

FAQ's for Tri-State Basketball

Can players play on more than one team?

No, players cannot play on more than one team.

Can you have multiple grades on the same team?

Yes, you can have multiple grades play on the same team. You have to register in the grade of the oldest player on your team though.

Can coaches coach more than one team?

Yes, you can coach more than one team in the tournament. We do our best to get your teams in the same venue or venues that are reasonably close together. We can only do so much depending on how your teams play. You'll want to make sure you have an assistant coach or a parent who can fill in if your teams have to play at the same time.

Where are games held?

Games are typically held in venues in Sioux Falls, Brandon, and Harrisburg, South Dakota. Venues are not assigned until teams have been paired and multiple coaching assignments have been identified.

Why do I have to come the Downtown YMCA to pick up my teams packet?

The coach or a representative comes to the downtown YMCA to pick up the team packet to ensure the roster is accurate, make any last minute changes, and pay any additional fees.

What is the cost for a team?

The cost to play in the tournament is \$150 for up to 10 players. There is an additional fee of \$10 per player over 10.

Where are the rules?

Rules are available upon request prior to the pairing email being sent out. Coaches will receive the most up to date copy of the rules in the pairing email. If you would like to see a copy of the rules prior to receiving the email, please talk to **Nicole Bissell** at nbissell@siouxfallsymca.org or 605-336-319x14.

When will I know the schedule for the tournament?

The tournament schedule will be emailed no later than the Friday before the tournament starts. Once it is emailed to coaches, it will also be posted online.

Can I make changes to my roster?

Yes, you can make changes to your roster. Changes should be made by two weeks in advance of the tournament.

How much does it cost to get into games?

\$5 per session or \$10 for the whole weekend for youth and adults 13 and older. Children 12 and under are free. There are 3 game sessions in the tournament: Friday evening, Saturday morning, and Saturday afternoon. Session specific or weekend passes can be used at multiple venues.

How many games do we get to play?

We have a 3 game guarantee. A "bye" counts as a game.

Do we have to supply a timer or score keeper?

You do not need to supply a timer or score keeper. We have volunteers who assist us throughout the weekend.

Can girls play in the Boys tournament?

Please speak with our tournament director, **Nicole Bissell**, nbissell@siouxfallsymca.org or 605-336-3190x23.

How are brackets put together?

Brackets are developed by the YMCA Tri-state committee based on the information provided in the registration form, previous year's play, and knowledge from local tournaments. The more honest coaches or team representatives are in completing the registration form, the better able we are to pair teams correctly so that everyone can have a great experience!

Do we have to register online?

You do not have to register online; however, it is preferred. There is an additional \$10 paper registration fee. To request a paper registration form, please speak with **Nicole Bissell** at nbissell@siouxfallsymca.org or 605-336-3190x23.

How do I register?

You can register online at www.siouxfallsymca.org. Click on "Jr Skyforce Basketball" at the top of the page. Then click on Tri-state. Then click "Register". If you are having trouble registering or setting up an account, please speak with **Nicole Bissell** at nbissell@siouxfallsymca.org or 605-336-3190x23.

Please note: our registration website does not interface with the Safari web browser. If you are using an apple product, please use the chrome or firefox compatible web browser.

Where is a good place to stay in Sioux Falls?

There are plenty of choices in Sioux Falls and Brandon. Participants in the past have enjoyed the Ramkota, Holiday Inn City Centre, Hampton Inn and LaQuinta.

How many years has this tournament going?

2020 marks the 91st year the Boys Tri-State tournament has been in existence!

When does registration open?

Registration will open on November 1st, 2019.

When is the tournament?

The tournament is held annually on the weekend after the South Dakota state high school championships, pending it is not a holiday weekend. In 2020, the tournament will be March 27 and 28.

I still have questions, who do I talk to?

You can speak with **Nicole Bissell** at nbissell@siouxfallsyma.org or 605-336-3190x23.