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Indiana Fever players to appear at Girls Basketball Sectionals

Appearances are part of National Girls and Women in Sports Day

A year after celebrating the 50th year of the landmark passage of Title IX, the IHSAA is again highlighting the impact, leadership, and accomplishments of women and girls in sport.

Wednesday, February 1, 2023, is the 37th annual celebration of National Girls and Women in Sports Day (NGWSD), which began in 1987 as a day of recognition in Washington, DC. The day in 1987 served as a remembrance of the late Olympic volleyball player, Flo Hyman, for her athletic achievements and education to promoting equality for women's sports.



Kelsey Mitchell



Lexie Hull



NaLyssa Smith

This year, members of the [Indiana Fever](#), a presenting partner of the girls and boys basketball state tournaments, will make appearances at three sectional sites which begin this week. This is the 10th year of the professional franchise's sponsorship of the tournament.

On Wednesday, Fever players **Kelsey Mitchell** and **NaLyssa Smith** will make guest appearances at Lawrence Central High School in Indianapolis while **Lexie Hull** will attend the games at Southport High School. Hull, Mitchell and Smith will be at Noblesville High School for Friday's semifinal games. They will be accompanied by **Freddy Fever**, the team's mascot, at each site.

Also, IHSAA Assistant Commissioners Kerrie Rosati and Janie Ulmer will both speak on Wednesday at Center Grove High School in Greenwood with Rosati participating on a panel discussion at Logansport High School on Friday.

The IHSAA is home to nearly 65,000 female athletes, coaches, and athletic administrators annually. These participants are a part of the over 3.2 million female student-athletes across the country that participate in athletics at the high school level, according to the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS).

About the Indiana High School Athletic Association, Inc. (IHSAA)

The IHSAA is a voluntary, not-for-profit organization that is self-supporting without the use of tax monies. Since its founding in 1903, the Association's mission has been to provide wholesome, educational athletics for the secondary schools of Indiana. Its 407 member high schools - public, institutional, parochial and private - pay no annual membership fee or incur entry fees to play in the Association's tournaments. A state tournament series is conducted annually in 22 sports, 10 for girls, 10 for boys and two co-eds (unified flag football, unified track and field). A 19-person board of directors, elected by member school principals, governs the organization.