Roundball Round-Up

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TABC PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Coaches,

Practice is just around the corner! Like myself, I know that everyone is excited to get started as after school practices are just weeks away. If you have not already done so, I want to encourage you and your school to sign up for The Texas Way. It is important that we model, encourage, and expect good behavior from both our fans and players.

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.

I want to leave you with this encouragement. You are on the path God has for YOU. Don't compare your career trajectory to the coach in the next town. Whether this season is your best ever, somewhere in the middle, or does not in any way go how you envisioned it, God has a plan for your life that is beyond what is right in front of you. Grow where you're planted. Coach with integrity, stay humble, work with every ounce that you have, and make yourself available to be used by the Lord each day.

Good luck and God Bless,

Brent Gaylor, TABC President

Membership Cards Are Currently Being Mailed Out

Your TABC membership cards are currently being mailed out. The 2026-27 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 AND DISTRICT PICKS

The pre-season rankings will be on the AP wire Monday, October 26, and also on the TABC web site 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 list of District Favorites, which predicts the top four in each district will be up on the TABC website on November 2. The weekly rankings will appear on the TABC website beginning November 16 and will also be sent to media outlets via the Associated Press.

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2026-2027 BASKETBALL CALENDAR

October 21 — First Day for UIL Girls Practice

26 — First Day for TAPPS Practice

26 — First Day for SPC Practice and Scrimmages

26 — TABC Pre-Season Rankings Released

28 — First Day for UIL Boys Practice

November 1 — TABC Membership Dues Goes Up to $50

2 — TABC District Picks Released

6 — First Day for UIL Girls Interschool Games

13 — First Day for UIL Boys Interschool Games

16 — First State Rankings Released

December — 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

March 4-6 — UIL Girls State Finals at the Alamodome

11-13 — UIL Boys State Finals at the Alamodome

April 23 — Last Day to Pre-Register for TABC Clinic

23-24 — South Padre Island Basketball 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



TABC Partners with the JAMODI Podcast!

The Texas Association of Basketball Coaches (TABC) is proud to announce its new partnership as the presenting sponsor of the JAMODI Podcast, hosted by former Baylor basketball player and current Midway High School Head Coach Matt Sayman. JAMODI, which stands for Just A Matter Of Doing It, features conversations with some of the best coaches and leaders in basketball, exploring not just WHAT makes them successful, but HOW they build winning cultures, develop players, and lead with purpose. This partnership brings together two organizations committed to educating, connecting, and inspiring coaches at every level. New episodes are released every Monday, providing valuable insights and practical takeaways that coaches can immediately apply to their programs. Listen or watch at jamodipodcast.com and join us as we continue growing the game and the coaching profession!



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 UIL wins and subsequent milestones are presented during a halftime ceremony at the UIL state tournaments. We must submit a list of all coaches who will participate in that ceremony by February 1, so please don't wait until after your season is over to let us know about your achievement. 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 recognized in the TABC Roundball Roundup, please submit the date you achieved your milestone, your opponent, the score of the game, and ONE picture featuring you and your team.

Going the Extra Mile

From Coach James Rabon, *San Antonio East Central HS*

The San Antonio East Central High School Boys Basketball team lives by the mantra "Blessed People, Bless People." This spirit was on full display through two community service projects they completed over the past month. Partnering with local Christian non-profits Blueprint Ministries and Feed My Starving Children, the team donated their weekend time to serve those in need.

On August 22nd, the team helped construct two porches with stairs for low-income families in their community. Later, on September 17th, the Hornets packed 347 boxes of MannaPack meals—enough to provide 205 children with one nutritious meal every day for an entire year. These efforts serve as a wonderful reminder that our mission is not only to develop skilled athletes, but to build strong character in our young people.







Going the Extra Mile

From Coach Taylor Rambo, *Randle HS*

On Saturday, September 12th, the Randle Girls Basketball team served at Second Mile helping with clothes and food to give to the community in Fort Bend County. The following Saturday they went to the i9 League games, a youth league in their community, to help with practices, games, and cheering for the kiddos!
Thank you to the Randle Lions for Going the Extra Mile!













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 PAST PRESIDENT'S

Brent Gaylor became the 50th president of TABC at the close of last spring's clinic. The 49 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.

Name	Years Served	Career/Status
Tommy Newman	75-77	Retired in Corinth
Ken Cleveland	77-78	Deceased
Mike Smith	78-79	Victoria East Golf Coach
Larry Brown	79-81	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 New Mexico
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

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Name	Years Served	Career/Status
Ken Cook	02-03	Retired in Fort Worth
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
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 Asst.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 ISD 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
Vickie Benson	25-26	Westlake Varsity Girls Coach

TABC Extends Membership Offer to Administrators

TABC is again offering complimentary membership 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 e-mail 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.**

TABC COACHES DIRECTORY - FIRST EDITION

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 2026-27 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.

TABC

MEMBERSHIP

2026-2027

2,804

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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.

Eastview High School in Georgetown recognizes seniors who demonstrate service, leadership and scholarship. The award is named the Jack Frost citizen of the month and is named after former GISD superintendent Jack Frost. It encourages all students to become the best that they can be. Last month, basketball captain Van Robertson was an honoree and he mentioned in his acceptance speech that his basketball coach Michael Toups was an adult that made a positive impact on his life. Congratulations to both Van and Coach Toups.

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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 Nov. 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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