



December 2022

Dear Middle School Principal, Athletic Director, and Basketball Coach –

As we continue to execute our vision to provide more middle school opportunities through the MHSAA, we are excited to announce the creation of the inaugural Middle School Basketball Invitational, which will be played in January on the campuses of community colleges throughout the state. For at least the first year, this event will be considered an invitational, and our vision is to grow it into a true state championship tournament.

Your school is being invited to participate (boys and girls) in the 2023 MHSAA Middle School Basketball Invitational. A few details about the event follow, and more information about next steps can be found below, as well.

- To participate, we ask that you commit both your boys' and girls' teams.
- Your starting site has been indicated in the email invitation sent to you (see attached bracket for all sites through all rounds).
- This is an 8<sup>th</sup> grade event (7<sup>th</sup> graders can play, but 9<sup>th</sup> graders cannot).
- There will be an entry fee of \$100 per team (paid to MHSAA).
- Event will be held over three weeks, playing Friday and Saturday the first two weeks and on Saturday the third week. (See included bracket).
- In a partnership with the community colleges, all rounds will be played on community college campuses (see included bracket).
- Trophies and medallions will be provided for invitational champions and runners-up (boys and girls).
- The first weekend (Rounds 1 & 2) will be played at eight sites across the state, the second weekend (Rounds 3 & 4) will be at two sites, and the final weekend (Round 5) will be at one site.
- Game times are TBA and will be set by the host.

Currently, we are in the process of communicating with schools to complete the bracket for boys and girls. We ask that you respond to indicate if you will participate no later than Thursday, December 15. Once we have all commitments, we will randomly set the bracket at each first round site and send to all schools.

If you have questions, please contact Assistant Director LeAnna Dawson – [ldawson@misshsaa.com](mailto:ldawson@misshsaa.com) – 601-502-5249.

We hope you are able to participate with us in the first year of this exciting new event for our middle school students. Have a great day and a happy holiday season!

Sincerely,

Rickey Neaves  
Executive Director



## 2023 Middle School Basketball Invitational | Event Bracket (with sites)

Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5
Friday, Jan. 13	Saturday, Jan. 14	Friday, Jan. 20	Saturday Jan. 21	Saturday, Jan. 28

