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NEWS RELEASE

BASKETBALL TOURNAMENTS TIP-OFF MONDAY

PHOENIX, AZ (February 10, 2008) – The 2008 AIA State Basketball Tournaments tip-off Monday, Feb. 11, at Northern Arizona University's (NAU) J. Lawrence Walkup Skydome in Flagstaff. The first and second rounds of the 3A basketball tournaments will be played at NAU Monday thru Thursday, Feb. 14.

On Tuesday, Feb. 12, the 4A basketball tournaments begin with games at the site of the high seeds. Games are scheduled to begin at 7 p.m.; however, if a school is hosting a girls and boys game, the girl's game will begin at 5:15 p.m., followed by the boy's game at 7 p.m.

The first and second round of the 1A basketball tournaments will be played at Prescott High School and Prescott Valley's Bradshaw Mountain High School on Wednesday, Feb. 13, and Thursday, Feb. 14.

On Friday, Feb. 15, the quarterfinals of the 4A basketball tournaments continue with games at the site of the high seeds. The 1A basketball semi-finals will be played at Jobing.com Arena; furthermore, the 2A basketball tournaments begin at Phoenix area high schools with first round play, and continue on Saturday, Feb. 16, with second round games.

Jobing.com Arena will host the 1A basketball championships at 1:15 and 3:15 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 18, along with the semi-finals of the 2A basketball tournaments prior to and following the 1A basketball championships.

On Tuesday, Feb. 19, the 4A D-II boy's basketball semi-finals will be played at Arizona State University's Wells Fargo Arena at 6 and 7:45 p.m., and the 5A girl's basketball tournaments begin at high seed sites at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 20, marks the beginning of the 5A boy's basketball tournaments at high seed sites, and the semi-finals of the 4A D-I girl's and 4A D-II basketball tournaments at Jobing.com Arena. The 3A basketball semi-finals make their way to Jobing.com Arena beginning at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, Feb. 21, followed by the 4A D-II basketball championships at 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. The 5A girl's quarterfinals follow a day later on Friday, Feb. 22, with games at high seed sites at 7 p.m.

Six state championship teams will be crowned on Saturday, Feb. 23, at Jobing.com Arena. The 2A championships will be held at 10 a.m. and 12 p.m., followed by the 4A D-I championships at 2 and 4 p.m., and concluding with the 3A championships at 6 and 8 p.m. In addition, the 5A boy's quarterfinals will be played at high seed sites at 7 p.m.

The 5A basketball tournaments will be the last to conclude, and will have semi-final games held at Jobing.com Arena on Wednesday, Feb. 27 (Division II), and Thursday, Feb. 28 (Division I). The 5A basketball championships will be played on Friday, Feb. 29. The 5A D-II championships will be held at 2 and 4 p.m., followed by the 5A D-I championships at 6 and 8 p.m.

Tickets at Jobing.com Arena are \$8.00 for adults and \$6.00 for students (high school age with ID and below), and children 5 and younger are free.

To view the brackets with times and locations, please visit the brackets section of the AIA website: <http://www.aiaonline.org/athletics/brackets.php>. The 5A state basketball tournaments will be seeded and posted on the AIA website by Noon on Sunday, Feb. 17.

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