etc. Please encourage your team to write thankyou letters to WSU. No food or beverages allowed in this room.
6. **Review the brackets in the packet for updates regarding game times. Teams need to arrive to their game on time, so please look over the start times for your games, and the location of the courts. Games will be shortened if teams don't arrive on time, in order to stay on schedule. Any team arriving more than 10 minutes late to a game will forfeit the game.**
7. Teams advancing to state are listed on each bracket. **We are going to be strict with the 3 to 1 ratio due housing being tight in Wenatchee.** Unified partners who are 18 and older must be your chaperones for Unified teams. **Any athlete who needs a one-one, must have a chaperone that is of the same gender as them.**
8. 10 individual skills athletes will advance to the state tournament. The coaches will be notified shortly after the tournament of the athletes who will advance to the state tournament.

9. Protest forms can be found in your packet as well as at the team check-in table. Divisioning or officiating cannot be protested. Protests must be turned in at the team check-in table within 30 minutes of the game. If your team is having difficulties on your court, please call time-out and contact the court marshahll stationed in each gym. The court marshall will take care of the difficulties or will get a hold of me. (Court Marshalls will be experienced officials in basketball).
10. The lunch area will be located above the Bohler Gymnasium. Lunches must be eaten in the designated lunch area; these areas will be marked. Washington State University requires all teams not to eat or drink fluids other than water in the gyms. Individuals/teams not following the requirement for eating in undesignated areas will forfeit the remainder of the games. We will only give you the number of lunches that was listed on the cover sheet.
11. Please remind your athletes, parents and chaperones to pick up after themselves. Throw garbage in the trash cans! Clean up after they eat lunch. The team areas need to be cleaned after each game and when you leave the tournament for the day. Only water bottles are allowed in the gyms.
12. Please remind your athletes, parents and chaperones that this tournament is manned and ran by volunteers, who include officials, score keepers, lunch makers, award presenters, team skills and individual skills managers, first aid responders, team check-in managers, and souvenir salesmen. Please be kind and patient!
13. Basketball Tournament Shirts will be available for \$15.00 a piece, as well as other merchandise.
14. This is the qualifying season for basketball for the 2018 USA games. Those wishing to qualify for the USA games may only have a roster of 10 at regionals and state. A team must win gold at state to apply for a position to go to the USA games. (More info to come)