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50+ Coaches Attend Centennial State Grandstand

This past weekend Event Director Xavier Silas and Colorado High School Coaches Association Presidents Joe Ortiz and Chris Kemm hosted the Centennial State Grandstand at Cherokee Trail High School in Aurora, Colorado. This NCAA certified scholastic event was presented by the Wyoming High School Activities Association (Ron Laird, Commissioner), the New Mexico Activities Association (Sally Marquez, Executive Director), the Colorado High School Activities Association (Rhonda Blanford-Green, Commissioner), and each state's coaches' associations. The Centennial State Grandstand served as one of the weekend's 10 sanctioned live recruiting events hosted throughout the country on the weekend of June 28-30, 2019. The event was approved by the NCAA and National Federation (NFHS) and met the new compliance requirements developed by the NCAA following the Rice Commission Report on College Basketball which creates three-day evaluation events that must be held on an education-based, non-Division 1 campus and hosted by a state high school association or state high school coaches' association.

The Grandstand began on Friday night with each student-athlete participating in a combine where they recorded multiple measurements, including shooting percentages. Immediately following the combine student-athletes and parents attended an educational panel about life as a student-athlete and the recruitment process. Moderated by former NBA player Xavier Silas, the panel consisted of UCLA standout Michaela Onyenwere, Phoenix Suns Lou Admundson, USA Basketball Youth Development Director Jay Demings, Northern Colorado Legend Will Figures, and Gonzaga's very own Matt Bouldin. On Saturday and Sunday more than 50 college coaches including Colorado, Minnesota, Colorado State, Wyoming, and Utah flooded the gyms evaluating 174 prospects. Student-athletes travelled from Florida, Wyoming, New Mexico, Texas, California, and Maryland to attend this event. Sixteen High School Head Basketball Coaches from Colorado and New Mexico were selected to coach 16 different teams for five games.

Congratulations to the All-Tournament Team and MVP listed below:

All-Tournament Team

Jaxon Pillich (Kansas)
Graham Ike (Colorado)
Dominique Clifford (Colorado)
Kobe Sanders (Colorado)
Logan McLaughlin (Texas)

MVP

Javonte Johnson

Centennial State Grandstand would like to thank its participants, spectators, facilitators, and college coach attendees. We look forward to next year.