

IHSAA News Release



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TICKETS

General admission tickets are \$10 per person and available to purchase online at [GoFan](https://www.GoFan.com) or at the Worthen Arena Ticket Office at Lower Level, Gate 1 on Saturday. Pre-school children admitted at no charge.

PARKING

Spectator parking is located just north of Worthen Arena. Please note that Ball State charges a \$5 all-day parking fee in the Worthen Arena lots. \$10 for vehicles that take up more than one parking space.

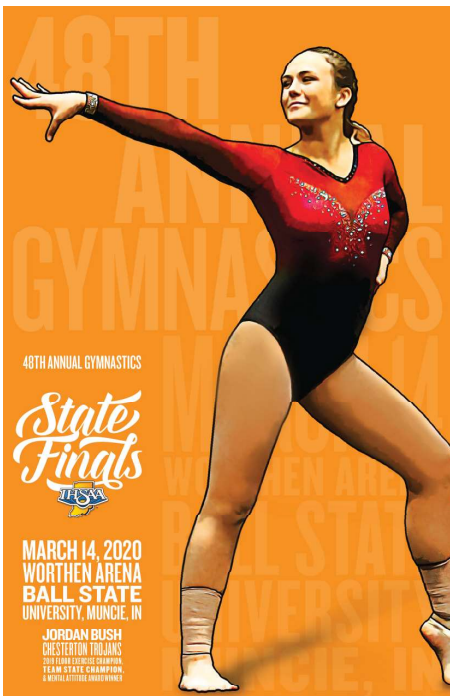
DOORS OPEN

Doors will open to spectators at 11:30 am ET on Saturday, one hour prior to the Opening Ceremonies.

WEBSTREAM

Saturday's competition will be streamed live by [IHSAAtv.org](https://www.IHSAAtv.org).

- Host Thad Vandeventer
- Analyst Camille Hayes
- Analyst Kelly Gridley



THE 48TH ANNUAL IHSAA GYMNASTICS STATE FINALS

Saturday, March 14, 2020
Worthen Arena, Ball State University, Muncie
Opening Ceremonies, 12:30 pm ET
Competition, 1 pm ET

[State Championship Records Book](#) | [State Tournament Results](#)

Six teams return from last year's field of state finalists including two-time defending state champion and top-ranked Chesterton as the 48th Annual IHSAA Gymnastics State Finals are contested at Ball State University's Worthen Arena in Muncie on Saturday.

■ Defending Team Champion

Chesterton will be aiming for a third straight title under coach Dawn Matthys. It would be the sixth overall crown for the Trojans (1993, 2000, 2002, 2018, 2019) in school history and would tie Homestead for second-most in tournament history.

■ Defending Individual State Champions

Two individuals who stood at the top of the podium last year return this weekend seeking to add to their collection of hardware.

Sophia Hunzelman, Chesterton senior, is a six-time state champion including winning two of the last three all-around crowns. With another title on Saturday, she would become the first gymnast to win three all-around crowns. She is currently one of nine individuals with two to her credit in tournament history.

Last year, Hunzelman repeated as champion on the balance beam sharing the title with teammate Mia Pak and McCutcheon's Crysta Dilley who has graduated. No one has won the balance beam three times in their career. Hunzelman also won the uneven parallel bars last year for the second-time in three seasons. The only other individual to win the bars three times was Wawasee's Tracy Rinker (1977, 1978, 1980).

Pak, a Chesterton junior, is the other defending state champion in the meet having shared last year's bars title and outright winning the vault.

■ Makenna King of South Central (Union Mills) put up the top score in every event over the last two weeks - not just in her own meets - but across the entire state. The sophomore scored a 9.9 in the vault at the regional, a 9.85 in the bars at the sectional, a 9.8 on the beam at the regional, a 9.85 in the floor exercise at the regional, and posted the best all-around score - 39.125 - at the regional. Only one individual has won a state championship in any sport from the LaPorte County school - Skip Wright won the high jump at the 1965 boys track and field state finals.

■ Chesterton (114.950), Lake Central (113.225) and Valparaiso (112.050) tallied three of the top five scores of this year's tournament in going 1-2-3 in the loaded Portage Regional last Saturday.

■ Four schools in the field have strung together multiple state finals appearances led by fourth-ranked Columbus North making its 14th consecutive trip as a team. No. 7 Homestead follows with six straight with top-ranked Chesterton returning for the fifth straight year and Carroll (Fort Wayne) making its fourth trip in a row.



NOTABLES

State Tournament Participation

One hundred thirty-five athletes representing 26 different schools will compete in this weekend's event. Sectionals began two weeks ago with 73 schools and 525 participants.

Former State Champions in Meet (2)

- Sophia Hunzelman (12) Chesterton
>2017, 2018 All-Around champion
>2017, 2019 Bars
>2018, 2019 Beam champion
- Mia Pak (11) Chesterton
>2019 Vault champion
>2019 Bars co-champion

Schools Represented (26)

Angola, Carroll (Fort Wayne), Chesterton, Columbus East, Columbus North, DeKalb, Fort Wayne Bishop Dwenger, Fort Wayne Concordia Lutheran, Fort Wayne Wayne, Harrison (West Lafayette), Homestead, Lafayette Jefferson, Lake Central, Logansport, Martinsville, Merrillville, New Castle, New Palestine, Northwestern, Owen Valley, Plymouth, Portage, Richmond, Roncalli, South Central (Union Mills), Valparaiso.

Competing for Team Championship (9)

Carroll (Fort Wayne), Chesterton, Columbus North, Fort Wayne Bishop Dwenger, Homestead, Lake Central, New Castle, Richmond, Valparaiso

Returning Teams from 2019 (6)

Carroll (Fort Wayne), Chesterton, Columbus North, Homestead, Lake Central, Richmond

Consecutive State Finals Appearances

14: Columbus North
6: Homestead
5: Chesterton
4: Carroll (Fort Wayne)

First-Time State Finals Appearances

None

State Finals Drought-Breaker

New Castle will be represented in the state finals team competition for the second time overall but first since 2002.

Sectional Champions (6)

Chesterton, Columbus North, DeKalb, Harrison (West Lafayette), Homestead, Richmond

Regional Champions (3)

Chesterton, Columbus North, Fort Wayne Bishop Dwenger

Sectional All-Around Champions

- Sarah Boyd (11) DeKalb
- Sophia Hunzelman (12) Chesterton
- Emily Moore (10) Columbus North
- Elizabeth Ruger (10) Richmond
- Catie Smith (11) Northwestern
- Gianna Zirille (9) Homestead

Regional All-Around Champions

- Makenna King (10) South Central (Union Mills)
- Elizabeth Ruger (10) Richmond
- Gianna Zirille (9) Homestead

Top 5 Team Scores

Chesterton 114.950 (Regional)
Chesterton 113.775 (Sectional)
Lake Central 113.225 (Regional)
Lake Central 113.150 (Sectional)
Valparaiso 112.050 (Regional)

Top 5 Vault Scores

Makenna King (10) South Central 9.90 (Regional)
Elizabeth Ruger (10) Richmond 9.875 (Sectional)
Makenna King (10) South Central 9.825 (Sectional)
Bobbie Russell (11) Portage 9.80 (Sectional)
Elizabeth Ruger (10) Richmond 9.775 (Regional)

Top 5 Bars Scores

Makenna King (10) South Central 9.85 (Sectional)
Sophia Hunzelman (12) Chesterton 9.775 (Sectional)
Sophia Hunzelman (12) Chesterton 9.75 (Regional)
Mia Pak (11) Chesterton 9.70 (Regional)
Mia Pak (11) Chesterton 9.70 (Sectional)

Top 5 Beam Scores

Makenna King (10) South Central 9.80 (Regional)
Cloe Amanatidis (10) Lake Central 9.75 (Regional)
Sophia Hunzelman (12) Chesterton 9.70 (Regional)
Emily Moore (10) Columbus North 9.625 (Sectional)
Gianna Zirille (9) Homestead 9.60 (Regional)

Top 5 Floor Exercise Scores

Makenna King (10) South Central 9.85 (Regional)
Sophia Hunzelman (12) Chesterton 9.80 (Regional)
Cloe Amanatidis (10) Lake Central 9.775 (Regional)
Mia Pak (11) Chesterton 9.750 (Regional)
Cloe Amanatidis (10) Lake Central 9.750 (Sectional)

Top 5 All-Around Scores

Makenna King (10) South Central 39.125 (Regional)
Mia Pak (11) Chesterton 38.700 (Regional)
Cloe Amanatidis (10) Lake Central 38.475 (Regional)
Sophia Hunzelman (12) Chesterton 38.4745 (Regional)
Sophia Hunzelman (12) Chesterton 38.425 (Sectional)

INDIANA HIGH SCHOOL GYMNASTICS FINAL COACHES POLL

1. Chesterton (3)	73
2. Lake Central (1)	67
3. Valparaiso	63
4. Columbus North	59
5. Fort Wayne Bishop Dwenger	56
6. Crown Point	55
7. Homestead	46
8. Portage	41
9. Harrison (West Lafayette)	24
T10. DeKalb	15
T10. Richmond	15
12. Logansport	14
13. Merrillville	7
14. Owen Valley	6
15. Angola	4
16. New Castle	2

MEDIA INFORMATION

TOURNAMENT ADMINISTRATOR: Sandra Walter, Assistant Commissioner

TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS: Barbi Kern, Connie Walters

MEDIA HOST: IHSAA Sports Information Director Jason Wille will be on hand to assist you in your coverage of the event.

MEDIA CREDENTIALS: Media Credentials: Deadline is Thursday, March 12, 2020, 4 pm ET. The 2019-20 IHSAA State Finals Media Credential issued previously this year is good for admission. For those news organizations without credentials and planning to cover the gymnastics state finals, please apply by e-mailing your request (with name of individual applying) to IHSAA Sports Information Director Jason Wille at jwille@ihsaa.org. E-mail requests MUST originate from a recognized business account; e-mails from personal accounts (ie: yahoo.com, gmail.com, etc.) will not be accepted. Approved media credential requests may be claimed inside the Gate 1 ticket windows at Worthen Arena on Saturday. Please have proper identification available.

PARKING: Please note that Ball State charges a \$5 all-day parking fee in the Worthen Arena lots. \$10 for vehicles that take up more than one parking space.

MEDIA SERVICES: Complimentary copies of the official state finals program will be available and includes the order of participants in each event. The facility also is equipped for wireless internet access. Electrical power and phone lines will be available for use there.

MEDIA SEATING: News media will be seated on the floor near the scorers table. An open seating policy will be used.

PHOTOGRAPHERS: During the event, please use discretion when photographing the athletes as your camera strobe can pose a danger to the safety of the athletes during their performances. With the exception of the IHSAA's Official Photographer from "Double Edge Media", all photographers should remain off the floor until all competition has concluded.