

The Best Basketball This Side Of March is back for its 39th season, and All-Tournament passes for the 2017 State Farm Holiday Classic basketball tournament are on sale now at <http://theclassic.org/tickets/>. This is the only place to purchase your tickets before the tournament starts as sales will not be available through SFEA this year.

The State Farm Holiday Classic (Dec. 27-30) is one of the largest, coed high school holiday basketball tournaments in the nation, featuring 64 varsity high school teams and 16 Special Olympics teams. The tournament will take place in Bloomington-Normal at the IWU Shirk Center, Normal Community High School, Normal West High School and Central Catholic High School.

Local teams participating include teams from Bloomington, Central Catholic, Normal Community, Normal West, Normal U-High, Tri-Valley, Olympia, El Paso-Gridley, LeRoy, Prairie Central, Morton, Metamora and Fieldcrest. For a complete list of participating teams, go to <http://theclassic.org/team-list/>.

All-Tournament passes allow admission into all 128 games of this year's tournament at all four venues. And the best part?? The Holiday Classic organizing committee will donate \$5 for each pass purchased back to your favorite team which directly benefits their basketball program. If you don't have a favorite team, you can have that donation go into the Holiday Classic Scholarship Fund.

All-Tournament passes are \$30 for adults, \$20 for senior citizens, active military and veterans, and \$15 for K-12 students. Children 5 and under will be admitted without charge.

Hurry - ticket sales close at 4pm on Wednesday, December 20. Passes will be available for pick-up on Day 1 of the tournament (Dec. 27) at the venue designated by the purchaser.

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