



AC Patriot Classic

Youth Basketball Tournament

January 24th-25th, 2026 Hastings, NE

Boys 3rd – 8th Grade Teams = Saturday, January 24th

Girls 3rd – 8th Grade Teams = Sunday, January 25th

The 14th Annual AC Patriot Classic is scheduled for January 24th-25th in Hastings, Nebraska. The tournament is open to 3rd – 8th grade boys and girls teams of all levels and from all sizes of towns.

Our tournament will provide 5 gym locations each day, with a total of 11 courts. Games will be played at Adams Central High School's north and south gymnasiums, Adams Central Elementary, Juniata Early Childhood Center, and Hastings YMCA.

Last year we hosted over 120 teams! We feature multiple divisions in each grade level with a 3 game guarantee!

We use the Tourney Machine Software to register teams, schedule and score our games. Get tournament schedules, standings, and brackets on your mobile device with game results and notifications through email and text messages.

We also have multiple hotels and restaurants in the community to help accommodate all your needs to make it an enjoyable weekend for everyone.

For more information, please contact the Tournament Director:

Chris Wahlmeier: (402) 984-6170
Ryan Ratigan: (402) 594-4799
Chad Wiseman: (402) 984-8290
Dustin Steuhrenberg: (402) 469-3726

Register your team on Tourney Machine at the following link:

<https://tourneymachine.com/E171471>

Send Payment to:

All Payments must be made through TourneyMachine prior to registration deadline

Email: acpatriotclassic@gmail.com

AC Patriot Classic Information

DATES: Boys – January 24th, 2026 (Saturday)

Girls – January 25th, 2026 (Sunday)

DIVISIONS: Boys Teams: 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th Grade

Girls Teams: 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th Grade

ENTRY FEES: Registration fee for all teams is \$150 up to 10 players. Each additional player will add \$5. There will be no refunds after registration has been submitted. A \$75 fee will be retained if the event is cancelled due to weather.

BRACKETS: All brackets will consist of 8 teams maximum. Each bracket will be single elimination. All teams are guaranteed 3 games, as consolation games are played to determine 3rd, 5th, and 7th places.

PLAYERS: Player must compete in their grade classification. However, younger players may participate in older divisions. Player can only compete on one team in the tournament per grade level. If incorrect information is provided, the player and team may be ineligible. No changes in rosters will be allowed after the first game unless approved by the Tournament Directors. The roster in the scorebook for the first game will be the certified roster for the tournament. **It is the coach's responsibility to verify players and numbers in the official scorebook prior to each game.**

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: January 5th, 2026 is the deadline. Teams are limited, so register early. Please note that divisions may fill up before this date, so again, PLEASE register early. After this date, contact one of the tournament directors to inquire about any open spots. Brackets will be emailed to coaches and posted on Tourney Machine by January 19th, 2026.

RULES: Games will consist of 8 minute quarters. The clock will stop on all free throws, time-outs, injuries, and the last minute of each quarter. All teams must have numbered jerseys. A team may only press to a 15 point lead. There will be no press allowed in 3rd grade boys and 3rd, 4th, 5th grade girls. **No zone defense allowed in grades 3-6! Man-to-man only.** See full rules sheet for more information.

BALLS: Intermediate size ball (28.5") will be used for all divisions. Each team must provide their own warm-up balls. A game ball will be provided on each court.

AWARDS: Medals will be presented to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place teams in 6 and 8 team brackets. Medals will be presented to the 1st and 2nd Place teams in 4 team and 5 team brackets.

SPORTSMANSHIP: AC Patriot Classic promotes good sportsmanship by the athletes, coaches, and spectators. We request your cooperation by supporting the participants and officials in a positive manner. Inappropriate comments or actions directed at the officials, athletes, coaches or team representatives will not be tolerated and are grounds for removal from the tournament.

OFFICIALS: Two paid officials will be provided for each game.

ADMISSION: There will be a gate fee of \$5 per adult and \$5 per student each day.

CONCESSIONS: Concessions will be available at Adams Central High School, Adams Central Elementary, and Juniata Elementary during the tournament.