

2023 Women's Final Four® RTTF Program Guideline Document



Purpose

In partnership with the NCAA, Women's Final Four® and the Dallas Local Organizing Committee, third grade students will have the opportunity to participate in the Read to the Final Four® Reading Program. The goal of this program is to provide school districts with a program to create excitement about reading for third graders in NCAA Final Four host communities.

Competition Outline

The overall competition is based on the collective average number of minutes read by each third-grade classroom. This allows for schools with a smaller number of students to compete with larger schools.

During registration, each school will designate a "school captain" who is responsible for gathering the collective minutes read from each third-grade teacher in their respective school. They will add the minutes, log on to the assigned link, and then report their minutes read for the designated time period; a calendar will be provided along with reminders.

As schools advance through a series of two- or one-week challenges. Schools falling within the top 68, 32, 16, 8, and 4 will be showcased on the webpage for the program and receive special prizes. All schools will still have a chance to compete and move up to make the Final Four; no school will ever be eliminated due to not placing. During the tournament rounds, students and teachers will be awarded with prizes and books, with the winning school receiving a \$5,000 stipend to spend with Scholastic for new books for the school.

The Final Four schools will be announced the week of March 20, 2023. Those top schools will be invited to attend a special event on Thursday, March 30 at the Women's Final Four open practices at the American Airlines Center. During this event, the 2023 winner of Read to the Final Four will be announced. After the program, the students will get to watch the practices of the top 4 teams participating in the Women's Final Four.

Competition Rules

- Each third-grade teacher will provide their students with a reading log.
- The student and parent/guardian will be responsible for filling out the number of minutes they read each day.
- At the end of the week, the parent/guardian will need to sign off on the reading log and the student will turn it in to their teacher by the time designated by their teacher.
- The teacher will add their class's minutes and turn that number into the school captain.
- The school captain will log on to the reporting link they are provided and report their school's total minutes read for that week by noon Central time Tuesday.
- Schools who report their minutes late during the round, will not be eligible for the prize period (their minutes will still count toward the total minutes read).

Important Note:

GENERAL CONDITIONS: If the administration or integrity of the Read to the Final Four competition is compromised or corrupted at any time, the NCAA and Dallas Local Organizing Committee reserve the right to modify, suspend or cancel the Read to the Final Four program. Entrants (schools/districts) agree that the decisions of the NCAA and Dallas Local Organizing Committee related to the Read to the Final Four program are final. By entering the competition, entrants agree to release and hold the NCAA and the related entities harmless from and against any and all damages and claims of any kind in connection with the competition or resulting from acceptance, possession or use of any prize.

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