2026

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MARCH BADNESS
March 21 & 22, 2026

venues include:
Wayne PAL, 1 Pal Drive, Wayne, New Jersey
Xcel Sports, 25 W. Greenbrook Rd., Fairfield, NJ

INVITATION

GET READY TO DANCE!!! ASIANHOOPS.COM, would like to invite your team to participate in the 2026 March Badness basketball tournament to be held on Saturday & Sunday, March 21 & 22, 2026 at Wayne PAL and Xcel Sports in Fairfield, New Jersey.

Last year, 59 teams participated across 8 divisions of play. This tournament looks to bring Asian basketball teams from the East Coast together for a day of competitive basketball, friendships and fun.

MARCH BADNESS 2026 will look to feature (10) divisions of play: Boys 10u, Boys 12u, Boys 14u, Boys 16u, Boys 18u, Men's Open, Men's Friendship, Men's 40+, Girls 16u, and Women's. All divisions will require a minimum of 4 teams and each division will have a maximum of 8 teams. This will allow for a smooth running event. Each team is guaranteed to play in at least three (3) games in the tournament and those advancing into the playoffs or championships will possibly play 4-5 games.

Teams interested in playing should contact me asap via email: rockits@asianhoops.com to inform me of your team's intentions of participating as only a limited number of spots are available in each division. You can also contact me at 917-687-5876 (DENNY LEE – tournament organizer) for confirmation or questions.

Visit www.asianhoops.com for more information

HOW TO SIGN UP

DEADLINE TO SIGN UP AND PAY: March 2, 2026 or earlier. Teams will be only accepted to play in the tournament when payment is received and confirmed.

NOTE: Due to the number of courts available at both facilities teams will be accepted on a first paid basis. Once divisions are filled, no other teams will be added.

TWO WAYS TO PAY ONLINE: To guarantee or reserve a spot for your team immediately and before the divisions are filled, go to www.asianhoops.com and:

1) Transfer funds through CHASE QUICKPAY or ZELLE. Transfer the money to rockits@verizon.net.
2) Venmo to @dennylee63
3)

COSTS: $320.00 (ALL DIVISIONS) **DEADLINE: March 2, 2026 or earlier**

ROSTERS/WAIVERS: will be done electronically. ***After receipt of payment, a link will be sent to the Coach/Manager to submit a team roster.*** Please follow the instructions. Once completed, players will then receive an email for them to register individually. **(SUBMIT THE TEAM ROSTERS PROMPTLY)**

Signed, completed final rosters/waivers must be received **on or before Wednesday, March 11, 2026**. This is needed for insurance purposes and allow ample time for any player eligibility issues.

Attention Coaches/Organizers of youth teams: In order to be fair to all teams participating, we will be randomly checking Player I.D.s for proof of age/ethnicity. Coaches and players should have a copy of each player's passport or birth certificate with them or a picture on their phone on tournament day. Players that are declared ineligible will be disqualified immediately and the team will forfeit any wins that the non-eligible player participated in.

DIVISIONS OF PLAY: (all teams will be required to assist with scorekeeping at least 1-2 times during the day).

Saturday, March 21, 2026

$5.00 door fee for all non-players

MEN'S OPEN (limit 4-8 teams) - this is where teams from New York, Philadelphia, Boston, Washington, Toronto and the east coast compete for bragging rights. This is the division where many former/current high school/college standouts compete against the best. Bring it on. (competitive)

MEN'S FRIENDSHIP (limit 4-8 teams) - for those teams that play occasionally and are somewhat competitive.

MEN'S 40+ (limit 4 or 6 teams) – for those that still continue to play and love the game.

BOYS 14-UNDER (limit 4-8 teams) - This is where you start seeing the potential of these rising stars.

WOMEN'S OPEN (limit 4 teams) - An opportunity for the Women to hoop it up

Sunday, March 22, 2026

$5.00 door fee for all non-players

BOYS 10-UNDER (limit 4-8 teams) **–** This is where it all begins for the future stars of Asian basketball.

BOYS 12-UNDER (limit 4-8 teams) **–** This is where it all begins for the future stars of Asian basketball.

BOYS 16-UNDER (limit 4-8 teams) - This is where the hoop dreamers emerge as the future stars of Asian basketball

BOYS 18-UNDER (limit 4-8 teams) - It's the boys chance to shine as the best up and coming ballers get to showcase their skills.

GIRLS 16u (limit 4 teams) – a chance for those up and coming ballers to compete against those in the same age group

YOUTH ELIBIBILITY CUTOFF: After careful consideration, in the spirit of sportsmanship and fair play the cut off date for player eligibility for this tournament will be March 15, 2025. This means that each division will be competed evenly amongst players who are all of the same age.

Boys 10U: 10 or Under as of March 22, 2026
Boys 12U: 12 or Under as of March 22, 2026
Boys 14U: 14 or Under as of March 22, 2026
Boys 16U: 16 or Under as of March 22, 2026
Boys 18U: 18 or Under as of March 22, 2026

In other words, anyone who turns 11/13/15/17/19 before March 15, 2026 will not be eligible to participate in the in each of their respective age divisions Boys 12/14/16/18.

TOURNAMENT FORMAT – *All teams play in at least 3 games*

4 TEAM DIVISION: Each team will play in at least two preliminary games prior to the playoffs. The top two teams with the best won-loss record will advance into the championship game.

6 TEAM DIVISION: Teams will be divided into two groups of three teams. Each team will play the other two teams in their group. After completion of the preliminary games, your team will be seeded 1st, 2nd or 3rd according to your won-loss record. The top two teams from each group advances into the playoff/championship round. The teams seeded third in each group will play in a friendship consolation game.

8 TEAM DIVISION: **Tournament Format:** Each team is guaranteed to play in three games in the tournament. Teams will be divided into two groups of 4 teams. 1st game: team 1 plays team 2 and team 3 plays team 4; 2nd game: winner 1-2 game vs loser 3-4 game and winner 3-4 game vs loser of 1-2 game. Immediately following the end of the 2nd game for all teams, reseeding will take place to determine seeds 1 thru 4 in each group. Seeds 1 and 2 from each group advance into the semifinal and championship round. Seeds 3 from each group will compete against each other for 5th place. Seeds 4 will compete against each other for 7th place. (Tie Break: two teams tied head to head; point differential; points allowed; points scored; Three teams tied: point differential to determine which team will be seeded first; after that revert to two teams tied).

Tournament Format Option: Each team is guaranteed to play in three games in the tournament. Each team will play the other teams in their group in the preliminary round. After completion of these games, the top team from each group will advance into the championship game.

GAME SCHEDULES: Will be posted on www.asianhoops.com on Wednesday, March 18, 2026.

ELIGIBILITY: Only players of at least 25% East/Southeast Asian descent are eligible to participate in the tournament. The definition of a player of East/Southeast Asian decent is as follows: at least one parent must be of 50% East/Southeast Asian heritage. (Nationalities are as follows: Chinese, Filipinos, Koreans, Vietnamese, Thai, Cambodian, Burmese, Malaysian, Indonesian, Singaporeans and Japanese) The burden of proof is on the player. If a player's eligibility is challenged, then he/she must present documentation that is legible (questions - please email us).

AWARDS: A Championship Team Trophy or individual trophies will be awarded to 1st place championship teams.

Tournament hosted by asianhoops.com

QUESTIONS??? Please contact Denny Lee, rockits@asianhoops.com or 917-687-5876.