



DC METRO PUBLIC PRIVATE HIGH SCHOOL INVITATIONAL 2007™

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: Does the DC Metro Public-Private High School Invitational conflict with state championships?

A: Not that we can tell. For instance, the Maryland State championships are on March 10, as are the NACA Nationals in Tennessee where many of the Christian schools play. The Alhambra tournament for Catholic schools is the week of March 15 and the Virginia state, WCAC and DCIAA championships are all over before the tournament starts on March 21.

We believe we have a date that will work for every team that really wants to see where they stand against the best in the DC metro area.

Q: What are the criteria for eligibility?

A: If your school is nominated and does not have 5th year players, it can participate. Also, rising seniors who have not graduated and who were on your active roster during the season can participate.

Q: What about schools with 5th year players?

A: We have a separate Prep Elite bracket for teams with 5th year players that will include some of the best Prep squads on the east coast.

Q: What is the team entry fee?

A: There is no entry fee. We didn't want teams who may have exhausted their budgets to be excluded. Our goal is to once and for all, determine who has the best team in the DC metro area.

Q: What's the entry deadline?

A: Teams – by way of their school administrators and Athletic Directors – will have to sign a Contract to Participate and enter by **Wednesday, February 14, 2007**. We want to produce high-quality programs for the fans, media guides for the press and scouting reports for the recruiting services and college recruiters that are all already eager to attend.

Q: How many teams do you expect to participate?

A: We've included only the top 60 teams and we believe all of them will participate. This has been discussed for years and people have raised countless obstacles for not bringing it to fruition. We believe we have eliminated the obstacles.

Q: What about schools and leagues with game limitations?

A: The DC Metro Public-Private High School Invitational™ is an off-season tournament in every sense of the term. Game and league limits shouldn't be a consideration because everyone's season is literally over.

It's much like spring league or even summer league where the barriers are knocked down and teams are allowed to fellowship and play across conference, state and league lines.

Q: Can public school coaches coach their teams during the tournament?

A: Clearly, public school coaches have to abide by their jurisdictional rules. But if they play spring and summer league with their top assistants leading the way – which many do – they have every reason to participate.

Q; How were the teams selected?

A: The Nominating Committee developed a list of 90 schools. The Selection Committee pared it down to 60 to include the schools and teams that the Committee believes best reflects the high level of play, coaching and sportsmanship in Washington, DC metropolitan area.

Q: Who is on the Nominating and Selection Committees?

A: High school coaches, college recruiters, media members and others who have a keen and consistent eye on high school basketball in the Washington metropolitan area.

Q: What happens if a team decides not to enter?

A: That team and its fans and supporters will miss out on the opportunity to claim a stake as the top team in the DC metro area.

The DC metro area is rich with exciting players, talented coaches and outstanding programs that boast rabid fan bases. None of these teams, coaches or their school administrations will want to disappoint their supporters, so we believe they will be a part of the biggest and best off-season tournament to ever be presented in the DC metro region.

Q: What happens if a team enters and doesn't show?

A: That team will be banned from the tournament for three years.

Q: How will the teams be seeded?

A: The Selection Committee will determine brackets. There will be no number one seeds and so forth. The tournament is single elimination, one and done.

Q: Will the games be televised?

A: We are discussing the possibility of having the DC Final Four™ and the Metro Area Championship™ games televised with both a local and national carrier.

Q: Will college coaches be allowed to attend?

A: Of course. We anticipate that college coaches will be very interested and intrigued with the level of talent we will have on display throughout the tournament.

Q: Where will the games be held?

A: In a variety of gyms around the area. We'll have a better gauge once all the teams have confirmed.

Q: What are the plans for next year's DC Metro Public-Private High School Invitational?

A: The DC Final Four™ will all receive automatic bids for the 2008 DC Metro Public-Private High School Invitational™. We'll also add a JV bracket to feature the best up-and-coming teams and programs.

The nominating process for the 2008 tournament starts on October 1, 2007. We believe this annual event will be grow to be perhaps the most anticipated and well attended off-season high school basketball tournament in the DC metro area.

In fact, we are so certain of its success that we are already in discussions to host the 2008 championships in one of the biggest venues in the area because we know that many will want to see annually who has the very best basketball team in the Washington metropolitan area.

Q: Who do we contact for more information?

A: Van Whitfield, who can be reached at 301-219-6391 and via e-mail at stormhoops@hotmail.com.

Q: Who do you believe will win?

A: That's the beauty of the DC Metro Public-Private High School Invitational™. The game won't be determined on message boards or at water coolers. The area's best team will be crowned when it wins the Metro Area Championship™ game on Sunday, March 25.