



WELCOME TO SUMMER MADNESS HOOPS CLASSIC 2026

TEAM PACKET

Presented by: MyIsland Ballers Inc.

Sanctioned by: USSSA

July 23-26, 2026

St. Thomas, USVI

ABOUT THE EVENT

WELCOME TO HOOPS IN PARADISE!

Get ready to ride the wave into Year 3 of the Summer Madness Hoops Classic (SMHC)! MyIsland Ballers Inc. (MIB) invites your team to experience a sun-soaked, energy-packed basketball showdown on the breathtaking shores of St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands.

As a USSSA-sanctioned tournament, SMHC proudly brings together 11U–14U teams from the Virgin Islands, the U.S. mainland, Puerto Rico, and the Caribbean for a weekend where sunshine, skill, and sportsmanship collide.

This year's vibe is all about elevation —

"THE TIDE IS RISING, AND SO IS OUR GAME!"



EVENT SCOPE

SMHC was designed to uplift young athletes by offering the perfect blend of competition, exposure, and paradise-style fun. Our goals include:

1. **Enhanced Exposure:** Give athletes the spotlight they deserve with competition spanning multiple regions.
2. **Skill Development:** Experience new playing styles, sharpen performance, and grow your team's confidence.
3. **Community Building:** Create lasting connections with players and coaches from across the Caribbean and beyond.
4. **Regional Growth:** Strengthen USSSA's presence regionally and allow teams to qualify for USSSA Nationals.

NEW FOR 2026 — GIRLS DIVISIONS ARE MAKING A SPLASH!

SMHC 2026 is bringing some serious splash-energy this year with the exciting addition of two Girls Divisions: 12U & 14U!

As the tide rises, so does our commitment to expanding opportunities for young athletes. These new divisions open the door for even more players to shine, compete, and experience the electric energy of the Summer Madness Hoops Classic.

WHY SMHC? — YOUR HOOPS VACATION AWAITS

SMHC delivers the perfect combo of elite basketball and unforgettable island memories.

As a USSSA-sanctioned event, registered clubs enjoy:

- Official USSSA insurance
- National team rankings
- Qualification pathways to the 2026 Nationals

Not USSSA registered? No problem!

Your team can still compete and enjoy the full SMHC experience—even without USSSA affiliation.

Every game gives your athletes a chance to rise, shine, and show out, surrounded by the vibrant culture and stunning scenery of America's Paradise. When you're not on the court, soak up everything St. Thomas has to offer—from turquoise beaches to historic gems and Caribbean flavors.

Get ready to make waves on and off the court!

EVENT DETAILS

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, JULY 23, 2026

Games begin at 9 am

FRIDAY, JULY 24, 2026

Games begin at 9 am

SATURDAY, JULY 25, 2026

Games begin at 9 am

SUNDAY, JULY 26, 2026

Games begin at 9 am

Award Ceremony following each division championship game

REGISTRATION INFO

Registration Opens: December 1, 2025

Registration Deadline: May 31, 2026

Eligibility: Open to ALL teams—USSSA registered or non-registered.

While USSSA-registered teams can compete for a spot in the 2027 Nationals, those who choose not to register with USSSA can still join the tournament and experience the exciting competition.

Team Limits:

- 2 COACHES, 10 PLAYERS MAXIMUM
- MAXIMUM TEAMS PER CLUB: 4

Entry Fee:

- \$375 PER TEAM

DISCOUNT (ONE PER CLUB):

Volume Discount:

- 2 Teams: **\$50** off total
- 3 Teams: **\$110** off total

4th Team Free:

- Register 3 teams, get the **4th FREE**
- Extra visibility on our event website

Referral Bonus:

\$50 incentive per commitment

REFUND POLICY

FULL REFUND: BEFORE MAY 31, 2026

25% REFUND: BEFORE JUNE 30, 2026

USSSA REGISTERED CLUBS

HOW TO JOIN THE RISING TIDE

1. Visit USSSA.com
2. Search Basketball – 2026 Season
3. Sign in with manager credentials
4. Register for SMHC
5. Follow team setup steps:
 - o Create Manager Account
 - o Background Check (Youth)
 - o Create Team
 - o Add Roster
 - o Enter Event

USSSA registration elevates your team's profile—don't miss the opportunity to go national!

For questions regarding the registration, please email info@myislandballers.org.

FINAL CHANGES TO ROSTERS DUE BY JULY 13, 2026.

NON-USSSA CLUBS

1. Visit <https://exposureevents.com>
2. Search for Summer Madness Hoops Classic
3. Complete registration and payment

Note: Players will NOT be insured by USSSA. Waivers are mandatory.

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ACCOMMODATIONS

HAMPTON INN ST. THOMAS *Your Home Base in Paradise!*

This year, we're thrilled to announce an exclusive SMHC 2026 Group with the **Hampton Inn St. Thomas**—your perfect home base for sunshine, comfort, and courtside convenience!

While teams are welcome to stay wherever they choose, we highly encourage you to take advantage of our official partner hotel for 2026.

- **Hotel Name:** Hampton by Hilton St. Thomas
- **Opening Date:** September 2025
- **Location:** Nestled in downtown St. Thomas, steps from the cruise port, dining, shopping, and entertainment
- **Brand:** Hilton
- **Loyalty Program:** Hilton Honors
- **Group Rate Offer (July 22-27, 2026)**
 - Double Rooms (Queen/Queen)
 - Single Rooms (King)
- **Accessibility**
 - Distance to Airport: 10 minutes from Cyril E. King International Airport
 - Shuttle Service: Available for group bookings (upon request and subject to additional charge)
 - Parking: Complimentary on-site parking available



TRANSPORTATION

Transportation will be provided for a maximum of **10 players and 2 coaches per team** for all scheduled games and airport transfers. Teams are responsible for activities outside the tournament schedule.

ACCOMMODATIONS CONT.

OTHER HOTELS OPTIONS

- Margaritaville Vacation Club by Wyndham
 - Secret Harbour Beach Resort
 - Windward Passage Hotel
 - Bluebeard's Castle
 - Limetree Beach Resort
- Westin Beach Resorts & Spa at Frenchman's Reef
 - Sapphire Resort
 - Emerald Beach Resort



GETTING TO ST. THOMAS (STT)

Airlines Servicing Cyril E. King Airport St. Thomas

- American Airlines
- Delta Air Lines
 - Frontier
 - JetBlue
- Spirit Airlines
- United Airlines
- Southwest Airlines
 - Silver Airways

DIRECT FLIGHTS TO ST. THOMAS FROM

- Miami
- Orlando
- Atlanta
- New York
- Boston
- Baltimore
- Chicago
- Houston
- San Juan



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SMHC TEAM RULES

Summer Madness Hoops Classic Team Rules

1. The National High School Federation Rules and Regulations (NHSF) will apply to all USSSA games with the following exceptions.
2. All games will be played as follows:
 - **11U and 12U:** Two 14-minute halves, 28.5 intermediate-size ball.
 - **13U and 14U:** Two 16-minute halves, regulation-size basketball.
 - No game will start before the scheduled time unless both coaches agree. There will be a minimum of a 5-minute warm-up period. Halftime will be 5 minutes unless both coaches agree to start earlier.
 - Timeouts will be awarded under NHSF rules (3 Full/2 Thirty Second)
 - **Overtime:**
 - » 11U and 12U: 3 minutes
 - » 13U and 14U: 4 minutes
 - The clock will stop for all whistle stoppages ONLY in the championship games
 - Two (2) direct technical fouls during a game on a player, coach, or team representative will result in their ejection from that game and the next game of the tournament. Fighting and gross, unsportsmanlike behavior can be more than one game and is at the discretion of the Tournament Director.
 - Suspensions from USSSA-sanctioned activities shall be governed by the USSSA Constitution.
 - Each team is responsible for their warm-up balls and other items brought into the game. MIB is not responsible for lost items.
 - MIB will provide game balls.
 - If a team forfeits two games by not participating, the team will be disqualified from the event and cannot participate in bracket/tournament play.



SMHC CODE OF CONDUCT & RULES

All players and coaches will demonstrate good sportsmanship to all participants, fans, officials, and staff.

1. No drugs or alcohol will be permitted for any event or facility.
2. No team(s) or coach(s) will receive a refund if you cancel less than two weeks before the event or the team does not show up for their scheduled game time.
3. Coaches will be held responsible for the conduct of their players and fans. Any fans removed because of misconduct will not be allowed back in for the remainder of the tournament.
4. The roster is set upon final submission no later than July 15, 2025. No additions to the rosters will be permitted without prior approval by the Tournament Director.
5. All players and coaches should ensure that their team is in good health before participating in the tournament.
6. All players and coaches will treat players, other coaches, officials, event staff, and fans respectfully, regardless of race, sex, and ability.
7. All players and coaches will refrain from vulgar, lewd, or obscene language or gestures while participating in tournaments or watching any games or tournament events.
8. All players, coaches, and their fans will not deface any part of the facilities or property where any event affiliated with the MyIsland Ballers is held.

PROTEST

All roster protest must be filed in writing accompanied by a \$100.00 protest fee (refundable if the protest is valid) with the Tournament Director within one (1) hour of the conclusion of the protested game. If the protest is valid, the protested team forfeits all previous games. Upon protest, teams must provide proof of eligibility. (See roster rules for acceptable proofs of age and grade).

PROTEST CONT.

- All non-roster protest must be filed in writing within one (1) hour of the conclusion of the contest and must be accompanied by a \$100.00 protest fee (refundable if protest is upheld). Official's calls are not grounds for a protest.
- Tournament Directors rulings on protest are final.

MERCY RULE

Once a team is leading by 30 points anytime in a game, the clock will continue to run. The only time the clock will stop is for injuries or timeouts. If the lead falls below 20 points, the clock will again be stopped for all whistle stoppages.

TIE-BREAKERS

- Two Teams Tied: Head-to-head result.
- Three or more teams: Point Differential System will be used. Teams will receive a point differential per game up to a maximum of plus 15 points for a win and a maximum of minus 15 points for loss.

The team not involved in the tiebreaker will have its games eliminated. The team with the highest point total will win the tiebreaker, and the second-highest number will be seeded second, etc. If two teams are tied with points, then revert back to head-to-head. If there are still three teams tied, the team with the fewest points allowed in ALL games played in pool play wins. A forfeit is scored as a 15-0 game.

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SMHC 2026

Tide's Rising. So Is Our Game



SAVE THE DATE!

**JULY 23 - JULY 26, 2026
ST. THOMAS, USVI**



NOW WELCOMING BOYS & GIRLS TEAMS!



**GIRLS 12U & 14U DIVISIONS
BOYS 11U, 12U, 13U & 14U DIVISIONS**



JOIN US!

**WHEN THE TIDE RISES, CHAMPIONS
RISE TOO!**

We invite you to **join us** for this thrilling basketball experience **in paradise**. For the latest updates, schedules, and highlights of the Summer Madness Hoops Classic, **visit <https://myislandballers.org>**! For inquiries, contact us anytime at **info@myislandballers.org**.

Stay connected and follow MyIsland Ballers on **Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube** to ride the wave of excitement all season long!

The Tide's Rising, and your Wave Rider Pass awaits...

THANK YOU

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