



# Student Activities

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## Tournament Time

The beginning of February signals the beginning of preparations in the Activities Department for the numerous tournaments that we host in Fargo and West Fargo each year at the end of the winter sports season. Today, I will highlight four of the state tournaments that will be managed by the Metro Area Tournament Committee to close out the winter season. The Metro Area Tournament Committee is a non-profit organization that serves as the umbrella organization for managing invitational, conference, regional, and state tournaments that are held in the Fargo and West Fargo communities.

The State Wrestling Tournament will be held on February 15-17 at the FARGODOME. The state wrestling tournament is one of the largest tournaments sponsored by the North Dakota High School Activities Association (NDHSAA). Fargo is slated to be the home of the State Wrestling Tournament through the 2030-31 season. The individual tournament for both the boys and girls will be contested on Thursday and Friday. The dual tournament for each of the three divisions will be held on Saturday making it feel like there are two distinct tournaments being held that weekend. We experimented with using twelve mats for last year's tournament and have decided to return to the traditional eight mats to provide a better spectator experience.

The Boys and Girls State Hockey Tournaments will be held on February 22-24 at Scheels Arena and the adjacent Farmers Union Insurance Arena. Having two rinks in a single venue provides for an unbelievable spectator experience at the tournament. The tournament game times will be staggered to allow spectators to view parts of multiple games throughout the day.

The Boys Swimming and Diving State Meet will be held on March 1-2 at the Hulbert Aquatics Center in West Fargo. We are fortunate to have one of the premier aquatics' facilities in the Upper Midwest in our communities.

The State Class A Boys Basketball Tournament will be held at the FARGODOME on March 14-16. This is the new middle division of basketball created by the move to three classes of basketball in North Dakota.

More information on each of these tournaments can be found at [www.metrotournament.com](http://www.metrotournament.com) or at [www.ndhsaanow.com](http://www.ndhsaanow.com)

