



# TIME OUT

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## Texas Invitational teams again represented well at state

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It seems like in recent years it has become customary for anyone connected with the McDonald's Texas Invitational to give out a little shout shortly after the two Class 5A state championship basketball tournaments are held.

And it's with good reason. This year's boys and girls state championship basketball tournaments in Austin showed again the big tournament in town draws an elite field unlike any other high school tournament.

Of the eight teams that qualified for the state tournament's Class 5A final two rounds in the two divisions, four competed at the Texas Invitational back in November.

It was especially sweet on the girls side where 75 percent of the state championship tournament field competed at the Texas Invitational.

Cypress Fairbanks, Mansfield Summit and Pflugerville all opened their respective seasons in Pasadena. Mansfield Summit went on to win the Class 5A state championship with a 52-43 win over Aldine Nimitz, the one girls team that didn't compete in the November tourney.



## Tournament Entry Fee

Each team is required to pay an entry fee of \$50 and the fee is to be paid no later than October 31, 2009. Each coach will receive an invoice that we plan to mail no later than September 1. We understand that most schools will be beginning a new budget year. All payments should be made to Pasadena Chamber of Commerce.

Interesting enough, neither Cy-Fair, Mansfield Summit nor Pflugerville won the McDonald's Texas Invitational. Cy-Fair reached the championship game, but lost to College Park 85-61 in the title contest. College Park defeated Mansfield Summit 69-53 in the quarterfinals.

Pflugerville and Mansfield Summit, after tasting defeat in the quarterfinals, met for the fifth-place prize and Pflugerville prevailed 50-47. Had those two schools won their semifinal games at the state tournament March 6, they would have met again for all the Class 5A marbles.

At the 2007 Texas Invitational, Cypress Fairbanks also didn't win the tournament. It fell to Pflugerville in the quarterfinals before going on to win the fifth-place prize.

On the boys' side this month, the Texas Invitational was represented again in the state field by DeSoto High School. DeSoto competed in the Texas Invitational's Division I Gold Bracket where it went 1-2, losing to Kingwood and Houston Chavez.

### BOYS

- Alief Elsik
- Alief Taylor
- Atascocita
- Austin Westlake\*
- Bellaire\*
- Channelview
- College Park
- Conroe
- Crosby\*
- Dallas Hillcrest
- DeSoto
- Dickinson
- Ft Bend Bush
- Ft Bend Hightower
- Ft Bend Marshall
- Galena Park
- Houston Chavez
- Houston Westside
- Humble
- Huntington, LA
- Jersey Village
- Katy Cinco Ranch
- Katy Seven Lakes
- Kempner
- Kingwood
- Kingwood Park
- Klein Collins
- La Porte
- Mansfield Summit
- Mansfield Timberview\*
- McAllen
- North Crowley
- Pasadena
- PISD Dobie
- PISD Memorial
- PISD Sam Rayburn
- PISD South Houston
- Pearland
- Pearland Dawson
- Richardson Berkner
- Richardson JJ Pearce
- San Antonio Madison
- San Antonio Taft
- San Antonio Warren
- Smithson Valley
- Spring
- Spring DeKaney
- West Monroe

### GIRLS

- Bellaire
- Clear Brook
- Clear Creek
- Clear Lake\*
- College Park
- Corpus Christi Ray
- Cypress Creek
- Cypress Fairbanks
- Cypress Falls\*
- Dickinson
- El Paso Eastwood
- Hardin Jefferson
- Katy Cinco Ranch
- Klein Collins
- La Porte
- Mansfield Summit
- McAllen
- North Crowley
- North Shore
- Pasadena
- PISD Dobie
- PISD Memorial
- PISD Sam Rayburn
- PISD South Houston
- Pearland\*
- Pearland Dawson\*
- Richardson JJ Pearce
- San Antonio Jay\*
- San Antonio Madison
- San Antonio Warren
- San Antonio Wagner\*
- Tomball



\*Teams that are new this year

# New Teams That Will Be Playing in the 2009 Tournament

## BOYS



Austin Westlake (25-5A)  
Coach Tres Ellis



Bellaire (20-5A)  
Coach Bruce Glover



Crosby (19-4A)  
Coach Justin Reese



Mansfield Timberview (8-4A)  
Coach Eric McDade

## GIRLS



Clear Lake (24-5A)  
Coach Angela Beck



Cypress Falls (15-5A)  
Coach Jim Stephens



Pearland (22-5A)  
Coach Donna Vacek



Pearland Dawson (24-4A)  
Coach Isabel Gomez



San Antonio Jay (28-5A)  
Coach Mike Floyd



San Antonio Wagner (28-5A)  
Coach Christina Camacho



This year the tournament has 19 schools that have both boys and girls team entered. They are: Bellaire, College Park, Dickinson, Katy Cinco Ranch, Klein Collins, La Porte, Mansfield Summit, McAllen, North Crowley, Pasadena, Pasadena Dobie, Pasadena Sam Rayburn, Pasadena Memorial, Pasadena South Houston, Pearland, Pearland Dawson, Richardson J.J. Pearce, San Antonio Madison and San Antonio Warren.

Congratulations to the following teams that will be playing at the 2009 McDonald's Texas Invitational that made the Top 20 list for the 2008-2009 season according to tabchoops.org.

### Boys

**Class 5A** – (1) DeSoto (33-8); (7) Houston Chavez (26-9); (8) San Antonio Madison (34-2); (10) Ft Bend Hightower (28-10); (12) Klein Collins (30-14); (18) North Crowley (33-6); (20) McAllen (33-5).

**Class 4A** – (4) Mansfield Timberview (27-11).

### Girls

**Class 5A** – (1) Mansfield Summit (34-4); (3) Cy-Fair (35-4); (6) College Park (34-3); (7) Bellaire (31-4); (12) San Antonio John Jay (35-5); (13) North Shore (29-8); (17) San Antonio Wagner (32-3); (20) McAllen (31-8). **Class 4A** – (8) Corpus Christi Ray (33-5).

We would also like to recognize the TABC All State Teams for 2008-2009.

### Boys

**Class 5A** – Dominique Bennett, DeSoto; Cameron Catlett, San Antonio Madison; Jamaal Fenton, Houston Chavez. **Class 4A** -

Kendrae Carter – Crosby; Cedric Ivory – Mansfield Timberview.

### Girls

**Class 5A** – Starr Crawford, Mansfield Summit; Erica Donovan – San Antonio Jay; Lauren Flores – North Shore; Chiney Ogwumike – Cypress Fairbanks; Cassie Peoples – Cypress Fairbanks; Zoe Rodgers – Bellaire; Monique Smalls – College Park. **Class 4A** – Desiree Williams – Corpus Christi Ray; **Class 3A** – Latrecia Moore – Hardin Jefferson



## Any Questions?

If you have any questions please call **Rita Townsend** at **713.986.0527** or

email her at **townsend@meador.com**. Rita is our hardworking Executive Assistant for the McDonald's Texas Invitational.

For tournament information you may also visit our website at

**www.texasinvitational.com**.

Also, if you would like us to cover any topic in these monthly newsletter updates, please let Rita know. We want to be sure you have all your questions answered.

## Coaching Change At Your School?

There have been a number of coaching changes since the end of the school year. If you are a new coach, please let Rita Townsend know your email address and phone number at school.