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FOX SPORTS ARIZONA WILL TELEVISION AIA 5A & 4A DIVISION I & II BOYS & GIRLS BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES

EIGHT GAMES PLAYED AT JOBING.COM ARENA ON FEBRUARY 26 & MARCH 4

FOX Sports Arizona and the Arizona Interscholastic Association have announced another addition to its expanding television partnership that ensures television coverage for this year's AIA 5A & 4A Division I & II Boys and Girls state basketball championship games. The eight games are played at Jobing.com Arena. Each game of the "AIA Basketball Championships, Presented by Farmers" will be delivered to the network's 2.8 million households in Arizona and New Mexico, as well as nationwide on regional sports television network home satellite packages.

On Saturday, Feb. 26, FOX Sports Arizona will televise the 4A-II girls championship game at 10 a.m., followed by the 4A-II boys title game at noon. Later that day on FOX Sports Arizona Plus, the 4A-I girls championships will tape delayed at 4 p.m. and the 4A-I boys game is tape delayed at 6 pm. These two games will also be replayed later that night on FOX Sports Arizona at 10:30 p.m. and 12:30 a.m.

The tape delays are necessary because the network is televising the first-ever Spring Training game for the Arizona Diamondbacks from Salt River Fields at Talking Stick live on FOX Sports Arizona Plus at 1 p.m. and University of Arizona and Arizona State University men's basketball on FOX Sports Arizona (2:00 and 5:30 pm). The AIA 4A-I title games are being played at Jobing.com Arena at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.

Then on Friday, March 4, the AIA 5A I & II boys and girls basketball championship games will all be televised live in a quadruple-header on FOX Sports Arizona. Beginning at 2 p.m., it's the 5A-II girls game followed by 5A-II boys at 4 p.m., 5A-I girls at 6 p.m. and 5A-I boys at 8 p.m.

The games will also be webcast live and available for free on www.AIA365.com. Meanwhile, the 3A boys and girls state championship games will be webcast on www.FOXSportsArizona.com and www.AIA365.com

"After our very successful telecasts of the AIA 4A and 5A football championship games, we are excited to now showcase Arizona's best high school boys and girls basketball teams," said Mike Connelly, FOX Sports Arizona Senior Vice President & General Manager. "FOX Sports Arizona's mission is to offer unmatched coverage of the local sports scene and with eight AIA championship basketball games we are again following through on it."

"The opportunity to have these games on the premiere sports channel in the southwest is great for our students and Association," said Chuck Schmidt, Chief Operating Officer of the Arizona Interscholastic Association. "We are truly thrilled to have FOX Sports Arizona as our broadcast partner."

FOX Sports Arizona's coverage of the championship games will include Kevin Ray doing the play-by-play for all eight games. He will be joined by analysts Tom Kuyper and Derek Glasser. Kuyper will work the 4A I & 5A I boys and girls games, while Glasser will be on the 4A II & 5A II boys and girls contests. Jody Jackson and Mark McClune will be the courtside reporters.

FOX Sports Arizona televises the most regional sports action in the state and is home to the Phoenix Suns, Phoenix Coyotes, Arizona Diamondbacks, Arizona Cardinals, Arizona State University, University of Arizona, Northern Arizona University, Phoenix Mercury and the Arizona Interscholastic Association (AIA). FOX Sports Arizona is currently seen in 2.8 million households in Arizona & New Mexico and can also be seen across the country via home satellite services. For even more coverage of the local sports scene, log onto www.FOXSportsArizona.com.