

Texas Baptist Men
State Basketball Tournaments
Belton, Texas - March 2nd, 2019



Basketball season is here. Enclosed is information to register your team and the rules for the basketball tournaments. Please be sure to read **ALL** of the eligibility requirements. Contact the State office at (214) 275-1123 if you have any questions. **Completion of registration and payment of the tournament fee of \$200.00 (non-refundable) for each team is required in the TBM office on or before February 15th, 2019 in order to participate in the State Basketball tournaments.**

There are three separate tournaments. Listed below is a brief description for each:

Challengers 1: This tournament is for middle school level young men only. For state basketball purposes, a young man must be enrolled in the sixth (6th) through the ninth (9th) grades for the current school year. He cannot be 17 before September 1st of the current school year. This young man can be involved in the interscholastic basketball program with his school.

Challengers 2: This tournament is for high school level young men only. For state basketball purposes, a young man must be enrolled in the ninth (9th) through the twelfth (12th) grades for the current school year. He cannot be 20 before September 1st of the current school year. This young man can be involved in the interscholastic basketball program with his school.

Young Adult Men's Ministry (YAMMs): This tournament is for young men who are post high school (18 years) to about 35 years of age.

Texas Baptists Men (TBM) is sponsoring these tournaments for young adult males in Baptist churches in our state for a day of fellowship, competitive basketball, worship, and prayer - seeking God's guidance for ministries which they, the young adult brothers can work and lead in their churches. We will have a worship service (which will be mandatory for all players and coaches) as well as a presentation by TBM representatives presenting some ministry ideas for young men and their churches.

Please remember that this is not primarily about young men playing basketball but, it is about discipling, maturing, and leading young men to Christ. Hence, please recruit all the young men that you can and let the ones who desire to play basketball play.

Teams will be matched as closely as possible in tournament bracketing to allow fun and competitive play. Additional tournaments may be set up to create better competition according to the number of teams entering and the UIL classification of the towns involved. For example, churches from towns with one or more high schools with UIL classification as 4A, 5A, or 6A will be bracketed in the same tournament. While churches from towns with high schools classified as 1A, 2A, or 3A will be bracketed in a different tournament.

Sportsmanship, first place, second place, third place, consolation trophies and medals will be awarded for each basketball tournament.

Please note that teams finding hotel accommodations to be prohibitive can use the gymnasium at First Baptist Church Belton. To get further information please call Bryan Davis at (254) 541-0975.

Purpose of TBM State Basketball Tournament

The basketball program is for the enlistment and development of young men. The sports program has the strong ability to attract a young man's attention and excite his interest. Thus, the basketball program provides a tool for enlisting young men who are normally outside the influence of the church as well as for the enlistment and involvement of young men in the mission activity of the local church.

Basketball can be a tool for the development of a young man in the spiritual, social, mental, and physical areas of his life. Sports involve a person in the same stresses and emotions that are experienced in daily living and, therefore, may be used as an accelerated learning laboratory for exercise in Christian living. The young man's association with a Christian coach is also an opportunity for him to learn first-hand what it is like to be a Christian.

The basketball program is basically for the development of young men into Christian young men and not merely for the development of outstanding basketball teams. This basketball program offers an opportunity for any young man to be involved in a sports program, whether he is involved in an interscholastic program or not.

Good sportsmanship and Christian conduct are to be valued more than athletic excellence. Although competition can be very strong, and aggressive focus must be maintained on assisting the young men to develop an "ON MISSION" lifestyle. It is most important that **TRUTH AND HONESTY BE KEY IN OUR WORK**. Coaches, Leaders, and fans should maintain a Christ-like attitude at all times. Winning is important, but **WE WIN IN CHRIST!!! Hence, Christ-Like behavior is always our way!**

ELIGIBILITY

1. Young Adult Men's Ministry (YAMMs) tournament participants are for young men age 18 (that are not in high school) through age 35. Challengers II (High school) tournament participants must be enrolled in the 9th - 12th grades for the current school year and cannot be 20 before September 1st of the current school year. The young man can be involved in an interscholastic basketball program with his school. Challengers I (Middle school) tournament participants must be enrolled in the 6th – 9th grades for the current school and cannot be 17 before September 1st of the current school year. The young man can be involved in an interscholastic basketball program with his school. **Please note that TBM tournaments are primarily for introducing and strengthening the “on-mission lifestyle” of each young man, and an opportunity to reach young men for Christ and not just for playing basketball.**
2. Each player must be involved in a Bible study, youth group or a church member and/or Challenger group member of the church on whose team they are playing.
3. Each group will be registered with Texas Baptist Men when they send in their completed roster and additional forms.
4. **Teams may be composed as follows:**
 - **Single Church Team** – all members or associates of a single church
 - **Multiple Church Team** – members or associates of churches combining to form one team (one church needs to be designated the lead contact church, and the team should possibly represent the combination of the churches involved, i.e. Southside Churches of XYZ, Texas) Please contact the tournament director, Elgin Taylor at (713) 408-4906 for approval.
 - **Association Team** – members or associates of the churches from local association
 - **Regional Team** – members or associates of churches from a region
5. **Each team must have an adult coach who is a member of that church. He is responsible for the conduct of his team and fans. Every coach must download all information related to the state tournament from the TBM Website. Team roster must be completed and returned on time with team registration fee. All team fees are nonrefundable due to scheduling of officials and operations persons for the tournament.**
6. **Ninth grade players will play on only one team. The team roster should reflect the team that the player will play with.**
7. **No player will be allowed to play with more than one team.**
8. **Game time is forfeit Time! Teams are required to report to all games on time and ready for “tip-off.” Note: It is the teams responsibility to arrive for each game on time. This includes all required tournament activities. (Tournament “Check-In”, Worship and Games.) Please be sure to schedule your activities for the day such that you and your team will be at the assigned place, and ready to participate on time.**

BASKETBALL UNIFORMS

- NUMBERS:** A minimum of a 6" number is required on the back of the jersey and a minimum of a 4" number on the front of the jersey.
- LEGAL NUMBERS:** 0 or 00 (not both) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10-15, 20-25, 30-35, 40-45, 50-55
- UNDERSHIRTS:** An undershirt may be worn under the jersey provided it is the same color as the jersey.
- TIGHTS:** Tights may be worn under the shorts provided they are the same color as the shorts.

ANY VIOLATION OF THE UNIFORM RULES WILL RESULT
IN A TECHNICAL FOUL. ALSO, THE TECHNICAL FOUL
WILL IMPACT ON THE SPORTSMANSHIP EVALUATION.

Sportsmanship Trophy and Medals:

Every team is evaluated for the Sportsmanship awards.

Criteria for awarding the Sportsmanship awards.

1. Each team will receive a point value based on Christian conduct, fair play, etc.
2. The point value assigned is derived from referees, and gym monitor.
3. Point values posted are totaled and divided by total number of games played.
4. Gym monitors make the final determination of Sportsmanship awards.

Items Considered:

- Is team on time for games? (60 min. before 1st game time, 15 min. before others.)
- Team has a time of prayer before the game.
- Fair play observed during the game.
- Language and conduct of players and fans above reproach on and off the court.
- Teams congratulate each other at the end of the game.
- Coach in control of self, players, and fans.
- Players dressed appropriately for the game.
- Un-sportsmanship Technical Fouls –Flagrant Technical Fouls.

Challengers Tournament Rules

These rules apply to both Challengers I Teams (Middle school – 6th through 9th grades) and Challengers II Teams (High school – 9th through 12th grades).

1. National Federation **High School** rules will apply during all games in the state tournament **except as noted in #2 below**. THESE MAY BE DIFFERENT FROM YOUR LOCAL RULES. Using National Federation **High School** rules at all levels is suggested.
2. All Challengers I and II games leading up to the Championship Game will have two 16 minute halves with running clocks. The clock will only be stopped when the game officials stop the clock at their discretion. The Championship Games will have regular stop clock action only in the last two (2) minutes of the second half if there is a point spread less than 20 points at the start of the last two (2) minutes. And will continue to stop on the officials whistle. There will be Three (3) Full (1 minute) and Two (2) Half (30 second) Time Outs per game. The first overtime period will be four minutes with a stop clock in the last minute of the overtime period. There will be one additional time out for each overtime period. Additional overtime periods will be three (3) minutes with an additional time out for each team and stop clock in the last minutes of the overtime period.
3. Tentative Tournament brackets will be sent to each team in advance of the tournament and are subject to change due to team cancellations. Teams will receive the final tournament bracket when they check-in at the tournament site.
4. At Check-In: Each Team must file a **completed** Team Roster with all coaches and players names listed with the player's numbers. Completed Team Rosters with all of the proper information and participants listed (coaches and players) will ensure that your team will not incur a technical for the book or roster throughout the tournament.

Check-In is mandatory and required for all teams. Listed below are the actions that need to be completed at the Check-In process:

- Completed and verified roster.
- Cell number listed on roster to contact Coach during tournament
- Medical Release Forms for all players age 17 and younger.
- Team Interview

Please note that these check-in items must be handled prior to your team's participation in the tournament! This is a requirement! So, please govern what has to be done prior to your first game. Allow at least one (1) hour to complete the Team Interview before your first scheduled game. These must be completed before your team plays its first game. Game time is forfeit time. Dressed and ready to play..

5. Medical release forms for all players that are age 17 and younger **MUST** be submitted to the tournament director or his representative upon arrival at Tournament Headquarters. This form is included in the coach's packet. No young man will be allowed to play if his name does not appear on the medical release form along with the signature of his parent or guardian.
6. Each team must be at Check-In located at the Belton Sr. High School gyms at least 60 MINUTES before their first scheduled game to complete the check-in process. 15 minutes before each of the remaining games of the tournament. Game time is forfeit time. (If teams could be early it would help to keep things running smoothly.)

7. The coach and players will be subject to review concerning eligibility prior to any game. **Any game, played with an ineligible player, will be forfeited.** Any team with an ineligible player may be disqualified.
8. The tournament director or his representative has the final authority as to disqualification of teams or players for Un-Christian like conduct both on or off the court. Disqualification **may** be for one game or the rest of the tournament.

Challengers Basketball Tournament Awards

Sportsmanship Trophy and Medals awarded.

1st, 2nd, 3rd place and Consolation Trophies and Medals awarded.

3rd place and Consolation Trophies and Medals awarded at half time of the Championship game. 1st, 2nd and Sportsmanship Trophies and Medals awarded following the end of the Championship game.

YAMM's Tournament Rules

Young Adult Men's Ministries Tournament

PLAYER ELIGIBILITY: Team members should be members of the church that the team is representing. Players who are not members of the church should be regular attendees of the representative church. *Team members should not be persons recruited just to play basketball.* Players should be at least 18 years of age and not in high school. The maximum age should be 35 years old. Players can play on only one team in this tournament.

Rules of Play:

Rules and regulations will follow the guidelines of N.C.A.A. and T.A.A.F
45 second shot clock will be enforced. (if applicable)

Team Roster

Roster may show as many as fifteen (15) players.

All rosters must contain the player's name and numbers (one number per set of uniform)

All coaches' names must be on the roster if they are to be allowed on the bench or court.

All rosters are to be finalized and turned in prior to the first game.

Rosters should be completed and verified for correctness for player's names and numbers for each set of jerseys, and coaches who will sit on the bench.

ALL PLAYERS AND COACHES LISTED ON THE ROSTERS MUST ATTEND THE WORSHIP HOUR AND PRESENTATION ON "YAMMS ON MISSION WITH GOD!" FAILURE TO ATTEND WILL RESULT IN A FORFEIT OF THE TEAM'S NEXT GAME.

Game Times:

The tournament will use a 20 minute running clock (for two halves) until the last two (2) minutes of the second half. During the last two (2) minutes of the second half the clock will operate with regular stops on official whistles. Otherwise, the clock will stop only on time outs or injury.

Overtime periods will be 3 minutes each with running clock until the last minute. There will be one additional 30 second timeout awarded each overtime period.

Each team will be awarded 4 time outs per regular game. One full timeout and one thirty second timeout awarded per half.

YAMMs Basketball Tournament Awards

Sportsmanship Trophy and Medals awarded. 1st Place Trophy and Medals awarded. 2nd Place and Consolation Trophies awarded.