

2024 KSHSAA State Basketball Tournament Sportsmanship Awards

The Kansas State High School Activities Association, through its member schools, defines sportsmanship as those qualities of behavior which are characterized by generosity and genuine concern for others. Further, an awareness is expected of the impact of an individual's influence on the behavior of others.

The excitement of a basketball game can create concerns for fans, students, and officials. Citizenship/Sportsmanship Rule 52 addresses this by stating: "**Win with character and lose with dignity.**"

Outstanding sportsmanship is acknowledged each year by presenting sportsmanship certificates, plaques, and medals. All 112 high school teams participating in KSHSAA State Basketball Tournaments may qualify for an award. A "rating" system is used allowing schools to compete against a "standard of excellence", rather than competing against one another.

A special sportsmanship committee appointed by the KSHSAA evaluated and rated the cheerleaders, school cheering section, adult and non-high school followers, team, and coach of each school. The following schools qualified for **sportsmanship awards** at the KSHSAA State Basketball Tournaments:

Class 1A DII:

Girls Certificate: Beloit-St. John's/Tipton Catholic, Marcy Kee & Gery Hake, Principals

Girls Plaque & Medals: None

Boys Certificate: Almena-Northern Valley, Ken Tharman, Principal

Boys Plaque & Medals: Axtell, Gay Frazee, Principal

Class 1A DI:

Girls Certificate: None

Girls Plaque & Medals: Frankfort, Dean Dalinghaus, Principal

Boys Certificate: Canton-Galva, Jesse Vincent, Principal

Boys Plaque & Medals: Quinter, Toby Countryman, Principal

Class 2A:

Girls Certificate: Eureka, Angela Lowe, Principal ; Hillsboro, Tyler Weinbrenner, Principal; Leoti-Wichita County, Brant Douglas, Principal

Girls Plaque & Medals: Blue Rapids-Valley Heights, Mike Savage, Principal

Boys Certificate: None

Boys Plaque & Medals: None

Class 3A:

Girls Certificate: Cheney, Greg Rosenhagen, Principal; Girard, Tim Davied, Principal; Haven, Jared Kirkpatrick, Principal

Girls Plaque & Medals: None

Boys Certificate: None

Boys Plaque & Medals: None

Class 4A:

Girls Certificate: Andale, Michelle Schackelford, Principal ; Altamont-Labette County, Stacy Smith, Principal; Clearwater, Eric Cooper, Principal; Ottawa, Kelly Whittaker, Principal

Girls Plaque & Medals: Fort Scott, Scott Kimble, Principal; McPherson, Dr. Audrey Herbst, Principal; Wellington, John Nance, Principal

Boys Certificate: Abilene, Dr. Ben Smith, Principal; Fort Scott, Scott Kimble, Principal; St. George-Rock Creek, Eric Koppes, Principal

Boys Plaque & Medals: Atchison, LaTisha Downing, Principal; Baldwin, Brant Brittingham, Principal; Hugoton, Melody Witt, Principal

Class 5A:

Girls Certificate: Overland Park-Blue Valley Southwest, Dr. Tyler Alexander

Girls Plaque & Medals: None

Boys Certificate: None

Boys Plaque & Medals: None

Class 6A:

Girls Certificate: Manhattan, Michael Dorst, Principal

Girls Plaque & Medals: None

Boys Certificate: Olathe North, Jason Herman, Principal

Boys Plaque & Medals: None