MENS CHURCH STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

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MARCH 23 - 24, 2012

WACO, TEXAS

2012 Texas Amateur Athletic Federation
Men's Church Basketball State Championship
March 23-24, 2012
Waco, Texas

Tournament Dates:
Saturday, March 23 and Sunday, March 24, 2012

Entry Fee:
$175 per team

Mailing Address:
City of Waco Parks and Recreation
Attn: Athletics
PO Box 2570
Waco, TX 76702

Entry Deadline:
Payment will be accepted until March 16, 2012.
All entry fees must be postmarked by March 16.
Only cashier's checks & money orders will be accepted. Please make payable to: City of Waco

Tournament Format:
Single elimination with a consolation bracket.

Tournament Directors:
Cynthia Simms (cynthias@ci.waco.tx.us)
Official in Charge - Reggie Jackson (reginaldj@ci.waco.tx.us)
City of Waco Parks and Recreation
254-750-5785

State Commissioner:
Bill Wise
979-776-9977; bwise@cbcbryan.com

Tournament Site:
South Waco Community Center
2815 Speight
Waco, Texas 76711

Tournament Rules:
All games will be played under current men's N.C.A.A. playing rules with some additions and exceptions made by T.A.A.F. to the N.C.A.A. playing rules specifically for T.A.A.F. regional and state basketball tournaments. (See the "playing rules" section of this packet for specific rules.)

Inclement Weather:
In the case of inclement weather, information concerning the status of the tournament basketball games will be available by calling the recorded information line at (254) 750-5875.

Rosters:
All teams must submit to the tournament director a completed official T.A.A.F. roster form. Rosters are limited to twelve players. Drafted or "pick up" players are not allowed. All players must have been a part of their team since February 2012, in order to be eligible for the state tournament. Rosters must have all of the players' information (addresses, phone numbers, driver's license numbers, etc.) complete in order to be considered a valid roster. The roster must be signed by the T.A.A.F. representative of the city that the team represents to verify the eligibility of the players. All official T.A.A.F. rosters must be received by the tournament director no later than the managers' meeting on Friday, March 22, 2012. It is preferred that the official T.A.A.F. rosters be received by the tournament director by Friday, March 16, 2012.

Managers' Meeting:
Friday, March 22, 2012 at 7 p.m. at the South Waco Community Center (2815 Speight). All managers must attend to be informed of all information concerning the tournament. Teams will be responsible for all information covered during the managers' meeting. The City of Waco Parks and Recreation Department and tournament sponsors will be providing a meal for only two managers per team at the meeting.

Forfeit Time:
Game time is forfeit time. No grace period. Teams must have five players to begin the game.

Awards:
Official T.A.A.F. Awards. Team trophies will be awarded for State Champion, State Runner-Up, both State Semifinalists, Consolation Champion. Individual t-shirts will be awarded to the players on the state champion and the state runner-up teams. The City of Waco will give additional individual awards to the members of the state championship team. Also, an all-tournament team and the tournament's most valuable player will be selected by the tournament committee and those selected players will receive individual plaques.

Identification Check:
Twenty-five minutes prior to each team's first game, all players will have their pictured identification checked by a member of the Tournament Committee. If teams do not arrive 25 minutes early for their first game, they may lose their warm-up time before the game. Any player who does not have a pictured identification at the tournament site WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PLAY!

There will be NO exceptions to this rule! Absolutely NO excuses will be accepted! The identification used must contain both a picture of the person and an address as in a Texas driver's license. Players arriving after the start of the first game must have their identification checked prior to participating in a tournament game. Players must have their identification in their possession at all times in case of an eligibility protest.

Eligibility:
In order for each player to be eligible to participate in the T.A.A.F. Men's Church State Basketball Tournament, they must meet all of the eligibility standards listed below:

5.1 All tournaments held under the name of the church T.A.A.F. tournaments will be conducted according to the regular T.A.A.F. rules as set forth in this handbook, unless otherwise stated in this section.

5.2 A church member is one who regularly attends the religious services of the sponsoring congregation. If a church member attends the services of two or more churches and is on a "BONAFIDE" membership role of one of the churches, then the player is ruled a member of the church where his name appears on the membership role. Rosters must be certified by the pastor (rabbi, priest, minister, reverend, etc.) of the church and must meet all other church sports requirements.

5.3 A player may play on his church team as well as any other non-church (open) team, providing he meets the eligibility requirements of church sports to participate on his church team.

5.4 Any church that uses a player who is ineligible under Rule 5.3 at any time during the regular season will not be eligible for T.A.A.F. regional and state tournaments.

5.5 Teams registered as "Church" teams must include the name of their church or sponsoring congregation in their team's name.

Tournament Committee:
Cynthia Simms, City of Waco
Athletics Coordinator, Tournament Director

Reggie Jackson, City of Waco
Official in Charge

Bill Wise, TAAF State Commissioner

Hotel Information:
www.wacocvb.com

Additional Information:
If you have an questions or would like additional information about the T.A.A.F. Men's Church State Basketball Tournament, contact City of Waco Athletic Office at 254-750-5875 or email reginaldj@ci.waco.tx.us or cynthias@ci.waco.tx.us.

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TOURNAMENT PLAYING RULES
All playing rules will be men's rules of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (N.C.A.A.). Any exceptions or additions to N.C.A.A. playing rules that have been adopted by T.A.A.F. are listed below and on the following page.

Uniforms:
Players on each team must wear jerseys that are identical in the base color of the jersey and must have six (6) inch number on the back and a four (4) inch number on the front. Jersey numbers must be either one or two digits with each digit being "5" or less. Digits larger that "5" will not be allowed. Number must be permanently affixed to the jersey, not taped or pinned to the jersey. Numbers that are hand written in pencil, marker or any type of ink pen will not be allowed.

Game Length:
A game shall consist of two (2) twenty minute halves with a running clock for the first eighteen (18) minutes of each half. A running clock stops only for free-throws and time-outs. A N.C.A.A. regulation clock will be used the last two (2) minutes of each half. The clock will stop for all whistles the last two minutes of each half, any overtime period and each successful field goal in the last minute of the second half. The clock will not stop in the final two minutes of the second half if one team is ahead of the other team by 20 points or more. If the team behind by 20 points rallies to get within 19 points or less in the final two minutes of the game, the clock will begin stopping on each whistle and on made field goals in the last minute of the game once the difference in the score becomes 19 or less. A timeout will stop the clock at any time, including during the last two minutes of the gem when one team is winning by 20 points or more.

Timeouts:
Each team will be allowed four (4) one minute timeouts and two (2) thirty second timeouts per game.

Halftime:
Halftime will be five minutes in all tournament games.

Forfeit Time:
The scheduled game time will be considered forfeit time. Any team that does not have five players in proper uniform by the scheduled game will be forced to forfeit the game to the opposing team.

Overtime:
Each overtime will consist of a three (3) minute period with the clock stopping for all whistles during the entire period. Each team will be given one additional one-minute timeout in each overtime period plus all unused timeouts remaining at the end of the previous period.

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Conduct:

Any player or coach who is assessed two unsportsmanlike conduct technical fouls in any game will be ejected from the game and must leave the building. Any player who refuses to leave the building in a timely manner will cause his team to forfeit the game. Any player ejected from a game may be suspended from their next tournament game or from the remainder of the tournament. The tournament committee will rule on all ejections. Anyone involved in a fight will automatically be ejected from that game and their team's next game as per N.C.A.A. rules. Any player leaving the bench while a fight is in progress will be ejected from that game only. If the player from the bench participates in the fight, that player will be penalized the same as anyone else participating in the fight. Suspensions from all T.A.A.F. participation may result from more serious incidents of misconduct. Any team being assessed four (4) unsportsmanlike conduct technical fouls in a game will automatically forfeit the game.

Shot Clock:

A shot clock will not be in effect for any tournament games.

Three Point Shot:

The three-point field goal will be in effect for all tournament games. The three point arc shall be a distance of 19 feet, 9 inches from the goal.

Basketballs:

The City of Waco will provide a top quality men's-sized game basketball. Teams should bring their own basketballs to use for warm up.

Protests:

Protests will only be accepted on player eligibility and rule interpretations. Protests concerning player eligibility and rule interpretations will be ruled on by one or more members of the Tournament Committee. The ruling of the committee or committee member will be final. Protests of rule interpretations must be made at the time of the perceived rule interpretation error. The protesting team must take a full timeout before the ball becomes live after the alleged rule interpretation error. If the rule interpretation protest is upheld, a timeout is not charged to the protesting team. After the ball becomes live again and no protest has been made, the ruling by the officials will be final, even if the ruling is in error. Eligibility protests must be made before the end of the game. Any protest made after the game has been completed will not be honored. Protests of officials' judgment calls will not be allowed or tolerated.

REMINDER SHEET

• All players must have jerseys with the identically same base color. Jerseys MUST have a permanently affixed, non-duplicated numeral on both the front and back of the jersey. Jersey numerals must be legal numbers. Legal numbers are single or double digit numbers with each digit being 5 or less. NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE ALLOWED.

• All teams must have a completed official T.A.A.F. roster form with their T.A.A.F. representative's signature in order to participate. NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE ALLOWED.

• All players must have pictured identification in order to participate. (No picture I.D. = No Play). NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE ALLOWED.

• A lack of preparation on your part does not necessitate an exception to the rules on our part. Please take time to read this packet. If you do not understand any of the rules or requirements or if you need clarification, please feel free to call us at (254) 750-5875. We will be happy to help you!

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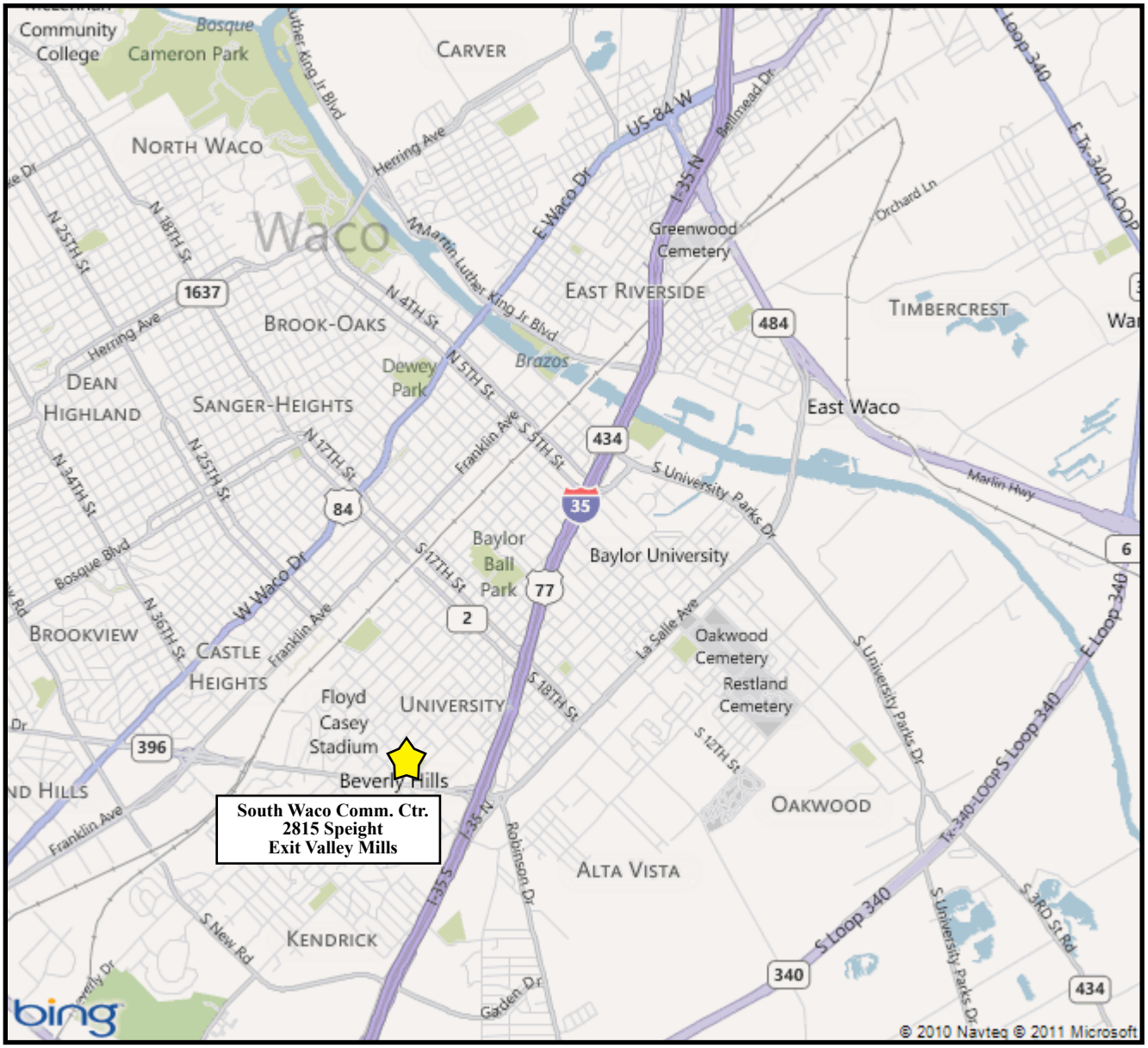
TOURNAMENT MAP



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Entry Form

Registration deadline is March 16 at 5 p.m. No late entries will be accepted.

Entry Fee:
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Team Name:_____

Jersey Color: _____

T.A.A.F. Member City: _____

Team Manager's Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Fax: _____

Day Phone: _____

Evening Phone: _____

Cellular Phone: _____

Email: _____

Return entry form and fee by March 16. Money orders or cashiers checks ONLY. Money orders or cashiers checks must be made payable to:

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Attn. Athletics
201 W. Waco Drive
Waco, Texas