

TXBA Big State Championship 2026 Rules & Information

- DATES:** June 27-28
- SITE:** Round Rock Sports Center & Austin Sports Center - Addresses: TXBA app under Venues
- DIVISIONS:** 3rd grade thru HS Boys & Girls. Based on grade for 2025-26 school year.
- EVENT FORMAT:** 4 game-guarantee events, 2 days of play
- UNIFORM:** All players should wear team jersey with number. Top team wears white, Bottom dark; however, teams are encouraged to be flexible when a team has one color.
- ROSTERS:** Only players who are on the initial roster are allowed to participate. Players are not permitted to play below grade level. Players must be within 1 year of the expected age in any grade level. For example, if a player is in 6th grade due to being held back twice, that player would qualify to play in the 7th or 8th grade division, but not 6th due to being 2 years older than the expected age. All players must be under 19 years old to participate. Players may only play on more than one team if approved by the Director in advance.
- RULES:** All games will be played under NFHS rules, except for the clock, which will be 20 minute running clock halves, and the addition of sportsmanship rules.
- GAME TIME:** Game time is forfeit time. *Exceptions will be made at the discretion of the Tournament Director.*
- GAME CLOCK:** Game playing time is two 20 minute halves running clock. The clock will stop the last two minutes of the 2nd half unless a team is up by 20 points. Games will have a 2-3 minute half time. Teams will have a 3-5 minute warm-up prior to tip-off.
- OVERTIME:** If required, a two (2) minute running clock overtime period will be played. If tied after overtime period, a running clock sudden death period will be played to the max time of 2 minutes, and first team to score, wins the game. After 2 minutes the game ends in a tie. One time out per overtime period will be allowed.
- TIME OUTS:** Two 30 second time outs each half. Time outs cannot be carried over. One 30 second time out for each overtime period. Time outs can be called by Head Coach or player on the court. The game clock stops during timeouts.
- FREE THROWS:** Shoot 2 at 5 fouls, resetting all team fouls at 10 minutes of each half.
- SPORTSMANSHIP:** **Teams (2-8th grade) are not allowed to play any defense in the backcourt when the margin is 20 or more points. The first violation will be a warning. The second and subsequent violations will be a technical foul assessed to the head coach.**
- GAME BALL:** 3/4th, 5th, 6th boys & all girls: 28.5 game ball; 7th, 8th, and HS boys divisions: 29.5

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- CLOCK/BOOK:** Home team (listed on top) will provide game ball and book keeper. Visitor (bottom) provides clock worker. Again, we encourage flexibility when needed. Table volunteers must maintain positive and respectful interactions with refs, coaches and players. The warning, technical foul, and ejection process applies as they represent their team.
- CONDUCT OF COACHES, PLAYERS, & SPECTATORS:** The Head Coach listed on the team roster will be held responsible for the actions of his/her team/fans. Coaches are responsible for supervising the children playing on their team. They are also responsible for instructing the players on their team so they know the rules necessary to safely participate in the games. Coaches must follow and communicate with their team/fans the rules herein and the expectations set forth in the TXBA Code of Conduct. If any coach is assessed a technical foul, then no coach on that bench is allowed to stand for the duration of the game. Any coach, player or spectator whose behavior is disruptive to the event will be ejected from the premises. If the individual(s) refuse(s) to leave when directed, the Site Director is empowered to declare a forfeit against the associated team and disqualify the team for the rest of the event without any refunds. TXBA reserves the right to not allow any person ejected future admittance and/or participation in TXBA events.
- No form of physical or verbal violence, including hate language and threats, will be tolerated. Any physical or verbal violence will result in immediate ejection from the event, and TXBA reserves the right to disqualify the team for the remainder of the event without any refunds to the team or spectators. If a physical altercation occurs, then the game will be suspended at the point of interruption. If any parent enters the court without permission from the officials, then the team will be disqualified for the remainder of the event without any refunds. Any adult who makes physical contact with someone else's child without permission will be banned from future TXBA events.**
- PROTESTS:** Head coaches may protest a player's eligibility before the start of any game. The \$100 protest fee must be paid to the Site Director at the time of the protest and will only be refunded if the player is proven to be ineligible. When a player's eligibility is protested, that player's head coach must provide the Site Director with copies or pictures of the player's current student ID with a picture and 25-26 grade and birth certificate. If the student ID does not have a grade, then a 25-26 dated report card is also required. If the appropriate documentation is not available, then the player will not be eligible to play until eligibility can be verified by the Site Director. If the player is proven to be ineligible due to being in the wrong grade or being older than allowed, the player will not be eligible to play and the team will start the game with a technical foul for having an ineligible player on the roster.
- ADMISSION :** **Spectators (Cash & Venmo): \$20/adults and \$5/K-12 students per day OR \$36/adults and \$9/K-12 students for a weekend pass.**
No admission fee for players in uniform and playing in the tournament.