



ELITE SPORTS EVENTS HOOPS CHALLENGE

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Elite Sports Events hosted one of the better tournaments of the year last weekend as teams from the Tri-State area travelled to New Haven and Trumbull to compete for the title of CHAMPION in the 2015 HOOPS CHALLENGE!

In the 17U division, one team stood front and center! Connecticut Elite Green was in a class by themselves as they completely dominated the weekend winning their games by 20+! The championship proved to be no different as they played a very game Ct Warriors team that proved to simply be overmatched as Elite won 86-40! This Elite team is on their way to national prominence as it was led in this game by John Lewis with 19, Dylan Nobie with 15 and Anthony Miller with 13 for this very balanced attack. The Warriors were led by Ryan Johannas with 10 and Richard Pugliese with 8 in defeat.

In the 16U division, teams were playing at a high level all weekend in a packed 10-team division!! In the end, it was the top two teams that faced each other in the final as the Western Ct Warriors battled the Rebels! Both teams went through the pool play undefeated and these two put on a show in the championship game. Western went up early but the Rebels fought back to make the game close in the second half before Western went on a 7-0 run to expand the lead and cruise to a 47-35 championship win! Western was led by Ryan O'Neil with 21 points and Jake Fenn with 7 in the victory. Matt Marx led the Rebels with 15 points and Jacob Hernandez chipped in with 11 in defeat.

In the 15U division, two of the better teams in the area faced off as Connecticut Elite Menta took on TMT. Elite was in control a majority of the game, leading by as many as 8 but at about the 5 minute remaining mark TMT caught fire and went on an 11-2 run to take a 5 point lead and held on with clutch foul shooting to defeat a very talented Elite team 73-67! This was a very competitive game between two teams with great talent and coaching. Matt Torres led TMT with 16 and Tyquire Langley chipped in with 13 for the win! Qualon Wilkes with a game high 25 and Michael Aaron with 19 in defeat led Elite.

In the 14U division, the weekend belonged to the Breakers Brandon as both his red and black teams won their respective pools. That being said, they did not want to play each other in the championship game so the black team deferred to Ct Premier Gill for the championship game. The Breakers Brandon Red team came on strong from the jump ball and started the game with a 13-4 run and never looked back on there way to a dominant 63-38 championship victory! The game was never in doubt as the Breakers proved to have too many weapons at their disposal. The Breakers were led by Manny Roman with 19 and Tyreke Lowe-Torres with

15. Ct Premier was led by Zack Forte with 14 and Zack Pozzi with 9.

In the 13U division, two very talented and competitive teams faced off in a very good division as the RI Breakers Joe took on TMT! This game went back and forth with 12 lead changes before the Breakers went on a 7-1 run late in the second half to hold off a very determined TMT team 53-45! The Breakers were led by Donie Santos with 17 connecting on four 3-pointers! Grant Driscoll also added 13 points for the Champions. TMT was led by Michael Fuller with a game high 19 points and Jamal Boyd with 11!

In the 12U Division, the best game of the championships took place! Without a doubt this was the closest and most competitive game of the weekend as there was 14 lead changes as the game came down to the wire!! This 10-team division saw so many balanced teams take on one another but in the championship game, the top 2 teams definitely faced each other. Breakers Joe took on Connecticut Elite Staples in an epic battle of two even teams. In the end, Elite made clutch jump shots and free throws to take the championship 36-34! Kenneth Soares led elite with a game high 12 points and Christian Jones chipped in 11 for the champions!! The Breakers were led by Sebastian Thomas with 11 and Denzel Corrien with 5.

In the 11U Division, 3 teams fought it out for the championship, as all three teams were equal on talent! Those three teams competed hard in the bracket play before the eventual champion, Ct Premier Black defeated fellow program brother Ct Premier Richardson with a late 14-2 run to seal the deal 41-20 to win the championship. Charlie Honig led all scorers with 15 points and Stephen Keading chipped in 9 for the victors! Liam Ryan led the Richardson team with 5 points in the defeat. The true story of this division though was the team from NEW YORK CITY, the NYC ELITE! They won their two pool games against both teams that made it to the finals by a combined score of 152-12!!! This team was out of control good!! Well coached with talent and hard working players. They could not play on Sunday for logistical reasons and that is why they did not play for the championship but their team is legit! The starting 5 of: Seth August (11), Jamien Todd (11), Jaylen Johnson (11), Brandon Sinclair (11) and Ian Aubrey (10) put on a display rarely seen at this age. Great players that play like a team and do not pound their own chest! This is definitely a team to watch out for in the future!

In the 10U division, it was unanimous by all those in attendance that this was the best and most competitive division of the weekend! Every game was close as Connecticut Elite Fay won a quarterfinal game with an NBA range three pointer at the Buzzer by Tyler Levine and then that same Connecticut Elite Fay team lost the semi final game with a put back at the buzzer to lose by one. This division was like that all weekend long! In the championship game, it was CT Premier Trimboli taking on a very good HOS team! HOS proved to be too much for Ct Premier on this day as they took an early 20-8 lead and never looked back on their way to a dominating 57-31 victory. HOS was led by Calder Truzdale with 13 and Matt Fitzsimmons with 12 points. Ct Premier was led by TJ Wright with 12 and Derek Pempatti with 9.