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Dear TABC Members,

October is here, and with it comes the excitement of the start to basketball season! As we gear up, I want to remind you to stay current with all important dates and guidelines issued by the UIL. These are essential to ensure a smooth launch of your season for you and your teams. Please visit the official UIL basketball page for the latest updates and resources: [UIL Basketball](http://UILBasketball.org).

Be reminded to register for the [Texas Way](http://TexasWay.org). It is free, and there are great resources available for you and your program.

Mark your calendars for Texas High School Coaches Day on November 7! This special day recognizes the dedication and hard work you put in all year long. Thank you for your commitment to giving your players the best experience possible both on and off the court. When things get difficult, we have to remember why we do what we do.

At TABC, we are committed to supporting you throughout the entire year. We need each other! Don't forget to take advantage of our extensive video library, FREE to all current members, packed with drills and coaching tips designed to elevate your program.

Wishing you all a fantastic season filled with growth, teamwork, and success. Remember, TABC is always here for you!

Sincerely, Vickie Benson - TABC President

MEMBERSHIP CARDS ARE CURRENTLY BEING MAILED OUT

Your TABC membership cards are currently being mailed out. The 2025-26 cards include the member's name and a membership number on the front and important information on the back. You must use your current membership card to register for and to gain entry into the summer showcase, to nominate your team and players for TABC 3-point and free throw awards, and to vote for TABC 2nd vice-president. To be admitted to most high school games be prepared to show your card and a picture ID. The final decision on complimentary admittance rests with the host school or venue. We thank all schools who honor our membership card and allow our coaches to grow professionally and prepare their teams by scouting without having to pay to go to work. PLEASE TAKE A PICTURE OF THE FRONT OF YOUR CARD AND SAVE IT ON YOUR PHONE. Be sure you have the entire front side including the expiration date in view.

PRE-SEASON RANKINGS & DISTRICT PICKS

The pre-season rankings will be on the AP wire Monday, October 13, and also on the TABC website www.tabchoops.org. The rankings are based on all of the information that has been received up to this point and are always a topic for discussion and often a motivation for some teams. The pre-season rankings are an effort to pick the team's most likely to make the Final Four in the top ten, and those most likely to make the Sweet Sixteen in the top 25. The list of District Favorites, which predicts the top four in each district will be up on the TABC website on October 27. The weekly rankings will appear on the TABC website beginning November 17 and will also be sent to media outlets via the Associated Press.

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2025-2026 Basketball Calendar

Oct 22	First Day for UIL Girls Practice
22	First Day for TAPPS Practice
26-27	UIL Legislative Council Meetings - Round Rock
27	First Day for SPC Practice and Scrimmages
29	First Day for UIL Boys Practice
30	First Day for TAPPS Scrimmages
November 7	First Day for UIL Girls Interschool Games
3	First Day for TAPPS Games
14	First Day for UIL Boys Interschool Games
December 1	TABC Membership Dues Goes Up to \$50
	UIL Schools 5 Consecutive Days Off (Must Include Dec. 24-26)
January 1	Hall of Fame Tickets Go on Sale (online only)
Feb 12-14	SPC State Championships in Dallas
14	UIL Girls District Certification
21	UIL Boys District Certification
25-27	TAPPS State Championships in Waco
Mar 5-7	UIL Girls State Finals at the Alamodome
12-14	UIL Boys State Finals at the Alamodome
Apr 24	Last Day to Pre-Register for TABC Clinic
May 7-9	TABC Clinic in San Antonio
June	TABC Camp of Champs - Brenham
18-20	TABC Girls Showcase - Bryan
26-28	TABC Boys Showcase - Metroplex

Vickie Benson became the 49th president of TABC at the close of last spring's clinic. The 48 Past Presidents with the years they served as president and a brief note on each are listed below. (Please visit the TABC website for their full bio) Each one of these people served as an executive officer of TABC for four years following a term on the board of directors. TABC would like to both recognize and thank each of these coaches for their commitment, service and dedication.

TABC Past Presidents

Tommy Newman	75-77	Retired in Corinth
Ken Cleveland	77-78	Deceased
Mike Smith	78-79	Victoria East Golf Coach
Larry Brown	79-81	Basketball Consultant Semi-retired in Florida
Ken Loyd	81-82	Retired in Avinger
Duane Hunt	82-83	Retired in Oklahoma
Harry Miller	83-84	Retired in Salado
Mike Kunstadt	84-85	Retired in Austin
Ray Murphree	85-86	Retired in Hempstead
Tony Mauldin	86-87	Retired / Missionary in Kenya
Don Coleman	87-88	Deceased
Gary Schiffner	88-89	Retired in Forth Worth
Charles Breithaupt	89-90	Retired in Georgetown
Leroy Romines	90-91	Deceased
Garland Nichols	91-92	Deceased
Troy Hamm	92-93	Retired in Alto Village CC, New Mexico

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Danny Nix	93-94	Retired in Burkburnett
Joe Longino	94-95	Retired in Rockwall
Leslie Broadhurst	95-96	Deceased
Rhonda Farney	96-97	Georgetown H.S. Girls Varsity Coach
Lonnie Gaylor	97-98	Retired in Waxahachie
Danny Henderson	98-99	Richland Boys Varsity Coach
Mike Wacker	99-00	Retired in San Antonio
Rick Sherley	00-01	TABC Assistant Director
Johnnie Carter	01-02	TABC Executive Director
Ken Cook	02-03	Retired / Part-time AD in Eagle Mountain / Saginaw ISD
Charlie Boggess	03-04	Retired in San Antonio
Ron Vick	04-05	Retired in Lubbock
Joe Lombard	05-06	Retired / Canyon H.S. Girls Assistant Coach
Art Gonzales	06-07	Retired in San Antonio
Linda Harding	07-08	Retired in Waco

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Steve Buckelew	08-09	Retired in Bellville
Teresa Durham	09-10	Health and Insurance Planner
J.D. Mayo	10-11	Retired in Rowlett
Bob Wall	11-12	TABC Assistant Director / Mayor of Weston Lakes, TX
Joey Worley	12-13	Retired in Fairfield / FCA Ambassador
Wendy Mead	13-14	Retired in San Antonio
Royce Huseman	14-15	Retired in Porter
Leland Bearden	15-16	Retired in Lubbock
Herb More	16-17	Retired in San Antonio
Beth Jesurun	17-18	North Zulch Girls Assistant Coach
Jaime Boswell	18-19	Athletic Director in Andrews ISD
Jason Sanders	19-20	Boerne Champion Girls Varsity Coach
Mike Carrabine	20-21	Rudder Boys Varsity Coach
Angela Spurlock	21-22	Katy ISD Assistant Athletic Director
C J Villegas	22-23	Frenship Memorial Varsity Boys Coach
Tyler Helms	23-24	Idalou Varsity Girls Coach and Idalou ISD CFO
Matt Farmer	24-25	New Caney ISD Assistant Athletic Director

TABC Extends Membership Offer to Administrators

TABC is again offering complimentary memberships to Texas Athletic Directors, Principals and Superintendents who are no longer coaching. Many of these people are former coaches and friends of basketball. We welcome them and would like their input on how we can help their basketball programs. If your administrators would like to join TABC, all we need is their email address so they can receive our newsletter and a mailing address where we can send their membership card. Please share this information with administrators. We would like to say welcome to those who have already joined. We appreciate your support. Please note that complimentary administrator memberships need to be renewed each year.

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People, Places and Things

Our people, places and things section is your opportunity to get statewide recognition for things that you and your team are doing throughout the season. Please send us news and pictures of special events, player, coach or team accomplishments or just interesting basketball news from your community to rick@tabchoops.org

Hiram Harrison was recently inducted into the Navarro College Hall of Fame for his achievements in basketball between 1978-1980. He led the 1979 team to 28 wins and the conference championship and was selected NCAA Junior College All American in 1980. Hiram is already in the SFA Lumberjack Hall of Fame, selected in 2006. Coach Harrison is currently a high school coach in Center, Texas and has won over 600 games in his coaching career. He currently serves on the TABC board of Directors.



Jill Schneider is the 2025 winner of the prestigious Harley Redin Coaches Award. It is given to a Wayland College alumnus that has demonstrated success at a high school or university and also made other contributions to the school and community. Jill Rankin was an all-state high school player at Phillips HS leading them to a state championship in 1976. She then played for the Coach Dean Weese of the Wayland Flying Queens from 1976-79 where she was an All American in 1977 after scoring 2121 career points. She then played for Tennessee in 1979-80 leading them to the final four and a third-place finish.

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Schneider has already been inducted into the Panhandle Hall of Fame and the Texas High School Basketball Hall of Fame.

The 34th annual 2026 South Padre Island Basketball Clinic will be held April 24-25, two weeks before the TABC Clinic on May 7-9 in San Antonio. To increase your basketball knowledge and meet with old and new friends, put these two clinics on your calendar. Clinic schedules and speakers will be listed in future newsletters and on the TABC website.

Mark your calendars and make sure you watch for the sign-up information for the boys and girls Showcases in June. The girls will be on June 18-20 and be held in Bryan and the boys will be June 26-28 in the Duncanville/Mansfield area. Registration will be posted on the TABC website (tabchoops.org) in early March so be prepared to sign your team up before all the spots are taken. Participating team numbers have increased each year so don't be left out.



In an effort to honor as many of our high school programs as possible, TABC will spotlight a coach or program each week via social media. We will honor boys and girls high school teams, coaches, or players from both the public and private ranks. Please send your information, which could include but is not limited to, firsts in your program, school records, consecutive championships, community service activities or milestones. Please send details along with a picture to ronnie.raines@stmaryslgv.org. We want to thank those who have already sent in information for several spotlights that have been posted since October 1. Please help TABC recognize as many of our awesome programs and coaches as possible.

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Like most state champions that have a solid returning cast of players, the champions from the 2024-25 season are dreaming of back-to-back titles. In addition to that goal several defending champions have even bigger milestone goals. The Summer Creek girls (Kiara Marshall) in 6A, Dallas Lincoln girls (Ashley Green) in 4A, Nocona girls (Kyle Spitzer) in 3A, all are shooting for their 3rd consecutive appearance at the final four. The LaVega girls (Marcus Willis) in class 4A are shooting for a fourth consecutive final four.

The Jayton boys (Ryan Bliker) in class 1A are also gunning for a fourth consecutive final four, but a three-peat in the championship category. The Jaybirds are in the final four for four of the last six years to go with their two state titles.

The goals go up a notch in the preseason practices of the Lipan boys (Brent Gaylor) in class 2A. The Indians are going after their sixth consecutive final four appearance and the 17th in school history. Along with that dream is hope for the boys sixth state title and their third in four years.

As we continue with hopeful additions to Texas basketball history, the girls from Nazareth (Eric Schilling) must be mentioned. While they have achieved back to back championships and beyond before, back to back titles are important to this year's team. They lead the state in all classifications and both girls and boys with 32 final four appearances and 26 championships. Adding to that total is always a goal for the Swiftettes. From 1976 to 1985 Naz made 10 consecutive trips to the final four winning 8 in a row.

Close behind the girls in Nazareth are the Lady Mustangs (Jay Bruce) of Martin's Mill. They emerged as a basketball power later but are hustling to catch up. They have made 19 trips to the final four but 18 have been in the past 20 years. They too are seeking a three-peat.

There are many other teams of both boys and girls that return with loaded lineups or have their next group of hometown heroes waiting to get their chance at varsity basketball. We have highlighted a few of the best from last year but remember that everybody is undefeated right now.

Check the list of playoff favorites from each UIL district in all classes both boys and girls when they are posted on the TABC website (tabchoops.org) on October 27. The preseason rankings for all UIL, TAPPS and SPC classes are already posted, having gone up on October 13. Remember that these are not TABC predictions but are taken from predictions of coaches all over the state. If you didn't send in your district picks, shame on you. If your team is not listed where you feel they deserve to be, don't fret. The season begins soon and every team in Texas will get a chance to show where they deserve to be ranked.

Good luck to all as we prepare for another season of basketball in the Lone Star state.

Going the Extra Mile

TABC would like to encourage our members to send us any news on activities in which your teams participate involving community service or raising funds in the fight against cancer and other diseases. We have called our coordinated effort **Going the Extra Mile** in order to include the many causes for which you raise money or provide service. Many schools have hosted fundraisers to provide assistance for, or in honor of, local teachers, coaches, students or residents. Some have mirrored the NCAA Coaches vs. Cancer efforts where both opposing coaches wear basketball shoes during their game. Others have hosted "Pink Out" events which have raised funds for "The Cure." **Please send TABC news and pictures you have from your events during the season.** They serve to give you and your team recognition for your efforts and also to give others ideas on how they might be able to help as well. Keep up the good work and let us hear about it. Please send your news and pictures to tabchoops1@gmail.com.



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TABC Coaches Directory

The first edition of the TABC Head Coaches Directory will be sent to all members via e-mail. The directory includes every Texas high school head basketball coach who joined TABC for 2025-26 as of the time of publication. We will send out two more editions (one in January and the final edition in March) and include all head coaches who have joined at that point. When you receive your directory please let us know if any of your information has changed and we will correct it in the next edition. You can send your corrections to office@tabchoops.org.

Texas High School Basketball Hall of Fame Nominations

Nominations for the Texas High School Basketball Hall of Fame are always being accepted. Below is some information on how candidates are considered and how you can nominate someone.

CATEGORIES: Coach, Player, Contributor

REQUIREMENTS TO BE CONSIDERED:

- Active coaches may be considered after reaching 900 wins.
- Retired coaches may be considered at any time based on accomplishments.
- Texas high school players may be considered fifteen years after graduation from high school.
- Contributors may be considered at any time.

TO NOMINATE: Please email hawk@tabchoops.org with

1. Name of Nominee
2. Years (ex. 1966-1969) /Records/School(s)
3. Honors, Stats, Newspaper Articles, Letters of Recommendation
4. Name/Contact Information of the Person Making the Nomination

All nominations will be forwarded to the Texas High School Basketball Hall of Fame Selection Committee.

NEW- Senate Bill 2929 is in Effect!

Under Senate Bill 2929, officials at UIL games can now eject fans immediately for disruptive or abusive behavior, without issuing a warning. The measure covers everything from football and basketball to band contests and debate tournaments that participate in UIL activities. Senate Bill 2929 is aimed at curbing harassment, heckling, and threats directed at student athletes, coaches, and referees. The law also raises the stakes for schools: if a campus racks up three ejections in a single school year, it could lose the privilege of hosting officials, jeopardizing its ability to hold future home games. Coaches, please share this information with your student-athletes, parents, administrators, and fans prior to the beginning of your season.

CLINIC CORNER

The 2026 TABC Clinic will be held May 7-9, 2026 in San Antonio, at St. Mary's University and the Doubletree by Hilton - San Antonio Airport Hotel. TABC has negotiated excellent room rates with the Doubletree and other nearby hotels. All have **free parking!** The TABC **golf tournament** will take place Thursday morning. Clinic on-site registration and pre-registration check-in will take place Thursday afternoon. Thursday night will feature the **boys' all-star games** with the **girls' all-star games** on Friday night. All Thursday and Friday **speakers** will be on the court at St. Mary's University. Saturday's schedule includes **speakers** at the Doubletree ballroom followed by the **Hall of Fame induction banquet**. There will be a **coaches' reception** on BOTH Thursday and Friday nights with complimentary food and drinks and lots of prizes for all who are registered for the clinic. It is not too early to sign-up for the Clinic. Early registration for the clinic ends on April 26, 2026. Please go to our website, tabchoops.org for more information about the clinic and TABC membership.



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Name _____

School _____

Email Address _____

Cell Phone Number _____

Position: (circle one) BOYS (men) / GIRLS (women)

Level (circle one) HEAD COACH / HS ASSISTANT / MIDDLE SCHOOL / COLLEGE

League: (circle one) UIL TAPPS SPC TCAL TCAF College Conference _____

Classification: (High School only) 6A 5A 4A 3A 2A 1A District # _____

Mailing Address: _____ Please select one: Home School

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

TABC CLINIC PRE-REGISTRATION

(\$75 per coach) _____ (May 7, 8, & 9, 2026 in San Antonio - Deadline: April 24, 2026)

MEMBERSHIP DUES

(Please place a checkmark by which dues apply)

Active HS Coach (\$35 per coach) _____
(\$50 after Dec. 1)

Retired Coach (\$25 per coach) _____

Middle School Coach (\$15 per coach) _____

Non-school coaches, parents, and friends of basketball
OTHER (\$20 per coach) _____

(\$30 per coach for 3 or more coaches from the same school) _____

(\$25 per coach for 8 or more coaches from the same school) _____

(\$10 per coach for 3 or more JUNIOR HIGH coaches from the same school) _____

Mail form and payment to: TABC, PO Box 2886, Sugar Land, TX 77487

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