

Tournament Information



All Coaches must comply with the tournament rules.

ALL TEAMS MUST CHECK IN BEFORE YOUR 1ST GAME (HEAD COACH ONLY)

All coaches must provide identification to receive weekend bands for free admission.

ONLY (2) COACHES PER TEAM WILL RECEIVE COACHES BANDS. ANY ADDITIONAL COACH MUST PURCHASE A BAND. Please note: Book keepers and Team moms are not considered a coach; Extra coach's bands can be purchased during check in for \$40. **COACHES BAND MUST BE WORN THE ENTIRE WEEKEND no exceptions!! Make plans to arrive a hour prior to your first game to complete the registration process! DAMAGED OR LOST BANDS WILL HAVE TO BE REPLACED AT THE DAILY RATE.**

GENERAL ADMISSION – There will be an (CASH ONLY) admission charge each day for all spectators. \$20/day (good all day), children ages 5-10 \$10/day (good all day), (kids 4 and under free). No weekend Pass.

We are asking all fans/attendees to have correct cash for admissions to more efficiently manage entry into the event, to minimize personal interactions, and to avoid person-to-person exchange of cash.

Players MUST enter the gyms with their uniforms on! Teams will not have access to lockers rooms, please come fully dressed.

Coaches please be sure to arrive at schedule game time 1 hour before competition. If team is 5 minutes late, tournament director has the final decision on forfeit.

Home team is (top) of bracket. Away team is first (top) of schedule and bottom of bracket. Home team must wear white/light uniforms.

All score sheets must be completed by halftime of the game prior to yours. Coaches it is very important you list your players full name on the sheets.

Parents & Coaches of the 2026 Battle of the South Classic, you are being put on notice!!! If you verbally abuse basketball officials and clock operators at this event, you will be asked to leave the building ASAP!!! If you threatened or physically harm an official, you will be arrested on sight and fully charged!!! Do yourself a favor and just root for your kid or team!!!!



Tournament Rules & Information for all teams – bring proof of age/grade of all your players with you to the tournament. This is important.

1. Normal high school rules with stop clock on all dead balls.
2. There will be two 15-minute halves for (grades 9th-11th) and two 13-minute halves for grades (5th-8th) divisions.
3. **Time-Outs:** 4 timeouts total per game— All teams will have four (4):30 second time-outs per game.
4. Three minute halftime for all games.
5. Guaranteed 4-minute warm-up between games.
6. **Overtime:** Overtime is (1) minute—1 30-second timeout only in first overtime with no carryovers. Second overtime period SUDDEN DEATH (no time-out).
7. **Fouls:** A player fouls out on his 5th personal foul.
8. **Bonus:** A team reaches 2-shot bonus on the 10th team foul of each half.
9. **Uniforms:** Team listed on top of schedule and top of bracket is HOME and wears light color. Bring both colors to game in case a team does not have extra uniforms.
10. **Technical Fouls:** The opposing team is awarded two free throws plus possession of the ball. Two technical fouls and/or flagrant fouls result in an automatic ejection from the game.
11. **Running Clock:** In games where a team is ahead by 20 points or more in the second half, the clock will continue to run.
12. **Warm-up Balls:** Site will NOT provide balls for warm ups and the game, Therefore please bring your own basketballs for warmups. **The Home team must provide the GAME BALL.**
13. **HOME TEAM MUST KEEP OFFICIAL BOOK.** If home team doesn't provide bookkeeper, it will result in (10) technical foul shots.
14. There is no dunking allowed during pre-game or halftime warn-ups.
15. **Playoff Seeding:** Seeding from each pool will be determined by win-loss record in pool play. In case of ties, head-to-head competition determines seed. If 3 teams are tied, a point system comes into effect to determine the 1, 2, and 3 seeds of the pool. There is a maximum of +15 for a win in pool and – 15 for a loss in pool.
16. **IMPORTANT:** All players participating in bracket play must have participated in at least one (1) pool play game.
17. Gyms will open 20 minutes before the start of the first game of the day.
18. **Age/Grade Qualifications:** Ages are based on the grade players are in during the 2025-2026 school year. Age determining date is 10/1/2026. Players can not be two years older than competition. Unsigned seniors may participate; players cannot turn 20 before 10/1/2026. No player who has attended Junior College or University may participate in this event.

Please follow age/grade requirements. Teams who shall not apply will be disqualified immediately. To protest a player during event, it will be a \$100 non refundable fee. You must have valuable proof to disqualify a player. Tournament director has the final decisions on all tournament rules. This tournament is for the kids – let's always keep that in mind!!