

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.

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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.

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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.