

2026-27 MSCIAA MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL

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	August 28th	MSCIAA Deadline to submit Non-League Games		CLICK HERE
	September 14	MSCIAA Coaches meeting	4:00 pm	MSCIAA Office
September 28	TMSAA First Practice/Tryout Date			
October 19	First Contest Date			
October 19	TMSAA Eligibility and Schedules Due		TMSAA Portal	
TBA	TSSAA Basketball Online Rules Meeting Window		TSSAA Portal	
November 23-27	MSCS Thanksgiving Break			
December 18	MSCS Semester Ends			
December 21- January 1	Winter Break			
January 5	MSCS Students First Day Back			
January 5	Cut-off for non-league games to count toward seeding. League games must be complete			
January 7	MSCIAA Championship Meeting	4:00 pm		
January 11-16	MSCIAA Middle School Basketball Championship			
January 18	Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day			
February 1	District Tournaments Must Be Complete By			
February 2-5	Regional Tournament			
February 7	Sectional Finals			
February 12-13	TMSAA Basketball Championship			

Important Dates **All dates are subject to change.*

Use the link below to submit non-league games to MSCIAA

[Non-League Game Schedule Link](#)

THE FIRST DAY OF PRACTICE

Each student-athlete must have a completed Athlete's Health Record (comprised of a cleared pre-participation physical examination, emergency information, informed consent, acknowledgement of risk and authorization to treat signed by parent/guardian) and the Tennessee State Concussion Law "Concussion Information & Signature Form" before he or she can participate in a try-out, practice, or game.

Coaches

1. Current CPR/First Aid Certification (must be from an in-person, hands-on course). MSCS offers free classes which can be found in the PLZ. Please contact the MSCIAA office for other course instructor recommendations.
 2. Course Certificate - NFHS Coaches Training Free Course: [Concussions in Sports](#)
 3. Course Certificate - NFHS Coaches Training Free Course: [Sudden Cardiac Arrest](#)
 4. Course Certificate-NFHS Coaches Training Free Course: [COVID-19 for Coaches and Administrators](#)
 5. MSCS COVID-19 Safe Schools Training: [MSCS COVID-19 Training](#)
 6. Signed Sudden Cardiac Arrest Information Sheet (for Coaches)
 7. Signed Concussion Information & Signature Form (for Coaches)
 8. **NEW 2022-23** ---Emergency Action Plan
 9. **NEW 2022-23**---NFHS Coaches Training Free Course [Heat Illness Prevention](#)
 10. Allergy/Anaphylaxis Emergency Plan [Training Video](#)
 11. MSCIAA Required PD course **26-27** [Building and Maintaining Positive Culture](#)
 12. **NEW 2026!** [TSSAA Recruiting Rules Course- Mandatory for ALL Coaches](#)
- Click Here for: [Coaches Required Information Sheets](#) #6 and #7

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

TSSAA max number of games is 20. **For MSCIAA Championship purposes, you may only schedule 18.** All games must be turned in to the MSCIAA and reflected on the MSCIAA master schedule available at www.sciaa.org.

To avoid scheduling conflicts and No Shows, first:

1. **Check Online-** Make sure the games you have on your schedule match what's on the MSCIAA website (sciaa.org). Check your schedule online regularly in the event of changes.
2. **Confirm Officials-** Check Arbiter (if you have access) to ensure there are officials scheduled. The home team should get a call by 12 on the day of the game. If no official has called- contact the assigning agent.
3. **Contact Opponent-** Reach out to your opponent a few days before the game and also on game day to confirm. This avoids forfeits, fines, and forgetting.

If after 1, 2, and 3 you still have conflicts, then

4. **Call the Office-** If there are still issues after you've done the first three, then contact your

sport's coordinator at the MSCIAA office for assistance. Also, be sure to include MSCIAA on all communication regarding cancellations, reschedules, postponements, or forfeits.

TICKET PRICE

\$7.00 Max

Pre-sale tickets cannot be sold by the visiting team.

TIME OF GAME

Varsity girls will begin at 5:30pm. Varsity boys will begin at 6:45pm.

All games will start at the designated time unless otherwise indicated in writing through the MSCIAA. To make a game change the host team must notify the MSCIAA, MSCS security, and the assigning official three days prior to the contest.

INCLEMENT WEATHER and GAME CHANGES

If a scheduled game is canceled due to schools closing, the game will be rescheduled by the MSCIAA office. If schools are closed on the day of a meeting, the meeting will be rescheduled by the MSCIAA office.

To make a game change for necessary reasons only, (dates and/or start times) contact the MSCIAA office at a minimum of 3 days prior to the scheduled event. If a school must cancel a game or games due to Covid-19 positive tests or contact tracing, contact the MSCIAA coordinator Priscilla Anderson Jeffries and the opposing school immediately. If this occurs, make every effort to reschedule the games. If games canceled due to Covid-19 cannot be rescheduled, the games will be ruled as a no-contest.

SECURITY PERSONNEL

Security personnel will be assigned to home MSCS middle school regular season contests, except tournaments/classics games. If you need security for additional contests, please call 416-5300.

GAME ADMINISTRATOR

A game administrator who is not coaching in the game should be in attendance and accessible at all games. Ideally the game administrator should be a principal, assistant principal, or athletic director, but may be another appointee by the principal. Schools are responsible for the conduct of their own fans and students at every athletic contest, regardless of where it may be held.

SCORING AND TIMING Home teams must provide responsible adults to oversee scoring and timing *at each scheduled game*.

PLEASE NOTE: Middle Schools not providing responsible adults for scoring and timing will ***FORFEIT*** the game and will not be reimbursed for paying the officials.

ASSIGNING OFFICIALS FEES- The officials should call the home school's financial secretary by 12 noon on the day of the game. If they fail to do so, please call the assigning agent immediately! Schools may also check Arbiter for official assignments.

Primary Official's Assigning Agent: Mark McDonald

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Two Officials	One Official
1 game-\$55.00 each	1 game-\$82.50 each
2 games--\$95.00 each	2 games--\$142.50 each

MSCIAA Championship

Class A: Top MSCIAA Team in each district.

Class AA: Top MSCIAA Team in each district.

Class AAA: Top 2 MSCIAA Teams in each district.

Our tournament is no longer a sectional qualifier. The schools in each district must determine their number one team to advance to the region tournament by any method the district selects. District tournaments are allowed but not required. Prior to the start of the season in that sport, district coaches and administrators should have a meeting involving all schools in a district to determine how the district's top team will be determined. If a district tournament is held and the schools in the district cannot agree on a seeding method for the tournament, the following seeding criteria should be used:

- 1-winning percentage against schools in the district
- 2-winning percentage against schools in the same classification
- 3-overall winning percentage

MSCIAA Championship Meeting

The Championship meeting will be Thursday, January 7th, 2027, via Microsoft Teams. The meeting will be mandatory. If the head coach cannot be in attendance, a school representative must be present. You will be notified prior to the meeting if you qualify for the championship.

Reporting Scores

Championship Tie Break Procedure

From the MSCIAA Constitution and Bylaws

103.2 Tie Breaking Procedure

- a. Head-to-Head competition in league play. If teams have played each other during the season, the outcome of these games will resolve the tie.
- b. If a tie remains after (a), the tiebreaker will be determined by how teams have done against the next highest seeded teams in their respective league: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, etc.
- c. If the tie remains after (a) and (b), the overall win-loss record against teams within that classification will be used to break the tie. This only includes games played in your classification with member teams of TSSAA.
- d. If the tie remains after (a), (b), and (c), the best overall record will be used to break the tie. The best overall record includes games and tournaments with all teams associated with the National

Federation of State High School Associations (*NFHS*). Scheduled games must be on an Official MSCIAA schedule to count for championship purposes.

- e. If a tie remains, a coin will be tossed. A draw will be used to determine who will call the coin toss.

2025-2027 Area Alignments

Class A

Region 7- District 28	Region 8- District 29	Region 8- District 30	Region 8- District 31	Region 8- District 32
Barret's Chapel	Douglass	Journey East	BTW	City University
E.E. Jeter	GTW	Leadership Prep	Caldwell-Guthrie	Freedom Prep
Georgian Hills	Journey Coleman	MBA-HH	Cummings	Hamilton
KIPP	Lester Prep	MSE-Mendenhall	Ida B Wells	John P Freeman
Westside	Pleasant View	Veritas	MASE	Oakhaven
Woodstock	University	Memphis Merit	MSE-Cordova	Riverview

Class AA

Region 8- District 29	Region 8- District 30	Region 8- District 31	Region 8- District 32
Craigmont	Dexter	Bellevue	Kirby
Grandview Heights	Kingsbury	Chickasaw	Lowrance
MBA	Maxine Smith	Geeter	PCA-SE
Memphis Rise	Millington	PCA-HH	Wooddale
Raleigh Egypt	Mt. Pisgah	Soulsville	

Class AAA

Region 8- District 15	Region 8- District 16
Cordova	A Maceo Walker
Germantown	American Way
Hickory Ridge	Colonial
Highland Oaks	Havenview
Kate Bond	Grizzlies Prep
Ridgeway	Sherwood
Snowden	White Station
Treadwell	