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TABC PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

TABC Members,

Summertime is here! I know that many of you are already full speed ahead with summer workouts, camps etc. I want to encourage and remind each of you this summer to recharge and more importantly spend as much time as you can with your family and loved ones. Thank you for the honor and privilege to serve as President of TABC and the opportunity to serve and give back to an organization of such dedicated and hard-working coaches from all over the state. Your commitment to your athletes, programs, schools and communities is what makes Texas basketball so great.

Thank you to Coach Vickie Benson for her outstanding guidance and leadership this past year! Our annual clinic this Spring was outstanding. We had a great lineup of speakers that shared a wealth of information. I also want to thank our Executive Directors for their continued efforts to promote and grow our organization. This progress would not be possible without the hard-working ladies at the office whose work goes mostly unnoticed. Thank you to each of our Board members for their efforts in front of and behind the scenes that help us to continue to grow and promote the great game of basketball in Texas.

Enjoy the rest of your summer and thank you for all you do. Let's make 2026-27 an even better year for Texas basketball.

Brent Gaylor, TABC President 2026-27

Be Sure to Hold on To Your Membership Card



Your TABC Membership Card is more important than ever. TABC continues to work with school districts to get them to accept the TABC card for admission at games. You will also need your membership number in order to **nominate your team and players for free throw and 3-point awards**, **vote for the next TABC president** and for **free admission to the TABC Summer Showcases**. When signing up for TABC, be sure to include your complete address and cell phone number on the registration form and if you fill it out by hand, please write legibly. 2026-2027 members' cards will be mailed out by the end of September.

When you receive your card, save a picture of it on your phone.

Final TABC Newsletter for 2025-2026

This will be the final issue of the Roundball Round-Up published for the 2025-26 membership year. The next issue, which will come out in September will be the first publication for 2026-27. Make sure you have renewed your TABC membership for 2026-27. When you sign-up please be sure to include all of the requested information. Many times, TABC attempts to mail coaches their membership card only to find they did not include a current address, or it is missing an apartment number or correct zip code. Your cell phone number is also very important in case TABC needs to send you a text message. If you do not receive the Roundball Round-Up Newsletter on September 20th, make sure you go online to renew your membership. If you think there has been an error, feel free to give the TABC office a call at 281-313-8222 to verify your membership status. Look for the Roundball Round-Up on the 20th of the month in September, October, November, January, February, March, April and July. Be sure to send any items that might be included in People, Places and Things or Going the Extra Mile to office @tabchoops.org.

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2026-27 Basketball Calendar

Jul 31	2025-2026 TABC Membership Expires (Join NOW for 26-27)
August	Membership Cards Will Be Mailed
Sep 12	TABC Board of Directors Meeting - San Antonio
October 1	Last Day to Submit District Picks Survey (on TABC website)
21	First Day for UIL Girls Practice
26	First Day for TAPPS Practice
26	First Day for SPC Practice and Scrimmages
28	First Day for UIL Boys Practice
November 6	First Day for UIL Girls Interschool Games
13	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)
February 9	UIL Girls District Certification
11-13	SPC State Championships in Houston
16	UIL Boys District Certification
24-27	TAPPS State Championships in Waco
Mar 4-6	UIL Girls State Finals at the Alamodome
Mar 11-13	UIL Boys State Finals at the Alamodome
Apr 23	Last Day to Pre-Register for TABC Clinic
May 6-8	TABC Clinic in San Antonio
June	TABC Camp of Champs - Brenham
17-19	TABC Girls Showcase - Bryan
25-27	TABC Boys Showcase - Metroplex



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.

Longtime TABC member Gary Surratt passed away on July 2, 2026. A graduate of Texas A&M where he was a member of the Corps of Cadets, he was a coach, teacher and administrator for 38 years. His coaching career included stops at Carthage, Mesquite, Huntsville and Crowley to name a few. His 1979 Huntsville team and his 1999 Crowley team won state championships and he was inducted into the Texas High School Basketball Hall of Fame in 2024. Gary is survived by his wife Kathy, three children, seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He was two weeks from his 79th birthday at his passing.

Marc Gardner, head boys coach at San Antonio Brandeis, is retiring. He has been the head coach since the school opened 18 years ago. Marc is a San Antonio native having graduated from Marshall HS and Southwest Texas State University with previous coaching stops at Floresville, SA Roosevelt, McMullen County and SA Clark. His Brandeis teams made two regional tournament appearances and one trip to the final four during the covid cancelled tournament in 2020. His varsity teams have won 386 games. Ryan Taplin, the boys varsity assistant, has been promoted to head coach. Ryan was previously the head boys coach at San Antonio Lee HS.



Milestone Awards



TABC presents Milestone Awards to Texas coaches who reach their 300th varsity win and each multiple of 100 thereafter. If you reach one of those milestones during the season, please let TABC know immediately so that we can order your plaque. Plaques commemorating 300 and 400 wins can be picked up at the TABC clinic or it will be mailed to you. Plaques for 500 and subsequent milestones are presented during a halftime ceremony at the UIL state tournaments. Please e-mail TABC at office@tabchoops.org when you reach your 300th, 400th, 500th and subsequent century marks. If you would like to be featured in the TABC Newsletter, please send us a picture along with the date, opponent and score of the game in which you reached your milestone.

TABC CAMP OF CHAMPS 2026

This past June, 841 boys and girls attended the TABC Camp of Champs in Brenham. We would like to recognize and thank the many coaches and counselors who contributed to the camps success.

GIRLS CAMP WORKERS

NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL
JERRY MCSHERRY	CAMP DIRECTOR	OZONA
JILL KENDALL	GIRLS CAMP DIRECTOR	RETIRED
DENISE LINCOLN	ASSISTANT DIRECTOR	KERENS
TAYLOR NEAL	2ND ASSISTANT DIRECTOR	BRADY
AARON CALLAWAY	KRUSE DIRECTOR/COMMISH	LIPAN
JOEL MOORE	PE GYM DIRECTOR/COMMISH	GRANDVIEW
ANTREANNA BROOKS	COMMISSIONER	HILL COLLEGE
DIANE KONARIK	COMMISSIONER	SALADO
ADRIENNE RUFFIN	COMMISSIONER	ABILENE WYLIE
KENNY MANN	CONCESSIONS DIRECTOR	LEANDER VISTA RIDGE
KARLI FOSTEL	COUNSELOR	TEXAS TECH
LANEY FOSTEL	COUNSELOR	TEXAS TECH
LAYLA FOSTEL	COUNSELOR	TEXAS TECH
OZZY KENDALL	COUNSELOR	TARLETON
DAKOTA BOLES	COUNSELOR/COACH	EULA
CORA BOTOS	COUNSELOR/COACH	COMETS
KASEY HAIRELL	TRAINER/COACH	LULING
GENE KIRKPATRICK	TRAINER	BLINN COLLEGE
JAMAL ANENE	COACH	CADDO MILLS
INETTA BAILEY	COACH	KERENS
TYRONE BAILEY	COACH	KERENS
LILLIE BEASON	COACH	GRANDVIEW
SAIJON BLACKWELL	COACH	CANEY CREEK
CASEY BOTOS	COACH	VALLEY
BRIANNA BROOKS	COACH	KILGORE COLLEGE
COREY BROTHERTON	COACH	ALIEF HASTINGS
KENDRA BROWNLEE	COACH	HASKETT
SHAWN BULLOCK	COACH	BANGS
ANGELICA CAYCOYA	COACH	FULSHEAR
GRACEE HILBURN	COACH	HICO
DANIEL HOBBS	COACH	BASTROP
MEAGHAN HODAPP	COACH	WYLIE EAST
JAMELL JEFFERSON	COACH	KIPP JOURNEY
JAVONTE JOHNSON	COACH	FORNEY
CUTTER MARTIN	COACH	HAMLIN
MIANNAH LITTLE	COACH	LAVEGA
WILLIE LUNA	COACH	VAN VLECK
TYLER OWEN	COACH	ARCHER CITY
EUREKA PURCELL	COACH	MANSFIELD SUMMIT
KENESHA SAYGO	COACH	KILLEEN ELLISON
ANDREW SPENCER	COACH	FRIENDSWOOD
ESSENCE THOMPSON	COACH	JERSEY VILLAGE
TIFFANY VALENTINE	COACH	JERSEY VILLAGE
JOSH VELA	COACH	SOMERVILLE
JERMARQUES WALKER	COACH	YES PREP NORTHWEST

BOYS CAMP WORKERS

NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL
JERRY MCSHERRY	CAMP DIRECTOR	OZONA
CORNELIUS MITCHELL	BOYS CAMP DIRECTOR	CE KING
STEVEN STEGALL	ASSISTANT DIRECTOR	GRAFORD
CJ VILLEGAS	2ND ASSISTANT DIRECTOR	FRENSHIP MEMORIAL
KENNY MANN	CONCESSIONS DIRECTOR	LEANDER VISTA RIDGE
GENE KIRKPATRICK	TRAINER	BLINN COLLEGE
JIM REID	COMMISSIONER	LAPOYNER
STEPHEN SEABACK	COMMISSIONER/COACH	LATEXO
JAMAL ANENE	COMMISSIONER	CADDO MILLS
KARLI FOSTEL	COUNSELOR	TEXAS TECH
LANEY FOSTEL	COUNSELOR	TEXAS TECH
LAYLA FOSTEL	COUNSELOR	TEXAS TECH
COLBY ANDREWS	COACH	BRENNHAM
NIGEL BARBER	COACH	DOGEN ES
DAKOTA BOLES	COACH	EULA
CORRIE BOOKER	COACH	CEDAR HILL
DAVID BOOKMAN	COACH	GARLAND LAKEVIEW
JAYME BRADLEY	COACH	TATUM
BILL BROOKS	COACH	STEPHENVILLE
SHAWN BULLOCK	COACH	BANGS
CLAY BUSBY	COACH	LONGVIEW
TRAVIS CARRUTHERS	COACH	BASTROP
ANTHONY CHERRY	COACH	WESTFIELD
JERMELLE FRASIER	COACH	BLINN COLLEGE
GRANT GLENDENING	COACH	NAVASOTA
ERIC HAMMOND	COACH	LD BELL
CHAD HARTLEY	COACH	COLLEGE PARK
TYLER HELMS	COACH	IDALOU
JAMEL JEFFERSON	COACH	ALIEF
CHRIS JOST	COACH	SWEETWATER
BRADY KEANE	COACH	GONZALES
DOC NELSON	COACH	BLINN COLLEGE
JONATHAN NORMAND	COACH	STEPHENVILLE
MASON PRUITT	COACH	NAVASOTA
NATHAN PURVIS	COACH	SPRINGTOWN
JACE REID	COACH	BARTLESVILLE
DANNY RUSSELL	COACH	FRIENDSWOOD
ELADIO SALDANA	COACH	LUBBOCK CORONADO
BRENT STEPHENS	COACH	LATEXO
JOSHUA VELA	COACH	SOMERVILLE
JERMARQUESS WALKER	COACH	YES PREP

LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD

Please provide your input by completing a TABC district picks survey. This allows all coaches to have input on the TABC District Favorites and Pre-season Rankings. Please click on the following link to complete your survey. <https://tabchoops.org/district-picks/> TABC wants your input, so make sure your voice is heard by completing your district picks survey. The deadline to submit your choices is October 1, so please go online and send in your survey today.

TABC SHOWCASES THE BIGGEST AND BEST EVER

The TABC Girl's and Boy's Showcases held this past June, were huge successes. This year we had 308 girls teams in Bryan and 556 boys teams in the Metroplex playing in this year's events. Thanks to the UIL, the UIL Legislative Council, the NCAA, the NFHS, and the NHSBCA for sanctioning these very worthwhile June Scholastic Events. TABC would also like to thank the Legends Event Center, Bryan ISD, Mansfield ISD, Duncanville ISD, Cedar Hill ISD, Mansfield's Fieldhouse USA, and the Duncanville Fieldhouse for hosting. Dates for next year's Showcases are as follows:

Girls-June 17-19, 2027

Boys-June 25-27, 2027



CLINIC PICTURES 2026

Vendor Floor 2026



Speaker Will Wade



Speaker Zach Urbanus



CLINIC PICTURES 2026



Award Winner Tamara Torru



Speaker Stacy Hollowell



Award Winner Mike Albers



Speaker Krista Gerlich



Speaker Kiara Marshall

CLINIC PICTURES 2026



Award Winner Alex Nixon



Award Winner Vanessa Villareal



Award Winner Trey Richey



TABC Hall of Fame Inductees 2026

CLINIC PICTURES 2026



TABC Past President's Luncheon 2026



Award Winner Whitney Holdbrook



UIL Staff & TABC Pres. Vickie Benson



Award Winner Tyler Renfro



Speaker Steve Lutz



TABC Clinic Crowd 2026

CLINIC PICTURES 2026



Award Winner Kiki Brasham



Award Winner Katie Osburn



Award Winner Jeremy Hammonds



Award Winner Kia Griffin



Award Winner Johnny Daniels



Award Winner Jake Stevens

CLINIC PICTURES 2026



Award Winner J.B. Littlejohn



Speaker Jai Lucas



Speaker Heidi VanDerveer



Speaker Drew Coffman



CLINIC PICTURES 2026



Award Winner Drew Flowers



Speaker Byron Smith



Speaker Jamie Dixon



Speaker Damon Barnett

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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.



TABC 2026-27 MEMBERSHIP DUES & 2027 CLINIC

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 6, 7, & 8, 2027 in San Antonio - Deadline: April 23, 2027)

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

CHECK \$ _____ CASH \$ _____ CREDIT CARD \$ _____

Check #: _____ -OR- Credit Card #: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Amount to be charged on Credit card \$ _____ Please circle one: **VISA** **MC** **AMEX** **DISC**

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