



SERC-NAHRO MLK TOURNAMENT 2027

WELCOME TO BOWLING GREEN

BASKETBALL & CHEER · JANUARY 15–17, 2027

THIS PACKET BELONGS TO

TEAM / SQUAD NAME

ORGANIZATION / HOUSING AUTHORITY

DIVISION

HEAD COACH NAME

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CHECKLIST

Welcome to the 33rd Anniversary of the SERC-NAHRO Basketball & Cheer Tournament!

Items included in this packet, and items that must be completed and returned by mail or email to sbanks@habg.org, or mailed to Housing Authority of Bowling Green, 247 Double Springs Rd, Bowling Green, KY 42101, Attn: SERC 2027.

Questions or concerns, contact Shannah Banks-Dixon at sbanks@habg.org or (270) 784-0576.

DOCUMENTS INCLUDED

- General Rules for Participation
- Cheer Competition Rules
- Hotel Information
- Weekend Schedule

DOCUMENTS TO RETURN

Once you've registered online and have your SERC number, sign these and upload them to your team's own page, reach it by scanning your lanyard QR code or by going to the site and entering your SERC number.

- ☐ Executive Director of Housing Authority or Boys & Girls Club must sign the Certification of Eligibility form.
- ☐ HUD Youth Sports Code of Ethics, signed by each athlete and each coach, assistant coach, coordinator, and chaperone.
- ☐ Basketball/Cheer Individual Waiver, signed by each athlete and a parent or guardian.
- ☐ Team Roster and Coach & Team Information, if not already submitted online.

Do not upload birth certificates or insurance cards. Bring the physical copies with you and hand them to staff at check-in instead.

Please have all registration documents submitted online or mailed by **Monday, December 7, 2026**.

OFFICIAL REGISTRATION FORM — TEAM ROSTER

T-shirt Totals (adult sizes only): S ____ M ____ L ____ XL ____ XXL ____ XXXL ____ Total ____

#	PLAYER NAME (LAST, FIRST)	DATE OF BIRTH	SHIRT	CERT
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AGE DIVISION (CHOOSE ONE)

Basketball: ☐ 18 & Under ☐ 15 & Under ☐ 12 & UnderCheer / Dance: ☐ 8th Grade & Under ☐ 9th Grade & Up*Divisions are age-based, boys and girls compete together, there is no separate gender division.*

COACH & TEAM INFORMATION

Team / Squad Name: _____

Head Coach / Coordinator: _____

Address: _____

City / State / Zip: _____

Mobile: _____ Email: _____

Housing Authority / B&G Club: _____

(1) Assistant Coach: _____ Shirt: _____

(2) Assistant Coach: _____ Shirt: _____

Executive Director Signature: _____ Date: _____

RULES & ELIGIBILITY

The following is a list of instructions all teams must follow to register for this year's tournament. All forms must be completed and received no later than **December 7, 2026**. No late applications will be accepted.

ELIGIBILITY AND VERIFICATION

All participants must be verified as eligible to participate. Every participant must be legally listed on the dwelling lease of a low-income public housing property, multifamily property, Housing Choice Voucher Program, or be a member of a Boys & Girls Club. The Housing Authority or Boys & Girls Club Executive Director is required to verify resident/membership status by signing the Certification of Eligibility form.

AGE

The athlete's age determination date is the first day of the tournament, January 15, 2027. A copy of each athlete's birth certificate or insurance card is checked at check-in, not collected or copied in advance. Athletes without proof of age at check-in are ineligible to play.

Division	Eligibility
18 & Under	Born after January 15, 2009
15 & Under	Born after January 15, 2012
12 & Under	Born after January 15, 2015

Older divisions may play up into an older age classification, but a participant may never play down into a younger classification. Each athlete may only be listed on one roster.

EDUCATION

Each athlete must be enrolled in school or an approved GED program, and is expected to maintain an overall "C" average or be enrolled in a tutorial program administered by their school, housing authority, or another agency. Athletes listed on their school's basketball or cheer roster during the current school year are not eligible to participate in this tournament.

CODE OF ETHICS & WAIVER

Participants are expected to display good sportsmanship at all times. The HUD Youth Sports Code of Ethics included in this packet must be signed by every athlete, coach, chaperone, and coordinator. Every athlete and coach must also complete a signed Waiver form. Anyone without a completed, signed waiver on file is ineligible to participate.

RULES & ELIGIBILITY (CONTINUED)

TEAM NAME & ROSTER

Each team should have a unique team name. Complete a full roster for each team participating, one roster per team.

ENTRY FEE

\$475 per basketball team, \$250 per cheer or dance squad, with a \$25 discount for each additional team from the same organization. Registration is completed online. Pay by check payable to Housing Authority of Bowling Green, or by Venmo, Cash App, or PayPal, whichever is live when you register, details are on the confirmation screen and email.

CHAPERONES

Each team is required to have at least two adults present at all times.

GAME FORMAT

All age divisions play 20-minute halves with a running clock, stopping for timeouts, the last minute of the first half on dead balls, and the last two minutes of the game on dead balls. Each team has four 30-second timeouts per game. Overtime is three minutes running clock, with one 30-second timeout per team. Games are played with a 29.5" ball. A mercy rule is in effect: the clock runs continuously once a team leads by 30 points or more, until the margin drops back under 20.

FORFEITS

A team that leaves the tournament early or misses a game may forfeit its remaining games and be fined \$150 per game missed.

RULES & ELIGIBILITY (CONTINUED)

UNIFORMS & DRESS CODE

Uniformity on the court is enforced, every player on a team wears the same color shirts, shorts, and socks. No visible jewelry, open-toe shoes, or hats during play for athletes, coaches, or chaperones. Coaches and chaperones wear a team shirt or a collared shirt during play. Banquet attire is business casual.

AWARDS

All athletes receive an official 2027 SERC tournament t-shirt. Trophies are awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each age classification, with individual medals for the 1st place team and a commemorative gift for every participant.

PHOTOS / VIDEO

By participating, athletes, coaches, and chaperones grant permission for footage captured during the tournament weekend to be used for tournament promotion and publications, without compensation.

CONFIRMATION

A confirmation email with your SERC number and team packet goes out immediately after you register online. Tournament brackets are posted to the site as pool play is finalized.

CHEER COMPETITION RULES

ELIGIBILITY

Open to all participants who fall into one of the two age brackets below. Eligibility is determined by grade as of January 1, 2027.

AGE BRACKETS

- 8th Grade & Under
- 9th Grade & Up

Each squad member competes in their appropriate grade bracket. Each registered team may submit up to two competing cheer/dance squads, one per age bracket.

ENTRIES

All squads register using the official SERC 2027 registration form. Entries are due with tournament registration no later than December 7, 2026.

REGULATIONS

- All teams, gyms, coaches, and directors must have an emergency response plan in the event of an injury.
- Height-increasing apparatus used to propel an athlete is not allowed.
- Tumbling mats are provided.
- Required spotters for all skills must be the team's own members, trained in proper spotting technique.
- Routine performance may not exceed five minutes, timed from the first movement, voice, or note of music to the last.
- Athletes must have at least one foot, hand, or body part (other than hair) on the performing surface when the routine begins.
- The performers who begin a routine must remain the same throughout, no substitutions mid-routine.
- No gum, candy, cough drops, or other choking hazards during practice or performance.
- All cheers and music must be positive, no profane, explicit, or questionable language or music.
- Dance moves should be in good taste and never suggestive in any way.

Music selection must be submitted by **Tuesday, January 5, 2027**.

CERTIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY

I do hereby certify that the _____ (Authority Name / Boys & Girls Club) has taken the necessary steps to ensure academic eligibility for each athlete participating in the 2027 SERC-NAHRO MLK Basketball Tournament and Cheer Competition. I am prepared to verify that participants have maintained at least a “C” average this school year or are enrolled in a tutorial program. I acknowledge that athletes participating in basketball for their high school team are prohibited from participating in this tournament. I verify each participant is legally listed on the dwelling lease of the housing authority, multifamily property, Housing Choice Voucher Program, or is a member of a Boys & Girls Club. I support the belief that education comes first and sports second in this youth program.

Executive Director (Print Name) _____

Signature _____ Date _____

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR T-SHIRT SIZE

☐ M ☐ L ☐ XL ☐ 2XL ☐ 3XL ☐ 4XL ☐ 5XL

HUD YOUTH SPORTS CODE OF ETHICS

All athletes must sign. Please make copies for each person.

FOR ATHLETES

I hereby pledge to live up to the following code of ethics, and understand that failure to do so may result in game suspensions, disqualification, or loss of participation.

- I will encourage good sportsmanship from fellow athletes, coaches, officials, and parents at every game and practice, demonstrating good sportsmanship myself.
- I will attend every practice and game that I can, and notify my coach ahead of time if I cannot attend.
- I will expect to receive a fair and equal amount of playing time.
- I will do my best to listen and learn from my coaches.
- I will treat my coaches, opponents, officials, and fans with the utmost respect regardless of gender, religion, race, looks, habits, or abilities, and expect to be treated accordingly.
- I deserve to play in a fun environment free of drugs, tobacco, alcohol, and profanity, and will refrain from these myself.
- I promise to bring the same energy and ability I use in sports into the classroom.
- I will encourage my parents or guardians to be involved with my team.
- I will remember that sports are an opportunity to learn and have fun.
- I understand that willful violation of these rules may disqualify me, and may disqualify my entire team, from further participation.
- I certify that I was not listed on my school's basketball or cheer team roster during the current season.

Name (Print)

Signature

Date

Team Name / Age Group

HUD YOUTH SPORTS CODE OF ETHICS

All coaches, coordinators, and chaperones must sign. Please make copies for each person.

FOR COACHES / COORDINATORS / CHAPERONES

I hereby pledge to live up to the following code of ethics, and understand that failure to do so may result in game suspensions, disqualification, or removal from the tournament.

- I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my athletes ahead of a personal desire to win.
- I will treat each athlete as an individual, remembering the range of emotional and physical development within the same age group.
- I will do my best to provide a safe playing environment for my athletes.
- I will review basic first aid principles needed to treat injuries.
- I will do my best to organize practices that are fun and challenging.
- I will lead by example in demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship.
- I will maintain a fun environment free of drugs, tobacco, alcohol, and profanity, and will refrain from these myself.
- I will be knowledgeable in the rules of the sport I coach and this tournament's rules, and will teach these rules to my athletes.
- I will use coaching techniques appropriate to the skills I teach.
- I will remember that I am a youth sports coach, and that the game is for children, not adults.
- I certify that my roster contains no one listed on their school's basketball or cheer team during the current season.

Name (Print)

Signature

Date

Team Name / Age Group

WAIVER & MEDICAL RELEASE

BASKETBALL / CHEER INDIVIDUAL WAIVER

One form per participant. A parent or guardian must sign for any participant under 18.

Participant Name**Age****Team / Squad Name****Address****City / State / Zip****Parent / Guardian (if under 18)****Phone****Emergency Contact Name****Phone****ASSUMPTION OF RISK**

I understand that participation in basketball, cheer, and dance activities carries an inherent risk of injury, including but not limited to sprains, fractures, and other physical injury. I voluntarily assume all such risks known and unknown for myself or the participant named above.

MEDICAL AUTHORIZATION

In the event of injury or illness during the tournament, I authorize tournament staff and medical personnel to obtain emergency medical treatment for the participant named above if a parent or guardian cannot immediately be reached. I understand I am responsible for any costs of medical treatment not covered by insurance.

LIABILITY RELEASE

I release the Housing Authority of Bowling Green, SERC-NAHRO, tournament staff, volunteers, and venue owners from liability for injury, loss, or damage arising from participation in this tournament, except for injury caused by their gross negligence or intentional misconduct.

PHOTO / MEDIA RELEASE

I grant permission for the participant named above to be photographed or filmed during the tournament, and for those images to be used in tournament promotion, the tournament website, and related materials.

CODE OF ETHICS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I have read and agree to follow the tournament Code of Ethics included in this packet.

Participant Signature (if 18+)

Date

Parent / Guardian Signature (if under 18)

Date

Printed Name of Parent / Guardian

HOTEL SELECTIONS

The hotels below have rooms blocked for SERC 2027 at a discounted group rate. Book directly with the hotel and mention the group code or name below to get the rate. Rooms are limited, book before the date shown.

HOTEL / ADDRESS	PHONE	RATE	CODE	DEADLINE
Tru by Hilton 1864 Cave Mill Rd Bowling Green, KY 42104	270.904.2260	\$125/night	Code: SERC	Book by Dec 28, 2026
Fairfield by Marriott 1832 Cave Mill Rd Bowling Green, KY 42104	270.782.4714	\$119/night	Online	Book by Dec 30, 2026
Country Inn & Suites 535 Wall St Bowling Green, KY 42103	270.781.7200	\$99/night	King or double queen	Book by Dec 1, 2026
Drury Inn & Suites 3250 Scottsville Rd Bowling Green, KY 42104	1.800.325.0720	\$119/night	Group No: 10183105	Book by Dec 14, 2026
Comfort Suites 1211 Kenilwood Way Bowling Green, KY 42104	270.632.0045	\$115–\$120/night	Code: KX38F9, incl. breakfast	Book by Dec 7, 2026

All hotels listed are in Bowling Green, KY. If a room block is full, contact us and we'll help find another option.

TENTATIVE WEEKEND SCHEDULE

All times subject to change. Exact game times and court assignments post once brackets are set.

Friday, January 15

- Team check-in & head coach meeting
- Opening ceremony
- Friday night adult exhibition game

Saturday, January 16

- Basketball & cheer competition all day
- Corvette Museum tour slots
- Lunch
- Banquet & awards that evening

Sunday, January 17

- Closing breakfast
- Championship games
- Awards

Safe travels, and see you in Bowling Green!