

On Friday, November 11, 2022 our Newman Volleyball team will play in the 1A State Finals at 9:00 a.m. at Illinois State University's Redbird Arena! Because of this exciting journey, school at Newman will not be in session. You heard it right...**No School on Friday!** We encourage all students, staff and fans to head on down to ISU to root on our volleyball team!

Here are details about the state finals:

Fan Bus

Newman will have a fan bus to take students to the games. Students must sign up in the main office. **A minimum of 10 students is needed to make the fan buses happen.** The fan bus will depart from Newman High School on Friday at 6:00am. If Newman loses Friday, the fan bus will leave Saturday at 6:00am. If Newman wins on Friday, the fan bus Saturday will leave at 7:00 a.m.

Tickets

Tickets for each session are \$8.00 and set by the IHSA. A ticket is good for general admission seating. Tickets should be purchased online [by clicking here](#). Newman fans will be seated in sections 114, 115, and 116 for the first match with Freeport (Aquino). Ticket gates will open both days at 8:00 a.m. Fans must purchase 1 ticket for Friday and another for Saturday. Be sure to select the 1A/2A sessions.

Programs

There will be no paper versions of the program available at Redbird Arena. You can [use this link](#) to access the digital version of the program. The digital program is free.

If you want to purchase a program as a "souvenir", there will be a signup at Newman High School. We will order in bulk to help bring down the cost. Please call the main office and let us know 1) your name and 2) how many programs you would like to purchase. The school will order the program on your behalf. When the programs arrive we will contact you for pickup and we will notify you about how much you owe. We encourage you to reach out to your extended family to see if they would like a program.

Fans & Spectators

Sportsmanship banners will be awarded to all schools that meet the criteria for both days. Members of the IHSA sportsmanship team will be in the audience both days evaluating fans and teams for this award. Award winners will be announced and banners will be sent to the school. ***Student sections and fans are never allowed on the Redbird Arena floor. If fans enter the arena floor, that school will forfeit their right to an awards ceremony on Saturday. Likewise, players are not allowed to enter the seats to celebrate with their fans or they forfeit the right to an awards ceremony. The IHSA will strictly enforce this.***

State Apparel

Minerva is the official merchandise vendor of the IHSA. If you want official IHSA apparel from Minerva you can [use this store link](#). They will also be onsite on the concourse of Redbird Arena.

Welcome Home Reception

Newman will host a welcome back reception at the school. Those wishing to parade in with the team upon their return from Redbird Arena should arrive no later than 2:45 p.m. at Montmorency's parking lot. The team and fans will be escorted through Sterling/Rock Falls back to Newman (*please use your hazard lights during this procession*). The reception will begin at 3:00 p.m. at Newman. All are welcome to attend.

