ELKS HOOP SHOOT FREE THROW CONTEST



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UNLEASH GRIT AND HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PUT YOUR NAME IN THE NAISMITH MEMORIAL BASKETBALL HALL OF FAME

CONTEST LOCATION: Red Bank Middle School

HOSTED BY: Red Bank Elks **LODGE NO.** 233

DATE: Saturday December 5, 2026 **TIME:** 9:00 AM - 11:30AM

DIRECTOR: Tom "Ziggy" Lehrkinder 908-962-3779 **CONTACT:** Lehrkinder@verizon.net

The Elks Hoop Shoot, funded by the Elks National Foundation, is a free throw contest for children ages 8 to 13. Age group is determined by contestant's age as of April 1, 2027. For more information, contact the Lodge Elks Hoop Shoot Director listed above or visit **elks.org/hoopshoot.**

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CONCURSO DE TIROS LIBRES



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LA OPORTUNIDAD DE PONER TU NOMBRE EN EL NAISMITH MEMORIAL BASKETBALL HALL OF FAME.

UBICACIÓN DEL CONCURSO: Red Bank Middle School

ALOJADO POR: Red Bank Elks **LODGE NO.** 233

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El Elks Hoop Shoot, financiado por Elks National Foundation, es un concurso de tiros libres para niños de 8 a 13 años. El grupo de edad está determinado por la edad del concursante a partir del 1 de abril de 2027. Para obtener más información, comuníquese con Lodge Elks Hoop Shoot Director mencionado anteriormente o visite **elks.org/HoopShoot**.

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Welcome to the 2026 Elks Hoop Shoot

Red Bank Middle School **Saturday December 5, 2026 9:00AM – 11:30AM**

Dear Parents/Guardians/Administrators/Friends,

As the Hoop Shoot Director for Red Bank Lodge #233 we are requesting you spread the word regarding the 2024/2025 Elks Hoop Shoot. The Elks Hoop Shoot allows children of all skill levels to participate in an environment where size, speed, or even general playing ability is moved to a more level playing field.

An outline of the rules

Contestants must be at least 8 years old and no older than 13 years old as **of April 1, 2027**

Contestants compete in one of six divisions:

Boys, ages 8-9 Girls, ages 8-9

Boys, ages 10-11 Girls, ages 10-11

Boys, ages 12-13 Girls, ages 12-13

Boys and girls in the 8- to 9- year-old age-group shoot 4 feet in front of the regulation foul line

The scoring is based on the number of made shots out of 25

The winners in each age division advance to the District Championship held in Old Bridge on January 16, 2026.

District winners advance to a Statewide competition. State winners advance to a Regional competition with those winners advancing to the National Finals.

Thank you for your time and effort sharing this note and the attached flyer with your coaches, parents, and players.

Sincerely,

Tom "Ziggy Lehrkinder

908-962-3779

Red Bank Elks Lodge #233

Each participant will receive a Hoop Shoot Tee Shirt.

Inclusivity Statement

You don't have to be the fastest, biggest, or strongest athlete on the court to sink one free throw after another. Practice and precision are the name of the game. When you step up to the free throw line, it should be a level playing field. The Elks National Foundation and the entire Hoop Shoot team nationwide are committed to making contests fully inclusive, equitable, and safe for all participants and volunteers.

We welcome and encourage all eligible kids to give the Hoop Shoot a shot. We are all equal at the free throw line. Racism, discrimination, and intolerance have no place in the Hoop Shoot, on or off the court.