

Utah High School Activities Association

2026 3A Boys' and Girls' Basketball Tournaments

Southern Utah University – Cedar City, Utah • Feb 19 – Feb.21

Quarterfinal, Semifinal & Finals Scheduled Game Times

Boys' Quarterfinals: 9:30, 11:10, 12:50, and 2:30, February 19

Girls' Quarterfinals: 4:10, 5:50, 7:30, and 9:10, February 19

Girls' Semifinals: 4:10, 5:50, February 20

Boys' Semifinals: 7:30 and 9:10, February 20

Girls' Final: 5:00, February 21

Boys' Final: 7:00, February 21



On behalf of the UHSAA and Southern Utah University, welcome to Cedar City for the 3A State Boys' and Girls' Basketball Championships. Please read the following instructions for information on the tournament.

Coaches Credentials

Coaches are required to wear their UHSAA-issued credentials for certified coaches when coaching in games, or when on-site at the venue.

Team Entry and Locker Rooms

Teams may enter through the ramp on the northeast corner of the Centrum. Teams will be wrist banded each day and they must enter through that tunnel throughout the tournament. A travel party of 25 (players, coaches, trainers, etc.) will receive complimentary admission as per UHSAA policy. A total number will be kept, and your school will receive an invoice for the difference.

Teams will be able to access their locker rooms no more than one hour prior to the day's first game. Teams for the following games will be able to access their locker rooms at the start of the third quarter of the preceding game.

Cheerleaders, Drill Teams, and Pep Band

- 1) Every member of your support groups **must purchase a ticket** through GoFan each time they come to the venue. Please don't show up to the venue without purchasing a ticket beforehand. The UHSAA will reimburse your school for up to (15) cheerleaders.
- 2) Please enter the venue at the General Admission doors, located on the southwest corner of the Centrum.
- 3) Cheerleader groups need to arrive at the venue ready to perform. There will be areas for spirit groups of each team to store bags and other items in the tunnel area during their game.

Student Groups and Band Seating

- 1) Student groups will sit immediately across from their bench, with the east bench being the home team bench. Bands will sit in either Section I or Section N, whichever is closest to their team bench.

Locker Team Dropoff

- 1) Buses are encouraged to drop off "Basketball Teams" outside of the tunnel on the northeast side of America First Event Center. All other buses (students, participants, support groups) are to drop off on the unloading zone on the west side of the America First Event Center, entering through the west doors.

Bus Parking

- 1) Buses are to park in the designated lots in the attached maps.

Room Policy

Please instruct your team that as they come through the tunnel, keep all equipment and belongings with them until it is time to actually use the locker room. Dressing rooms will be secure during games, but it is recommended that valuables are locked up. After the game, please immediately remove all belongings and leave the locker room as quickly as possible, as another team will need to enter.

Officials

Cones for Officials will be placed in the parking lot immediately outside of the entrance to the East Tunnel of the America First Event Center. There will be no parking for officials in the area by the entrance to the tunnel.

Ticketing

Tickets will be available only through GoFan digital tickets. There will be no opportunities for cash purchases of tickets; all tickets must either be purchased on-site using credit or debit card at the box office or purchased in advance via the GoFan website or app. Fans will receive a wristband on entry into the venue to allow for re-entry.

Remember, all bands, cheerleaders, and drill teams must have purchased tickets to enter the facility, also through GoFan. The UHSAA will not set up a billing arrangement for bands, cheerleaders, or drill teams.

UHSAA annual passes and silver passes may be redeemed for tickets at the box office. NOTE: UHSAA Credentials for certified coaches cannot be used in lieu of the Annual Pass for complimentary admissions.

Coaches must wear credentials when coaching in games.

Fan Safety Protocols

All fans will be required to go through metal detectors upon entering the building, per SUU safety protocols. Fan entry locations are noted on the attached maps. A clear bag policy will be in place for the event, with more information available at <https://suutbirds.com/sports/2025/8/27/clear-bag-policy.aspx>.

Athletic Training

Trainers will be available for taping and therapy, but you must provide your own training supplies.

Game Operations Reminders

The home team for each game will be seated to the right of the scoring table, while the visiting team will be seated to the left. Scorers will be seated next to their respective benches at the official table. (No hats or cheering are allowed at the scoring table).

Cheer/Dance Protocol

Cheerleaders and dance teams will be allowed entry in a manner that is consistent with other UHSAA events, meaning they will pay, and cheerleaders are allowed to be reimbursed according to UHSAA policy. Halftime performances will start with the home team, followed by the visitors. Teams will need to provide music to the scoring table before the game starts, to ensure it works properly for halftime. Teams are encouraged to arrive at the venue ready to perform, as changing rooms may not be available for teams.

There is a maximum of 15 cheerleaders that will be allowed on the floor during the event.

Hospitality Room

There will be a hospitality room for administrators, coaches, and officials. This room will be located in the arena tunnel. Please abide by these guidelines and do not take advantage of it.

Warm-Up Time

There will be a minimum of a 10-minute warm-up period between games. Floors will be swept at halftime of games to allow for continuous game play.

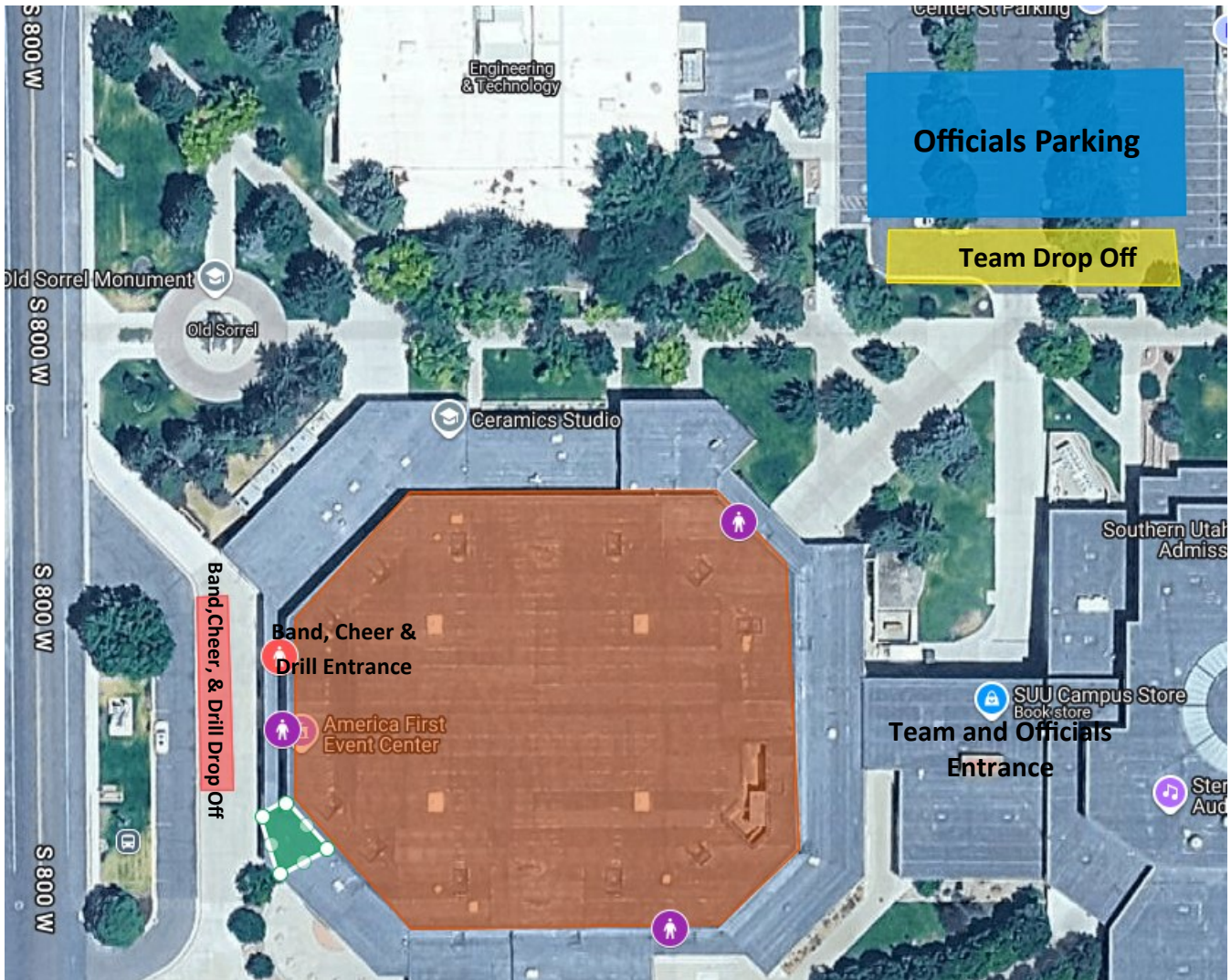
Protocol Meeting

There will be a protocol meeting held for teams who qualify for the championship games. This meeting will take place in the SUU Team Film Room, which is on the southwest corner of the America First Event Center concourse.

State Basketball Overview Map



Team, Officials & Support Team Information



Long Term Bus Parking



After dropping the teams off, please have your buses park in the long term lot during the competition.

UHSAA Pass Holder Entrance

