



## **ELITE SPORTS EVENTS WINTER HOOPS CHALLENGE**

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Elite Sports Events put on a great winter basketball tournament in Trumbull, Connecticut last weekend as teams from all over the Tri-State area competed for the title of Champion in the 2016 Winter Hoops Challenge!

In the 14/13U division, the most dominant team of the weekend were the Elmont Lawmen. They are a very well coached athletic team from Long Island that used that great athleticism to win 3 games during pool play. In one of those games against the Connecticut Elite Red team, the Lawmen won by over 20 points! The championship game though proved to be a different story however, as the two teams faced each other again. In the championship game, the Elite team used a tight defense, great rebounding and timely shooting to put on a late 14-3 run to defeat the heavily favored lawmen, 49-41! It was one of the more exciting games to attend for the fans as the game see-sawed back and forth early until Jacob Miller hit a late three pointer to give Elite a 4 point lead and they ran away from there. Elite was led by Jake Walsh with a game high 16 points, 6 assists, 7 rebounds and drew 3 charges! He definitely dominated the game on both ends of the court and was the championship MVP! Jacob Miller also chipped in with 11 points and Desmond Pratt had 8 points and 7 rebounds. The Lawmen had incredible balance with 6 players scoring between 6-8 points as their balance was one of their strengths!

In the 13/12U division, the Fairfield Pal Stags took on the Buckets in a very evenly matched division where all the pool games were so close! In an earlier round playoff match, the Pal held on for a dramatic 2 point win at the buzzer as a very determined Connecticut Elite team Green who came all the way back from a 16 point deficit to lose at the buzzer! That allowed the Fairfield Pal to advance to the championship game where they faced an undefeated Buckets team! The championship game proved to be much like the earlier games as this game went back and forth all game long. Trailing by two, the Buckets ended up stealing an inbound pass with 2 seconds left at half court which allowed for a last second desperation half court shot at the buzzer. The shot was on line but hit the front of the rim giving the Fairfield team the close 32-30 win!!! It was a great game as these two teams put on a great show for the fans!!! Fairfield was led by Justin Davis who dominated the tournament, scoring 9 points and handing out 7 assists in the championship game. Pierre Vogt added 3 for the Fairfield team. Buckets was led by Maxwell with 8 points and Rosa with 6 points in the defeat.

In the 11/10U division, High Rise took on the Connecticut Elite Orange in another great championship game! Both teams battled valiantly and competed like the future stars they will one day be. High Rise was in charge most of the game but never were able to pull away, as their lead never expanded to more than 8 throughout the game. In the end, the High Rise was just good enough to hold on to a very hard fought 49-45 championship win! High Rise was led by Santana with 21 points and James with 17 as this Dynamic Duo was simply too tough to maintain! The Elite was led by David Melson with 11 points, Elijah Lewis with 9 points and Michael Edgar with 7 points in defeat!