

Ask the “Tournament Brain”



The “TOURNAMENT BRAIN”

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Warmups: Arrive at your court before the posted game time and note the “run down” time on the game clock, that will be the length of warmups. No games are to start BEFORE the posted time.

ALL TEAMS PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN WARMUP BALLS

Team Pools

Each division is subdivided into 4-team pools using geography and balanced team strength for each pool. Pool numbers are arbitrary and mean nothing as to best pool or worst pool. The goal is to have 4 teams in each pool that hopefully had not play each other during the season, however border battle teams are making it more and more difficult and there is no guarantee of your pool makeup.

- Boys Varsity Division
- Girls Varsity Division
- Boys JV Division
- Girls JV Division
- Boys MS Division
- Girls MS Division

Note:

- a pool of all strong teams is a disadvantage - causing the better teams to play tougher competition and having their records blemished before the brackets are created.
- a pool of all weaker teams is also unfair because the pool play competition is weaker and gives a deceptive won-loss record as the brackets are created

Pool play is “round robin” meaning that each team will play the other 3 teams in their pool for a total of 3 pool play games.

== SEE ELIGIBILITY RULES at the END ==

HOME TEAM:

- a) Listed first on the schedule
- b) Supplies game ball
- c) Supplies a game book scorer at the scorer's table and is the official book.

VISITING TEAM:

- a) Must supply a scorer at the scorers' table

HOW BRACKETS ARE FORMED

After pool play has completed, ALL teams in their respective divisions (Varsity, JV, MS) are re-seeded after the tie-breaker system is applied.

NOTE: Point spreads after a pool play game are CAPPED at 21 points and is applied during Tie Breakers, see below. This means there is no advantage to run up the score after you preserve your 21 points, so let your bench players enjoy some playing time.

After Pool play (after completing 3 games)

1. Each team accumulates team points based on its won-loss record. A team receives 3 pts for a win
2. Team points and tie-breakers will determine how teams are seeded and grouped into brackets.
3. A series of tie-breakers (see below) is used in cases where teams are tied in total team points at the completion of pool play

Tie-Breaker rules – applied when teams have the same Total Team Points (see #1 above).

1. **Head-to-head - during tournament** (how did the 2 teams do against each other if they previously played each other in pool play). **This is rarely applied** since teams from other pools haven't played each other but it is used sometimes for teams within the same pool end up with the same record (i.e. 2-1 or 1-2).

2. Cumulative Point Differential

Points Scored MINUS Points Allowed during pool play. **Capped at maximum 21 points per occurrence.**

For example, any game that results in a final score where the winning team wins by 21 points or more, the point differential will be recorded as +21 (even if you won by 30). Likewise if you have lost by 30, for tie-breaking purposes that is recorded as -21

3. Least Average Points Allowed Per Game in Pool Play

4. **“Strength of Pool”** – for teams that are still tied for the same bracket seed, we will analyze the strength of each team's pool to see if it can be determined which team had a pool of tougher competition over the other one. **This is most critical when there are several 3-0 teams after pool play all vying for the highest bracket.**

5. **Coin toss** - If the tie can't be resolved, then a “best of 3” coin toss will take place.

Read on...

BRACKETS FORMED...

After the 3 pool-play games have been completed AND tie-breaker rules are applied (see above), teams are seeded from top to bottom. For example, in the boys' varsity division of 32 teams, teams are seeded #1 through #32.

Top 8 Seeds -- **TOP Bracket** (each team in this bracket is then seeded 1 through 8) is for Varsity Boys and Girls Divisions only

Next 4 Seeds -> "6A" Bracket (each team in this bracket is then seeded 1 through 4)

Next 4 Seeds -> "5A" Bracket (each team in this bracket is then seeded 1 through 4)

Next 4 Seeds -> "4A" Bracket (each team in this bracket is then seeded 1 through 4)

Next 4 Seeds -> "3A" Bracket (each team in this bracket is then seeded 1 through 4)

Next 4 Seeds -> "2A" Bracket (each team in this bracket is then seeded 1 through 4)

Last 4 Seeds -> "A" Bracket (each team in this bracket is then seeded 1 through 4)

Other divisions:

Varsity Girls: Top Bracket, down to A

JV Boys, 4A down to A

JV Girls, 2A and A

MS Boys 2A and A

MS Girls 2A and A.

Quarter-finals only for the Top Bracket:

#1 vs. #8; #2 vs. #7; #3 vs. #6; #4 vs. #5

Advancing to Semi-finals in each bracket

Seed #1 plays Seed #4 followed by Seed #2 playing Seed #3 in the semi-finals round.

Advancing to Championship

1. Winners of both semi-final games, advance to the Championship round.

Consolation Games

1. Losers of semi-final games will face off in the 3rd place Consolation game.

2. Winner of the Consolation Game takes home the 3rd place trophy.

Overtime Games

1. A game will use overtime(s) to determine a winner if regulation ends in a tie.

2. Overtime games are governed **TENNESSEE SECONDARY SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION TSSAA**

AWARDS and TROPHIES

Immediately at the conclusion of Championship matches:

Champions for each Division Bracket

2nd place team for each Division Bracket

MVP Awards

Varsity Girls MVP award to a member of the Top Bracket Varsity Championship team. (Coach to decide)

Varsity Boys MVP award to a member of the Top Bracket Varsity Championship team. (Coach to decide)

JV Girls MVP award to a member of the highest bracket JV Girls Championship team. (Coach to decide)

JV Boys MVP award to a member of the highest bracket JV Boys Championship team. (Coach to decide)

MS Girls MVP award to a member of the highest bracket MS Girls Championship team. (Coach to decide)

MS Boys MVP award to a member of the highest bracket MS Boys Championship team. (Coach to decide)

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ELIGIBILITY RULES

Basketball Teams that HSPN tournaments will permit:

1. A basketball team that is directed by homeschool parents and/or homeschool organization with the intent of serving homeschool students.
AND
2. A basketball TEAM roster that was put together in October/November and will be confirmed by the posting of an online roster completely by Jan 5th and can be supported by an official game in your scorebook.
AND
3. Student-athletes have not achieved high school graduation prior to August 1, 2021
AND
4. Student-athletes have not turned 19 before August 1, 2021. (We use August 1st because just about every school team starts their Fall sports schedule in August nowadays, so it just makes sense)
AND
5. Student-athletes meets the age/grade requirements (see below).

These limited exemptions may be requested:

1. **If this is you, YOU MUST CONTACT HSPN BY WITH COMPLETE ROSTER by December 1st.**
2. With a small roster, you might be able to add student(s) from another Christian school (not Public) that must be on your roster by Dec 1st as reflected in your scorebook and approved by HSPN.
 - a. The added students did not play basketball for any school on any day during the 2021-22 school year. HSPN will search the internet for verification.

AND
 - b. The composition of your team **must still be a wide majority of traditional homeschool students.**
3. **We may consider other hardship cases, send e-mail to coach4life@yahoo.com**

AGE ELIGIBILITY CHART

<u>TEAM</u>	<u>Age</u>
MS/JH	14-under as of 8/1/21
JV	16-under as of 8/1/21
VARSITY	18-under as of 8/1/21

TEAM ROSTERS

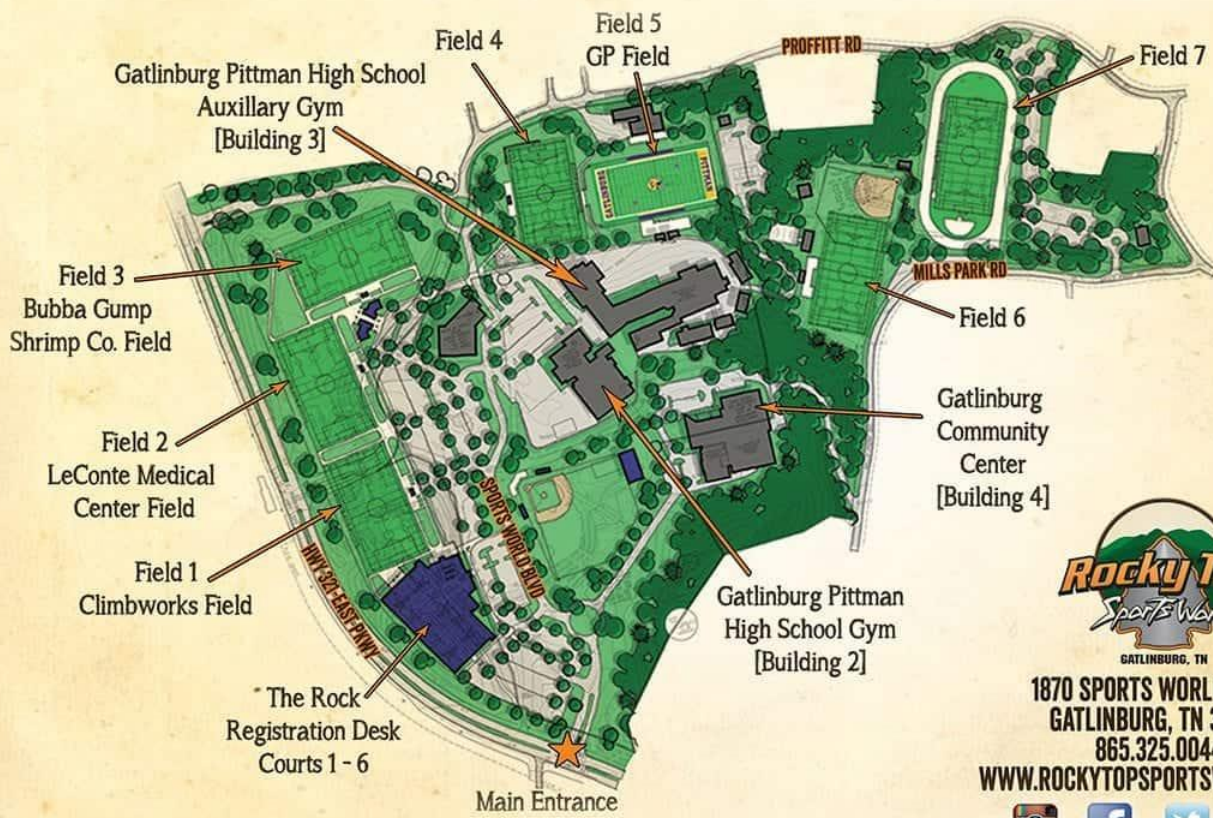
A REQUIREMENT NO MORE! – We are **NO** longer requiring a copied page from your gamebook.

HOWEVER, your ONLINE ROSTER will be your official tournament roster **and must be fully completed by Jan 5th or you will be charged a \$30 fee for each incomplete roster.** It will be LOCKED on Jan 5 and no more players can be added to your roster. In this way, each coach is accountable for his/her roster and can be questioned at the tournament. Your official roster will be published as a PDF and available online for all to see. In addition, it will be printed in the tournament program. There ARE exceptions for adding players to a roster, please read below.

WHEN IS IT OK TO ADD PLAYERS TO MY ROSTER? If you are registering a Varsity or JV team but leaving the younger teams at home, you may add those younger players to your Varsity or JV team during the tournament. The coach must be able to present the appropriate scorebook for the younger team(s) as a means of accountability showing the player(s) on that active roster from a game in December should anyone ask.

IS MY PLAYER ALLOWED TO PLAY ON MULTIPLE TEAMS? Yes.

AS ALWAYS THERE ARE EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES AND EXCEPTIONS, so please contact Chris at coach4life@yahoo.com.



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