



The 2nd Annual Arizona Basketball Challenge presented by Tribune VarsityXtra is set to begin Friday, December 26 at Mountain View High School in Mesa. The 16-team event showcases 12 Arizona teams along with 4 out-of-state teams.

In-state participating schools (Power-point rankings)

Highland (1)
Dobson (2)
North (2, 5A-II)
Estrella Mountain (2, 3A)
Mountain View (3)
Chavez (5)
Red Mountain (11)
Hamilton (13)
Pinnacle (13, 5A-II)
Saguaro (17, 4A-I)
Tucson (24)
Desert Vista (26)

Other news:

Federal Way (WA) is scheduled to arrive in Phoenix on the Thursday evening. They have a shoot-a-round planned along with a team dinner at the hotel. Spoke to Eagles Head Coach Jerome Collins this morning regarding the inclement weather in Seattle the past week. He's confident the on his team getting to Phoenix mentioning weather should clear up by Wednesday of this week.

North Hollywood (CA) Harvard-Westlake is making the drive from Southern California leaving Friday morning. They will be in the Valley of the Sun early enough to prepare for their opening game vs. Highland (Friday, 830p). Check out the tournament website to see photos of Harvard-Westlake from a tournament earlier this season.

Weston (FL) Sagemont and Highland (UT) Lone Peak are arriving in Phoenix on Friday morning. Both have requested court time as they prepare for their games on Friday night (Sagemont vs. Red Mountain, 530p; Lone Peak vs. Saguaro, 7p).

Businesses that have chosen to assist the ABC: Chick-fil-A, Red Bull, Native New Yorker, Charleston's, Vitamin Water, and Position Sports.

Photos from the Mountain View vs. Basha game on December 12 are featured on the ABC website.

Box scores, blogs, updated information can be found on the ABC website.

A prominent college coach will be at the ABC on Saturday, December 27.

Special recognition to ilearningglobal.tv for their sponsorship of the tournament t-shirts.

Please take a minute to check out the event schedule, the latest articles, photos, and team profiles at the tournament website linked below. If you have any questions, please contact me at marc.beasley@cox.net.