WELCOME TO THE 2026–2027 BASKETBALL SEASON

Southern Tier Rage Recreational League | Pinnacle Hoops Development Competitive League

Dear Parents,

Welcome to another season of youth basketball! Thank you for trusting us with your children and supporting the coaches, officials, and staff who make these programs possible. Our goal is to provide an affordable, organized, positive experience where young athletes learn, compete, and develop skills that extend beyond basketball.

Two Leagues, One Commitment to Player Development

Southern Tier Rage operates the Recreational League, while Pinnacle Hoops Development operates the Competitive League. They are separate programs, and teams select the league that best fits their needs. Recreational basketball emphasizes participation and development of every player. A recreational team winning three or more games by at least 25 points may be moved to the competitive league. Competitive teams may move to recreational play only by request and if space is available.

Stay Informed: League App and Social Media

Please download the Pinnacle Hoops Development (PHD) app through the link on your league webpage. Both leagues use this app for schedules, scores, and updates. Check it regularly, even if you have not received a notice of a change. Do not rely on screenshots; only the current app display is up to date.

For timely announcements, especially weather-related changes, follow our social media accounts. Social media may be the quickest way to reach families when direct communication is not immediately possible.

Competitive League: Instagram @interstate _athletics | Facebook @InterstateAthletics
Recreational League: Instagram @rage__ac

Facility Rules and Player Waivers

Basketballs are not allowed. We provide warm-up and game balls. Players should bring game sneakers and stay off the court until changed. Spectators must remain off the playing surface, including during stoppages. One side of the gym is for players, coaches, and staff; the other is for spectators. Children must be supervised at all times. At all facilities only the welcome area, gymnasium, and designated restrooms may be used. Entry into restricted areas can result in removal, the responsible adult and child if it is a minor. No outside food, coolers, gum, or beverages, except drinks in reusable containers or capped bottles.

A waiver is required for every player by a legal guardian. Coaches will be notified when the link opens. **A player who plays without a completed waiver on file must sit out until it is completed and then sit an additional game once completed**.

Game Days and Arrival Procedures

Recreational League: Games at Crescent Academy, Monday–Thursday at 5, 6, 7, or 8 p.m., and Friday at 5:30, 6:30, 7:30, or 8:30 p.m. Some weekend games will occur; every team plays February 20–21.

Competitive League: Games primarily Saturdays and Sundays at Crescent Academy, Maine-Endwell Middle School, Maine-Memorial, and MacArthur. Saturday starts between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m.; Sunday starts between 8 a.m. and 7 p.m. Some Friday evening games for local teams may be scheduled as needed, with advance notice.
Both leagues: Teams must arrive at least 20 minutes before game time. Doors will not open earlier than 15 minutes before the day's first scheduled game. Players and coaches enter first, then spectators.

Important Season Dates

Date	Activity
Nov. 30–Dec. 4, 2026	Recreational practices
Dec. 5–6, 2026	Competitive season begins
Dec. 18 / Dec. 20, 2026	Final recreational / competitive games before break
Dec. 26–27, 2026	Holiday Hoopfest Tournament
Jan. 2 / Jan. 4, 2027	Competitive / recreational league play resumes
Feb. 7, 2027	Competitive season ends
Feb. 13–14, 2027	Slim Sylvester Tournament
Feb. 20–21, 2027	Recreational Everybody Wins event
Feb. 20–28, 2027	All-Star season

Fees, Admission, and Scorekeeping

Team registration is **$550 recreational** and **$650 competitive**. Spectator admission is **$2 recreational** and **$3 competitive**. Admission helps cover facilities, officials, staff, insurance, awards, and equipment, keeping team registration fees lower.

Each team may admit two coaches free of charge. The home team receives one free spectator admission for its official scorekeeper of record. Both teams are encouraged to keep score to check accuracy, but only the designated scorekeeper is official. Both coaches and the home team scorekeeper must sign in before the first game of the day.

Where the Money Goes: Competitive League Budget Example

The following example from the coaches meeting agenda illustrates why spectator admission is necessary. It assumes 60 teams playing 16 games each, resulting in 480 total games and approximately 600 hours of gym use.

Item	Calculation	Amount
Registration revenue	60 teams × $650	$39,000
Gym rental	600 hours × $40	$24,000
Officials	$25 per official per game	$24,000
Staff	$15 per hour	$9,000
Awards		$1,500
Insurance		$3,000
Equipment		$1,500
Total expenses		$63,000
Shortfall before admission revenue		$24,000

Without spectator admission revenue, this example would require a **$1,050 registration fee per team** to break even.

Respect for Officials and Each Other

Both leagues are YOUTH leagues. Please cheer positively and treat officials, coaches, staff, and other families with respect. Officials have varying experience and may be working adults or college/high school students. Verbal abuse is unacceptable. Any coach or parent removed from a game must officiate a game before returning; those who refuse may not return until that requirement is completed. Please share concerns with your head coach, who can communicate with league leadership.

Our programs work best when adults model the teamwork, patience, and sportsmanship we hope to teach our children. Thank you for helping make this season rewarding for every player and family. We look forward to seeing you in the gym!

Respectfully,
Tony Lindsey
President, Southern Tier Rage
Owner, Pinnacle Hoops