

## 2026 LSAM Basketball - Cheer Coaches' Packet



**Tournament Dates: February 20-22, 2026**

**Tournament Location: Jefferson City, MO**

Congratulations on being selected for this year's LSAM State Basketball tournament. The tournament committee is excited to host you in Jefferson City for this year's event. Below is a list of the items this packet contains. It is important that you pay attention to the deadlines in the packet and get those forms returned to us in a timely manner. More information will be shared with you as we get closer to the tournament. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please contact the tournament director, Drew Burnett.

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# IMPORTANT DATES

- T-Shirt Order Forms Due: **Friday, February 6<sup>th</sup>**
- Team Ads Due: **Friday, February 6<sup>th</sup>**

Registration – Begins at 2:00 pm on Friday, February 20<sup>th</sup> (*More info on Page 4*)

Team registration will occur on Friday afternoon at **Faith Lutheran Church**. Coaches will check in their teams, and teams will take their team photos with our professional photographer. Coaches will turn in any outstanding payments at this time. Fans and spectators can buy weekend passes and programs at registration. **DOORS WILL NOT OPEN BEFORE 1:45 PM. DO NOT ARRIVE THERE BEFORE 1:45; YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED IN.** Once you take your picture and register, we ask that your team exit the facility to assist with traffic flow and parking.

## Team Pictures Schedule

A team picture schedule will be sent out at a later date detailing when each team is scheduled to be at registration to take a team picture. Please be on time. The schedule will be shared with everyone via email and on the website after brackets are posted.

## Sportsmanship Award

The Lutheran Sports Association of Missouri (LSAM) promotes good sportsmanship by all players, coaches, officials, and fans. We ask that you be respectful during games and your entire stay in Jefferson City. Stomping on the bleachers, inappropriate language, and obscene gestures are not allowed in all gyms. Those violating these requests may be asked by tournament staff to leave the gym. Continuous violations of these rules may result in team punishment. The Lutheran Sports Association of Missouri awards a sportsmanship banner and trophy to one boys' and girls' team that displays the best sportsmanship and Christ-like attitude throughout the weekend. The award winner will be announced on Sunday during tournament play.

# LSAM State Basketball Championships

## Schedule of Events

Friday, February 20, 2026

Faith Lutheran Church (Friday Afternoon)

2:00PM to 5:30 PM      Team Registration  
2:00 PM to 5:30 PM      Team Photos

Trinity Lutheran School & Helias Catholic High School

5:00 PM to 9:00 PM      First Round Tournament Games      Gyms  
*Doors Open 30 minutes prior to the first game's tip-off*

Saturday, February 21, 2026

Helias Catholic High School, Trinity Lutheran School, & Gym to be determined

8:00 AM to 3:30 PM      Tournament Play      Gyms A&B  
*Doors Open 30 minutes prior to the first game's tip-off*

4:30 PM to 5:00 PM      Line Up of LSAM Teams      Gym B  
5:00 PM to 5:15 PM      Parade of LSAM Teams      Gym A  
5:15 PM to 6:00 PM      Worship Service      Gym A  
6:00 PM to 6:30 PM      Knockout Competition      Gym A

Sunday, February 22, 2026

Helias Catholic High School

8:00 AM to 5:00 PM      Tournament Play      Gyms A&B  
*Doors Open at 7:30 AM*



## Friday Registration and Team Photos

WHERE: Faith Lutheran Church – Gym (2027 Industrial Dr, Jefferson City, MO 65109)

TIME: 2:00 – 5:30 pm **WE WILL NOT CHECK ANYONE IN PRIOR TO 2:00PM.**

WHAT TO EXPECT:

### ***COACHES:***

- Coaches will need to check in at the registration desk. We will take any additional payments still owed.
- Coaches will receive a tournament program, team t-shirt order, and any other information that may need to be shared.
- TEAM PHOTOS:
  - Photos will take place in a conference room adjacent to the atrium. Staff will direct you where to go.
  - Please refer to the team photo schedule that has been shared with you and is available on the LSAM website following the brackets being released.
  - We ask that you arrive 10-15 minutes prior to your scheduled time so we can stay on schedule for everyone else.
  - What to wear: Teams are encouraged to wear their jerseys, matching warm-ups, or travel gear for the photo.

### ***PARENTS/FANS: PLEASE SHARE THIS WITH YOUR PARENTS AND FANS***

- Weekend passes and tournament programs can be purchased at registration. They will also be available at all gym locations throughout the weekend (Programs while supplies last). Pricing is posted on the website. **Credit card only accepted at registration. Gyms are cash only.**
- Once your team has completed check-in and your team photo, we ask that your team leave and head elsewhere to help keep things less congested as other teams arrive. **PLEASE DO NOT LOITER!**

## **2026 LSAM Basketball Cheer Coach's Info/FAQs**

- **How early do the gyms open to start the day?**
  - Gyms open 30 minutes prior to the first game of the day.
- **How do I know if I am the Home or Guest team when looking at the bracket?**
  - The home team is the top team on the bracket and will wear white/lighter colored jersey.
- **Are there specific benches for the Home or Guest team?**
  - Yes. When standing facing the scorer's table, the HOME team will be on the **LEFT-side** bench. The GUEST team will be on the **RIGHT-side** bench. This applies to all gyms.
- **Are there locker rooms available for cheer squads?**
  - No. We do not have specific locker rooms for cheer squads or a specific warm-up area. Please do not get in the way of the basketball teams warming up. We ask that you do not interfere with games that are in progress or try to search around our host facilities to find a place to warm up.
- **Which baseline should we cheer on?**
  - We ask that you cheer on the baseline on the side of the court that your team's bench is on. Please avoid cheering from the baseline that your opponent is on.
- **Will games start ahead of the scheduled time?**
  - Yes. We will start games earlier than their scheduled start time if the previous game finishes early. We will not start games more than 15 minutes ahead of the scheduled time unless both teams agree to start earlier.
- **Are the games going to be streamed?**
  - We will attempt to stream games at Helias on Sunday, internet permitting. On other sites, we will try to stream if we have wi-fi access.
- **We have a halftime/in-between quarter routine, can we play music over the PA system in the gym to perform?**
  - The ability to play music will be determined by LSAM staff that is working the sound system in the gym you are in. Some gyms have better audio capabilities than others. We cannot guarantee that you will have the ability to play music during halftime. You are welcome to bring your own speaker.
- **Are we required to attend the Saturday parade of teams, church service, and knockout competition?**
  - While the cheer squads do not participate in the knockout competition, we strongly encourage your squad to attend the parade of teams and church service portion of the Saturday night festivities with your teams.

# Saturday Night Parade of Teams, Church Service, & Knockout Competition

## Parade of Teams

- Team Line-up begins in Gym B (Old Gym) at 4:30 pm
- The parade of teams will start at 5:00 pm.
- You do not need to wear your team jerseys. Teams in the past have worn their team shirt/warm-up for that season or dressed in their school colors. Please have your players wear shoes they can play knockout in. Dress comfortably.
- If your school has a banner, please bring it for your team to carry as they walk in.
- An LSAM Board Member will direct teams to their seats in the bleachers.

## Church Service

Following the parade of teams will be the church service, where an offering will be taken and given back to charity (will be announced before collection).

## Knockout Competition

- While teams are lined up in the old gym, they will receive a number for the groups they are in. On average, there are 8-9 groups.
- The top 2 finishers from each group will proceed to a championship round on both the boys and the girls' side.
- We will crown a boys' champion and a girls' champion. The champion will receive a trophy.

*Festivities should be completed at approximately 6:30 p.m.*

## 2026 LSAM Basketball T-Shirt Design

Front of T-Shirt – White shirt



**Cost: \$15.00**

Print Individual's name and t-shirt size they desire. T-shirts will be printed and given to coaches for distribution during registration. Shirts pre-ordered are \$15.00 per t-shirt. Please attach one check or money order for the total number of t-shirts ordered. Anyone can order these shirts. Email Shirt orders to Drew Burnett.

**TURN IN T-SHIRT ORDERS BY 2-6-24**

Dmb5h4@gmail.com



# 2026 LSAM Basketball Team Ad Information

Team ads are a great way to make our programs more personable to your team and help us cover tournament costs, enabling us to provide the best experience possible. Examples are available on the website.

- Deadline: ***Friday, February 6, 2026***
- Ads will be a full page in the tournament program next to their team's roster.
- Please Email the ad to:
  - Drew Burnett: [dmb5h4@gmail.com](mailto:dmb5h4@gmail.com)
- Cost: \$100
  - Please make checks payable to Lutheran Sports Association of Missouri – You can combine this with your application fee to make it one check if you have not already submitted your registration/team fee.
  - Send checks to Trinity Lutheran School, 812 Stadium Blvd, Jefferson City, MO 65109 – YOU CAN INCLUDE YOUR PAYMENT WITH YOUR TEAM APPLICATION AND/OR T-SHIRT MONEY

If you would like examples of previous team ads, please reach out to Drew at

[dmb5h4@gmail.com](mailto:dmb5h4@gmail.com).

# 2026 LSAM Locations

## **Location 1: Registration & Team Photos: Faith Lutheran Church Gymnasium (Friday only)**

2027 Industrial Dr, Jefferson City, MO 65109  
Park on the lower side of the church to enter the gym



## **Location 2: Trinity Lutheran School (Friday & Saturday)**

812 Stadium Blvd, Jefferson City, MO 65109



**Location 3: Helias High School Gyms A&B**  
1305 Swifts Hwy, Jefferson City, MO 65109

