

Back for another exciting year... THE MID-AMERICA HOMESCHOOL HOOPS CLASSIC

Hosted by the Lincoln Eagles January 12th -13th, 2024

You are invited to join us for one of the Midwest's most exciting homeschool basketball tournaments! The 2024 Mid-America Homeschool Hoops Classic is Friday & Saturday, January 12th-13th, 2024 at Lincoln's Speedway Sports Complex. The Speedway Sports Complex is a 5-year-old facility that boasts 8 basketball courts and 76,000 sq. feet of space, including 3 spectator mezzanines.

In 2023 the Mid-America Homeschool Hoops Classic featured 57 teams from 6 different states across 6 divisions, including nationally ranked NCHBC teams. We'd love to have you join us for what promises to be an amazing exhibition of homeschool basketball from around the region!

DIVISIONS: High School Boys & Girls, Junior Varsity Boys, Junior High Boys & Girls.

FORMAT: Traditional seeded bracket with team awards in High School Boys and Girls divisions, and Junior High Boys and Girls A brackets. All division winners will be awarded individual medals. All teams are guaranteed 3 games. Depending on registrations we may add to our brackets or split into A & B divisions. We will provide updates on participants and structure of the tournament in October.

ENTRY FEE: \$325 for High School and \$250 for Junior High, per team.

DEPOSIT: Please provide a \$75 non-refundable deposit for each team participating. Remaining balances due prior to the tip-off of the team's first game.

LOCATION: Speedway Sports Complex, 315 Speedway Cir, Lincoln, Nebraska. Speedway Sports Complex is a 76,000 Sqft 8 court facility with a spectator's mezzanines and full concessions. <u>https://speedwaysportscomplex.com/</u>



SCHEDULE: The preliminary target schedule for games will be Friday, January 12th from 12:00 PM - 9:00 PM and Saturday, January 13th from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM. The final Schedule will be released 7-10 days prior to tip-off. We will do our best to consider travel distances when scheduling games. We will once again use Tourney Machine to schedule and update brackets. Coaches, Fans, Players can all follow along on the website or with the Tourney machine app for Android and iOS.

GAME FORMAT: High School games will have 8-minute Qtrs. & 4-minute OT's. Junior High games will have 6-minute Qtrs. & 3-minute OT's. All Games will have 1 Minute between quarters, a 5 Min. halftime, & at least 10 Mins. between games. If we run behind, we will compress the time between games. If we are running ahead, games start at originally scheduled times to allow all players, coaches, and fans to be present. A running clock will be implemented for the remainder of the game if one team is up by 40 points at any point in the in the 2nd half. The clock will stop at timeouts.

OFFICIALS: All officials will be provided by Premier Sports Officials Association (PSOA) <u>https://premiersportsofficials.com/</u>. Rules will be according to the Nebraska School Activities Association (NSAA)<u>https://nsaahome.org/</u> which follows rules promulgated by the National Federation of High School Associations (NFHS). Arrangements are being made to have 3 officials for all high school games.

SEEDING: Teams will be seeded by a combination of record and unique matchups. We understand some programs have limited playing options and play the same opponents multiple times a year. We will keep this in mind to help teams play new opponents while maintaining a competitive balance. We will also do our best to establish game times based on the distance teams are traveling.

ADMISSIONS: Admission will be charged, but the price is TBD.

CONCESSIONS: Concession will be provided by Speedway Sports Complex.

TEAM RESPONSIBILITIES:

Home Team (Light Uniforms): Official book, Prayer before games Visiting Team (Dark Uniforms): Clock/Scoreboard operator, Sweeping at halftime. The Game ball will be provided by the home team.

RECOGNITION: We will recognize tournament champions for each of our divisions/brackets (High School & Junior High boys and girls) as soon after the commencement of our last game in each division as possible.

WEATHER: Winter weather in the Midwest can be unpredictable. The safety of players, coaches, and fans is important to us. In the event of inclement weather and travel to Lincoln the day before is feasible for your team, it is highly recommended. If winter storms become an issue, we simply ask that you remain flexible. We will make every effort to proceed with the tournament, including adjustments to the schedule if needed.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS: The Lincoln Eagles work with the Lincoln Convention and Visitors Bureau to provide a variety of hotel accommodations for our visiting teams. We will provide a list to visiting teams by October.

HOW TO REGISTER

Submit \$75 Deposit per team, including Program Name & Teams Participating (VB, VG, JVB, JVG, JHB, JHG) to one of the following: Mail to: Lincoln Eagles Basketball 17705 S 82nd, Hickman, NE 68372

Venmo: @LincolnEaglesBasketball

A Tourney Machine registration link will be provided to participating teams on or around November 15th.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Please contact Lincoln Eagles Athletic Director, Tadd Wegner if you have any questions. Phone: (402) 560-0178, Email: <u>LincolnEagles.Basketball@gmail.com</u>