

WEST TEXAS TORNADES BASKETBALL
2025-2026 Season (Information, Rules and Policies)
West Texas Homeschool Athletics



WTVT Mission Statement:

ONLY GOD DESERVES THE GLORY! We play not for ourselves but for the One who gives us the ability. With humility and striving for excellence to bring God glory in all we do on and off the court. We commit to sharing the love of Christ and growing in faith and character as we compete. We aim to inspire others through our actions! We will uphold integrity in all we do and support each other along the way! We are more than a team we are FAMILY!!! **Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all things for the glory of God. 1 Cor.10:31** NOTE: Although athletes and their parents/guardians are not required to sign our mission statement, we want all athletes and their families to know that our Christian faith is an integral aspect of the WTVT. Our athletes and their parents/guardians are expected to show respect and control their actions at any WTVT function (or in relation to WTVT). Athletes represent the West Texas Tornadoes, and their behavior should not be in conflict with our Christian faith as presented in this Mission Statement.

THIS IS A COMPETITIVE LEAGUE. Due to the competitive nature of Basketball - teams will be chosen to compete well against public, private, and other homeschool teams. Individual playing time is **NOT GUARANTEED** for any player. Playing time will depend on a player's effort, sportsmanship, practice time, positive attitude, team player mentality, and skill level. All players practice and compete at their own risk of personal injury and are required to sign a medical release form waiver; social media waiver; transportation waiver and parent/player expectation/liability release form.

Goals:

- To model Christ-like sportsmanship in EVERY aspect of this program. Coach, parent/spectator, and athlete behavior is the priority. We will be a model of how to handle the competitive nature, referees' calls, opponents' athletes, and teammates as well as other coaches and spectators in the stands in a way that honors GOD.
- To develop opportunities for Christian witness in practice and competition.
- To strive for team excellence that results in winning games and most importantly playing games well.

General Information:

- We will compete with other private, public and Homeschool teams. WTVT **does not** offer Co-ed teams.
- While highest attention will be given to Christ-like sportsmanship, fundamental personal skills and teamwork, it should also be understood that this is a competitive league where the boys/girls who work hard and are mastering skills and team-play will likely see more playing time than others. We will make an effort for every player to see some play each game, but game-time **will not be guaranteed**.
- Athlete Eligibility: Please refer to the eligibility standards established by the NCHBC (District/Regional) and THSSBC (State). These policies are available on the respective organizations website.
- Limited to players within a 100 mile radius,
- The coaches will announce practices. *Please note – if you are unable to make all or some of your practice, it is your responsibility to notify your coach of your absence before practice.
- We will be hiring certified referees for our home games. At away games, the home team usually pays for this expense.
- Attendance, attitude, effort, sportsmanship, and skill will be a factor in playing time.
- NO PRACTICE NO PLAY!!!

Medical Release/Birth Certificates/Player/Parent Expectation/Social Media Each player is required to submit a medical treatment/liability release form, a copy of their birth certificate, player/parent agreement and social media waiver to their coach. Any player who fails to provide these documents can be temporarily suspended from playing.

Conduct, Conflict Resolution, and Disciplinary Action:

- Disrespect, attitude, cursing or trash talk **WILL NOT BE TOLERATED!!!** That is to any coach, parent, teammate, fan, opponent and or official ours or the opposing teams.
- In the event that you or your parent are unhappy with the way things are going you have the right to request a meeting with the coaches, all coaches will be present with and AD upon request.
- **Do Not** come up to the coaches during or after the game. Send a correspondence text to voice your concern and request a meeting.
- If disciplinary action is needed it could be anywhere from missed time from game, extra running, towel pushes, game suspension or complete removal from the team! (not just limited to these examples) The AD will be contacted.

Fees:

Are used to pay for uniforms, tournaments, equipment, gym fees, refs fees, EOY banquet, and some of the travel expenses of our volunteer coaches.

- We will charge at the door of our home games to help pay for the gym fees and referees.
- Our Team Cost sheet includes estimated amounts to cover cost for the season – we anticipate this to be an adequate estimate but, should a coach call additional games, you may be asked to pay for the gym rental and referee fees of those games.

Fundraisers/Sponsors:

- If anyone would like to organize a specific Fundraiser, please get your coaches approval prior to beginning. This takes help from volunteers please help when and where you can.
- Raffles are allowed (no alcohol may be given away)
- Finding sponsors is highly recommended and will help keep cost as low as possible for everyone.
- Game day shirt with sponsor logos will be made. Starting at \$50 for a spot.
- If allowed we will sell sponsor signs.
- Sponsor tier system maybe an option

Parent Roles:

All parents will need to help at some point during the season. (Especially at Tournaments)

- Books, Clock, Door, Film & Merch Table. Sign up sheet will be available a week prior to the 1st game.

Homeschool District, Regionals, Nationals & State Basketball Tournaments

The goal of our season is the post season tournaments. These are great events were homeschoolers from around the state/nation compete. The experience cannot be put into words, but it is a fun experience the players will reflect on for the rest of their lives. The tournaments provide a great opportunity to experience a sense of community amongst homeschoolers from across the state/nation and it is a great bonding experience for WTX families. Each team will make plans to participate in one or more of these tournaments. Tournament officials require additional eligibility requirements for players to participate in the tournament. Every player must comply with the rules set forth by both THSSBC and NCHC to participate in these tournaments. Player registration and fees must be paid before attending. Please refer to their website under eligibility and review these requirements. Their specific Eligibility requirements can be obtained at each of their websites: **State** – www.thssbc.org **District/Regionals** - www.nchclive.com

District (North Texas) - Jan 23th-24th 2026 Mansfield, TX

State Tournament – Feb 5th - 7th 2026 – Leander/Round Rock, TX

Regionals (Big South) - Feb 26th - 28th 2026 - Frisco/Farmers Branch/Lewisville, Tx