



Dates set for 25th Annual Catawba Valley Classic

Basketball event to feature eight area high schools

The Hickory Metro Sports Commission has announced that the 25th Annual Catawba Valley Classic High School Basketball Tournament will be held December 27 thru December 29, 2011 at Hickory High School and the Tarlton Complex at Catawba Valley Community College.

The tournament will feature the men's and women's teams from eight area high schools competing in the three day event. Participating high schools include: Alexander County, Bunker Hill, Fred T. Foard, Hickory, Maiden, Newton-Conover, South Caldwell and St. Stephens.

The Catawba Valley Classic has been well known throughout the region as the premier holiday high school event over the past 25 years. The Hickory Metro Sports Commission serves as the host organization for the event and distributes the gate receipts among the participating schools. Following the 2010 event, each high school playing in the event received a donation of more than \$2700. Tournament sponsorships are solicited to cover the expenses of operating the tournament.

"The event has become a holiday tradition in the area," noted Pete Fisch, Chairman of the Hickory Metro Sports Commission. "The Sports Commission is proud to continue that tradition of great basketball and giving back to the competing high schools."

The Sports Commission has also named Clay Creech as tournament director for the 2011 event. Creech has been active with youth basketball for a number of years and takes over as tournament director from Mack McLeod. In addition, the Hickory Metro Sports Commission has signed an agreement with the participating high schools to host the event through 2013. For more information please call or visit www.hickorymetrosports.com

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