

Wow, what a weekend. There were many great games and thrilling finishes throughout the weekend. All of you made the 2011 Panther Shootout a great success and we hope that you, your team and parents all had a positive experience. Also, this was the first time in 4-5 years there wasn't some snow on the ground during the tournament, so that was great too!

For those in the 7th and 8th grade boys divisions... I would like to mention that the NCAA recently made a rule that prohibits 7th and 8th grade boys from participating in events on Division I campuses (they recently changed part of this rule to allow DI schools to sponsor events on campus, but not private parties). So, we were left scrambling to find a decent location near the UNI Wellness and Recreation Center. With only a couple of months out before the tournament, Waterloo East High was the only viable option. I am fully aware that the size of the courts (lack of space on the base line and scoreboard operations area) was an issue. That said, we made due with the situation the best that we could on short notice. That said, I think the event went well all things considered. The NCAA will make a final vote on this rule in January. If they overturn this rule then it's a non-issue moving forward, but if it is upheld, we will have 11-months to secure more gym space to host the 7th and 8th boys games in December of 2012.

Some folks have contacted me about lost items. You can call the Wellness and Recreation Center desk to ask if they have found the item you lost. I have been told they have several coats, bags, pants, water bottles, and shoes. The phone number there is: [319-273-6275](tel:319-273-6275).

Each year the Panther Shootout has gotten bigger. This year was no exception as we had 94 teams from Iowa, Illinois and South Dakota. If this trend continues, we plan to have two divisions, even during pool-play, to help with competitive balance. Next year, we would like to have an elite division and a school/recreational division to choose from. Most of the age divisions had two divisions (Gold and Silver) for tournament play... which helps to more evenly match up teams. However, there were many lopsided games in pool-play and we think if the event grows we would be able to have two different divisions for pool-play as well to help keep the teams in similar levels of competition throughout the weekend.

Below you'll find a list of the winners from each division. Again, thank you all for supporting our event. I wish all of you the best in 2012... Happy Holidays!!!

Thanks,

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Boys Winners

8th Boys Gold Division

Champion: Kingdom Hoops Elite
Runner up: Iowa Barnstormers Gold

8th Boys Silver Division

Champion: Watertown Arrows (SD)
Runner up: Force

8th Boys Bronze Division

Champion: Warrior Fury
Runner up: Iowa Barnstormers West

7th Boys Gold Division

Champion: Iowa Barnstormers Gold
Runner up: Shoot-It

7th Boys Silver Division

Champion: All-Iowa Attack Moore
Runner up: Iowa Barnstormers Black

7th Boys Bronze Division

Champion: All-Iowa Attack Willoughby
Runner up: Cedar Rapids Thunder

6th Boys Gold Division

Champion: Iowa Barnstormers
Runner up: Iowa Elite

6th Boys Silver Division

Champion: IA/IL Stunners
Runner up: All-Iowa Attack Eastman

5th Boys Gold Division

Champion: Kingdom Hoops Elite
Runner up: Iowa Barnstormers

5th Boys Silver Division

Champion: Cedar Falls Power
Runner up: Linn-Mar Lions

4th Boys Gold Division

Champion: Kingdom Hoops Elite
Runner up: Kingdom Hoops Red

4th Boys Silver Division

Champion: Cedar Rapids Assault
Runner up: All-Iowa Attack Jensen

Girls Winners

8th Girls Gold Division

Champion: All-Iowa Attack Woods

Runner up: Cedar Rapids Panthers

8th Girls Silver Division

Champion: Warriors

Runner up: Iowa Barnstormers

7th Girls Gold Division

Champion: Kingdom Hoops Elite

Runner up: Kingdom Hoops Red

6th Girls Gold Division

Champion: Iowa Barnstormers

Runner up: Cedar Rapids Titans

6th Girls Silver Division

Champion: All-Iowa Attack Thomsen

Runner up: DCG Fillies

5th Girls Gold Division

Champion: Kingdom Hoops

Runner up: Cedar Rapids Titans

4th Girls Gold Division

Champion: All-Iowa Attack Devenney

Runner up: Kingdom Hoops