

CAROLINA INVITATIONAL



DECEMBER 27-30, 2011



The vision of the organizers of the inaugural Carolina Invitational is to create a High School Girls basketball tournament in the Charleston Area that will provide participants a quality, first-class, and competitive experience. It is the desire of the tournament organizers for this event to be held in December during the Christmas vacation holidays in a modern facility and in a safe environment. The inaugural tournament will have 16 teams participating from Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina. One of the tournaments will challenge teams from the two Carolinas creating an additional element of interest for the participants to enjoy.

Basketball remains the most popular sport for girls nationwide, with nearly 460,000 participants annually. Prior to the implementation of Title IX, only one in 27 girls played varsity high school sports. By 2005, that figure was up to one in 2.5, for a total of 2.9 million girls playing high school sports. However, female athletes continue to get fewer team opportunities, fewer scholarships and lower budgets than their male counterparts. In 2000, spending on men's athletics was nearly double compared to the amount was spent on women's sports. Although the spending gap has narrowed, women's and girls' athletics programs continue to receive fewer resources than men's and boys'. The primary goal of this tournament is to provide an opportunity for female athletes to participate in an event that incorporates the full focus, resources and attention that a similar boy's high school tournament would demand.



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The Carolina Invitational is being organized by the United States Basketball Association and Event Management Associates. USBA offers tournaments nationwide for boys and girls teams, grades 3 - 12. The goal of the USBA is to provide first class, quality tournaments for teams throughout the United States in a rewarding, positive and instructional environment. USBA firmly believes that the game of basketball plays an important role in helping shape young lives. USBA tournaments are demanding and competitive with a major emphasis on fair play and sportsmanship. USBA is the second largest amateur youth basketball organization in the U.S. and is headquartered in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Event Management Associates offers services primarily in the sports industry and concentrates those services in event management, promotion, and fundraising. EMS is currently contracted with ESPN and manages the Charleston Classic Basketball Tournament held each November. EMS is also contracted with the University of Alabama at Birmingham on a consulting basis to provide expertise in funding and construction for an on campus football stadium. Event Management Associates is headquartered in Isle of Palms, South Carolina.



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2011 FIELD

CAROLINA DIVISION

GOOSE CREEK

NORTHWOOD

PINEWOOD

WANDO

CONCORD

HOGGARD

NORTHEASTERN

SOUTH LAKE

PALMETTO DIVISION

BISHOP ENGLAND

BERKELEY

STRATFORD

HEBRON

CREST

NORTH MYRTLE BEACH

RICHLAND NORTHEAST

CROSS



Carolina Invitational 2011
High School Girls Basketball Tournament

*Daniel Island
Charleston, South Carolina*

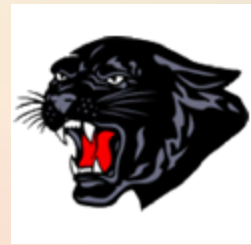


*Bishop England
High School*



The Venue





2011 Carolina Invitational Basketball Tournament
Charleston, South Carolina



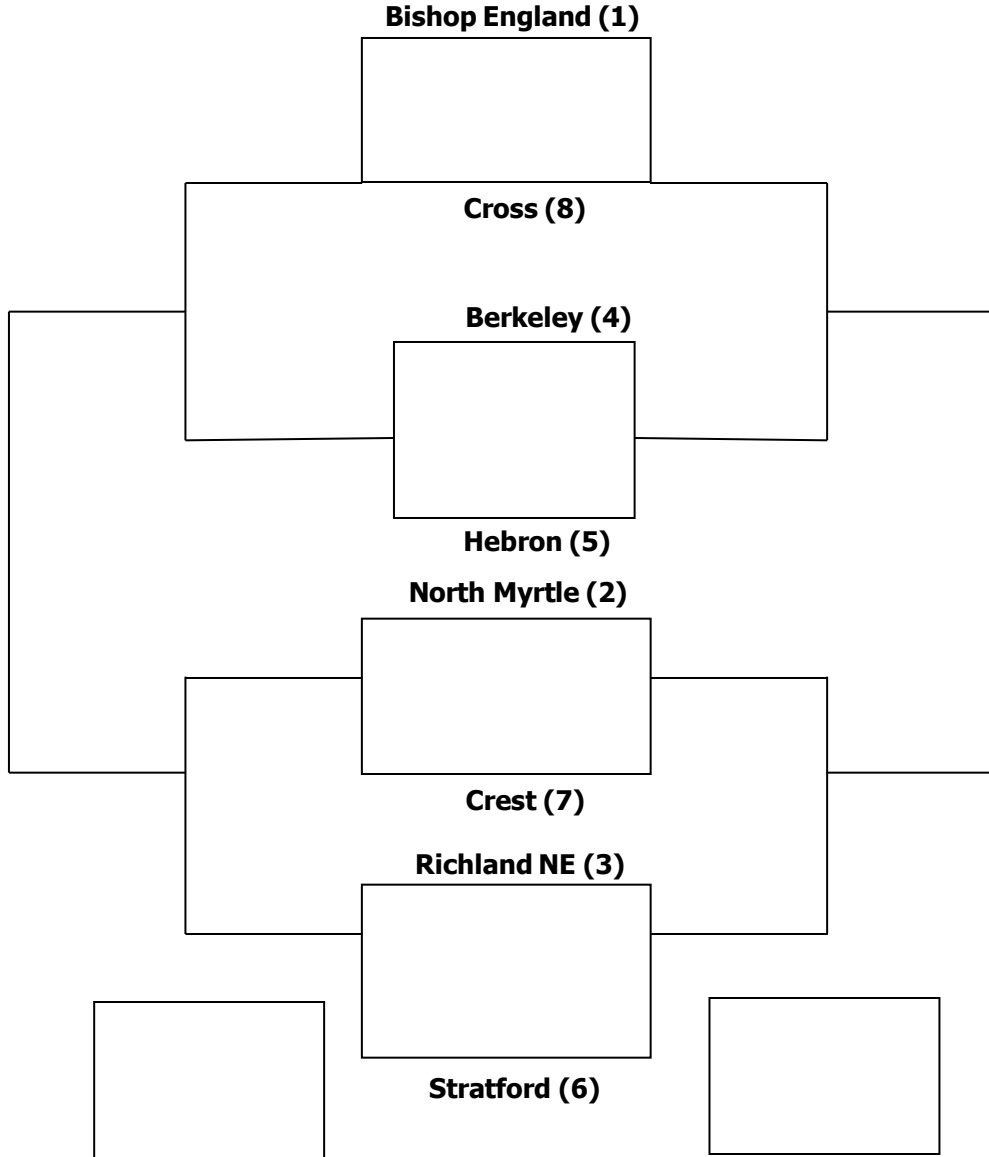


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North Myrtle
VS
Crest

Bishop England
VS
Cross



Richland NE
VS
Stratford

Berkeley
VS
Hebron

Palmetto Division

Tournament Schedule

Tuesday December 27th

<u>Time</u>	<u>Division</u>		<u>Team</u>	<u>Team</u>
10:00 AM	Palmetto	Game 1	Hebron	Berkeley
11:45 AM	Palmetto	Game 2	Cross	Bishop England
1:30 PM	Palmetto	Game 3	Stratford	Richland NE
3:15 PM	Palmetto	Game 4	Crest	North Myrtle
5:00 PM	Carolina	Game 5	Northeastern	Pinewood
6:45 PM	Carolina	Game 6	Wando	Concord

Tournament Schedule

Wednesday December 28th

<u>Time</u>	<u>Division</u>		<u>Team</u>	<u>Team</u>
10:00 AM	Carolina	Game 7	Southlake	Goose Creek
11:45 AM	Carolina	Game 8	Hoggard	Northwood
1:30 PM	Palmetto	Game 9	Loser G1	Loser G2
3:15 PM	Palmetto	Game 10	Winner G1	Winner G2
5:00 PM	Palmetto	Game 11	Loser G3	Loser G4
6:45 PM	Palmetto	Game 12	Winner G3	Winner G4

Tournament Schedule

Thursday December 29th

<u>Time</u>	<u>Division</u>		<u>Team</u>	<u>Team</u>	
10:00 AM	Carolina	Game 13	Loser G5	Loser G6	
11:45 AM	Carolina	Game 14	Winner G5	Winner G6	
1:30 PM	Carolina	Game 15	Loser G7	Loser G8	
3:15 PM	Carolina	Game 16	Winner G7	Winner G8	
5:00 PM	Palmetto	Game 17	Loser G9	Loser G11	7th Place Palmetto
6:45 PM	Palmetto	Game 18	Winner G9	Winner G11	5th Place Palmetto

Tournament Schedule

Friday December 30th

<u>Time</u>	<u>Division</u>		<u>Team</u>	<u>Team</u>	
10:00 AM	Carolina	Game 19	Loser G13	Loser G15	7th Place Carolina
11:45 AM	Carolina	Game 20	Winner G13	Winner G15	5th Place Carolina
1:30 PM	Palmetto	Game 21	Loser G10	Loser G12	3rd Place Palmetto
3:15 PM	Carolina	Game 22	Loser G14	Loser G16	3rd Place Carolina
5:00 PM	Palmetto	Game 23	Winner G10	Winner G12	Championship Palmetto
6:45 PM	Carolina	Game 24	Winner G 14	Winner G 16	Championship Carolina



Official Hotel

Holiday Inn Charleston/Mt Pleasant

www.himtpleasant.com

250 Johnnie Dodds Blvd.

Mt. Pleasant, S.C. 29464

Participating Teams must contact:
Amy Anderson, Sales Manager, to book
your rooms at a discounted rate.

Direct Line: 843-416-3114 or
Amy.Anderson1@PillarHotels.com
(Team rate available until 11/11/11)

*Special Fan Rate Available: ask for the
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The desire of the tournament organizers is to make this tournament a meaningful and enjoyable experiences for the players, coaches and fans. To accomplish this, some information is needed from the participating schools.

▶ Contact numbers for Coaches and Assistants for each school. Email addresses and telephone numbers.

▶ Jpg of the official logo for each school. All logos were retrieved via the internet. If they are wrong the proper logo in jpg format will be appreciated. Correct name for each school. (I.E. Hebron or Hebron Christian Academy)

▶ Preferred news outlets for radio, newspapers and television. (more than one is okay) Name of media group is sufficient. Official website and any social media sites that are affiliated with the institution.

▶ Each team is being asked to assign a student of their choice to send information (student correspondent) of respective teams that can be loaded on to the Carolina Invitational Facebook page. I.e.. photos, team pictures, records.... The student will be allow access to the Facebook account. That individual will be working with the media coordinator for the Carolina Invitational.

▶ Any info/photos/accomplishments that the team would like to share regarding the school, basketball program or student athletes.



Website

www.carolinainvitational

Currently Under Construction

Available by October 1st