



## First-round Pairings Set for T-Mobile Invitational National High School Basketball Tournament

*Games to be Nationally Televised Live on VERSUS Cable Network*

**ALBUQUERQUE, N.M., December 6, 2007** — The first-round pairings of boys and girls teams for the second annual T-Mobile Invitational national high school basketball tournament have been announced by T-Mobile USA, Inc., and the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS).

The tournament, which will be televised live on the VERSUS cable television network, will be played December 28-29 in “The Pit” on the campus of the University of New Mexico. The T-Mobile Invitational is the only basketball tournament sponsored by the NFHS and the field is composed only of schools from NFHS-member associations.

Leading off the December 28 first-round girls games is a match-up between the USA Today “Super 25” team Long Beach (California) Poly High School and Dayton (Ohio) Chaminade-Julienne High School. The second girls game pits defending Virginia High School League Class AAA state champion Hampton High School, against the Bengals of Gallup (New Mexico) High School.

The first boys game features defending Utah High School Activities Association Class 5A state champion Highland Lone Peak High School against Georgia High School Association Class AAAAAA runner-up Roswell Centennial High School. In the second game, Jersey City (New Jersey) St. Anthony, one of the nation’s most storied basketball programs, meets Albuquerque (New Mexico) La Cueva High School.

On December 29, the first-round losers will square off in morning and early afternoon games, with the girls and boys championships to be decided later that same day.

St. Anthony has won a nation-leading 24 state titles (New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association), including a national-record nine consecutive from 1983 to 1991. Coach Bob Hurley has won 901 career games, which ranks him fourth in the nation among active boys basketball coaches, and has won an amazing 91 percent of his games. Rutgers signee 6-foot-1 senior guard Mike Rosario is expected to lead the talent-laden Friars in 2007-08.

For the second year in a row, one of the top-ranked girls team in USA Today’s “Super 25” is participating in the T-Mobile Invitational. Last year, Suwanee (Georgia) Collins Hill High School parlayed its T-Mobile Invitational title into an undefeated season and a mythical national championship.

Long Beach Poly is hoping to follow that same path this year. Led by California Division 1 Player of the Year Jasmine Dixon and the addition of highly touted junior Monique Oliver, the Jackrabbits are expected to vie for a California Interscholastic Federation state title and for lofty national rankings.



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“This year’s field is outstanding,” said Robert F. Kanaby, NFHS executive director. “We’re very pleased that the country will be able to see not only some of the nation’s best basketball players, but some of the top all-around student-athletes as well.”

“We can’t wait for this year’s tournament,” said Mike Belcher, director of Sponsorships and Entertainment Marketing, T-Mobile USA. “We’re excited about the quality of the teams, the quality of the individuals involved and the overall support we’ve already seen in the greater Albuquerque area.”

In addition to the two days of games, all coaches and players of the participating schools will join local T-Mobile employees for a *T-Mobile Huddle Up* community service project on December 27 designed to improve the after-school facilities at a local community-based organization or public school (site to be determined). *T-Mobile Huddle Up* is T-Mobile USA’s community outreach program connecting kids, primarily from single-parent families, in high-need urban communities, to positive people, places and programs. *T-Mobile Huddle Up* focuses on addressing the critical need for safe, high-quality, after-school programs for kids nationwide.

Here is the complete schedule of games (game times are approximate and subject to change). Game times are Mountain Standard Time:

### **Friday, December 28**

#### **Girls:**

11:00 a.m.	Poly (Long Beach, CA)	vs.	Chaminade-Julienne (Dayton, OH)
2:00 p.m.	Hampton (Hampton, VA)	vs.	Gallup (Gallup, NM)

#### **Boys:**

12:30 p.m.	Lone Peak (Highland, UT)	vs.	Centennial (Roswell, GA)
3:30 p.m.	St. Anthony (Jersey City, NJ)	vs.	La Cueva (Albuquerque, NM)

### **Saturday, December 29**

#### **Girls:**

11:00 a.m.	Consolation game
2:00 p.m.	Championship game

#### **Boys:**

12:30 p.m.	Consolation game
3:30 p.m.	Championship game

For ticket information, go to [www.t-mobileinvitational.com](http://www.t-mobileinvitational.com)

The partnership between T-Mobile and the NFHS, the national leadership organization for high school sports and fine arts activities, strives to encourage student participation in interscholastic activities and emphasizes the importance of these programs in preparing students for life. In addition to the basketball tournament, the multiyear agreement between the NFHS and T-Mobile includes T-Mobile’s sponsorship of the NFHS annual student leadership conference, plus other initiatives and events. T-Mobile is the Official Telecommunications Partner of the NFHS.





## About the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS)

The NFHS, based in Indianapolis, Indiana, is the national leadership organization for high school sports and fine arts activities. Since 1920, the NFHS has led the development of education-based interscholastic sports and fine arts activities that help students succeed in their lives. The NFHS sets direction for the future by building awareness and support, improving the participation experience, establishing consistent standards and rules for competition, and helping those who oversee high school sports and activities. The NFHS writes playing rules for 17 sports for boys and girls at the high school level. Through its 50 member state associations and the District of Columbia, the NFHS reaches more than 18,500 high schools and 11 million participants in high school activity programs, including more than 7 million in high school sports. As the recognized national authority on interscholastic activity programs, the NFHS conducts national meetings; sanctions interstate events; produces publications for high school coaches, officials and athletic directors; sponsors professional organizations for high school coaches, officials, spirit coaches, speech and debate coaches and music adjudicators; and serves as a national information resource of interscholastic athletics and activities. For more information, visit the NFHS Web site at [www.nfhs.org](http://www.nfhs.org)

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