Dear Coaches,

The Panama–Buena Vista Union School District will be sponsoring the **Elementary Boys Basketball Tip-Off Tournament on Saturday, December 12th, 2026** at the Thompson Jr. High gymnasium. B teams are encouraged to maximize playing opportunities.

Email me with your intention to compete at Cserrato@pbvusd.k12.ca.us by December 4th . You will be added to a mailing list so you will continue to receive all relevant information as deadlines approach.

A $140.00 entry fee for one team, $200 for two teams. Please send the bottom portion of this letter by Wednesday, December 9th with your check to confirm your team's entry in the tournament. Checks should be made payable to: **Panama–Buena Vista USD.** Please send your check to:

Panama-Buena Vista Union School District
District Office Southwest | Assessment, Curriculum, and Technology Building
c/o Cristian Serrato
4250 Ashe Rd.
Bakersfield, CA 93313

If you have any questions, please contact me via email at Cserrato@pbvusd.k12.ca.us.

Sincerely,

Cristian Serrato

Panama–Buena Vista Union School District Elementary Boys Basketball Tip-Off Tournament on Saturday, December 12th, 2026

_____ Yes, our school will play in the tournament on Saturday, December 12th, at Thompson Jr. High. Our entry fee is included.

School Name:_____

Coaches Name and Phone number & email: _____

Panama-Buena Vista Union School District
Elementary Boys Basketball Tip-Off Tournament

Saturday, December 12th, 2026

General Format (dependent upon number of teams entered)

Pool Play or round robin with play offs.

1. Each team will play within their respective pool & will play each other once**.**
2. There will be one minute time out allowed per game throughout pool play/round robin.
3. If the game ends in tie, there will be a 5 person free throw shoot out.
4. Teams playing their first game of the day get a 4 minute warm up of shared court time.
5. Thereafter, there will be 1 minute to clear the court and bench area so the following teams can prepare to warm up. Coaches need to immediately get their lineups to the scoring table as soon as the previous game has concluded. During pool play, the team listed first will inbound the ball.
6. Teams will advance based on W/L record, followed by point differential.

Rules & Format

1. There will be no minimum play rule, however, meaningful playing time is expected.
2. There will be two 10 minute halves(running clock), with a 1 minute half time.
3. No pressing during a 10 point lead. The defending team must stay behind the three point line until the losing team crosses half court.
4. No free throws on technical fouls, 2 points awarded to the offended team.
5. There will be a 3rd place match
6. If the game ends in a tie **during the final**, there will be 1 - 2 minute overtime.

Additional Information

Cost at the door will be $5.00 per person, free of charge for children under the age of 12 accompanied by a parent.

The gym will be open by 7:30 AM. Please communicate with your players and families that there will be no food or drinks(other than water) allowed inside the gym. Additionally, there will be no “day-camping” inside the gym, there will be plenty of space outside, next to the gym in the grass area.