



2021 All-Lutheran Invitational Basketball Tournament

March 5-6, 2021

Greetings in Christ!

Thank you for your participation in the upcoming All-Lutheran Invitational Basketball Tournament. The C-Club Tournament is one of the highlights of the season for students, teams, and families. While we cannot replace the entire C-Club experience and the excitement of being on Concordia's campus, we hope to provide a quality alternative and a great opportunity for your teams to compete, and for us to gather in Christian fellowship.

I want to take the opportunity to thank Lincoln Lutheran Middle School / High School, Trinity Lutheran Elementary School, and Parkview Christian School; as well as their administration and staff for graciously allowing us to host this event. Thanks also to the many volunteers that are giving of their time to make this event a success.

We look forward to seeing you in early March for our own version of "March Madness."

God's Blessings on the rest of your season and school year!

Mr. David Kumm
Tournament Director
Principal - Trinity Lutheran Elementary

Tournament Dates: March 5-6, 2021

Game Sites:	Lincoln Lutheran MS/HS 1100 N. 56th St. Lincoln, NE 68504	Trinity Lutheran Elem. 1200 N. 56th St. Lincoln, NE 68504	Parkview Christian School 4400 N. 1st St. Lincoln, NE 68521
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Divisions:	<u>Boys A</u> Christ-Norfolk "A" Concordia-Omaha Lincoln Lutheran "A" St. John-Seward "A" St. Paul-West Point "A" Trinity-Fremont "A"	<u>Boys B</u> Emmanuel/Faith-York Immanuel-Columbus "A" Lincoln Lutheran "B" St. Paul-Arlington St. Paul-West Point "B" Trinity-Madison	<u>Boys C</u> Christ-Norfolk "B" Immanuel-Columbus "B" Lincoln Lutheran "C" Our Redeemer-North Platte St. John-Battle Creek St. John-Seward "B"
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<u>Girls A</u> Christ-Norfolk "A" Concordia-Omaha Emmanuel/Faith-York Lincoln Lutheran "A" St. John-Battle Creek "A" St. John-Seward "A" St. Paul-West Point "A" Zion-Pierce
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<u>Girls B</u> Christ-Norfolk "B" Christ-Norfolk "C" Immanuel-Columbus Lincoln Lutheran "B" St. Paul-Arlington St. Paul-West Point "B" Trinity-Fremont Trinity-Madison
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Rosters: Please complete the Google Sheet with the roster information for your team(s). Please note the tabs at the bottom of the sheet to be sure to enter information for the correct team in the corresponding division. Do not edit anyone else's rosters. Please complete rosters as soon as possible, and not later than **Wednesday, February 17**. *** Players may only participate or play on ONE team.* Here is a link to the Google Sheet for rosters: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1jvt7F4BdDpEIP8fRSJt2epEAJdhAo7o9L0HWak0zs9o/edit?usp=sharing>

Programs: We will utilize a QR Code for digital programs this year. We will have signage available at all game sites with the QR code for individuals to scan with their phone. If we have everything set up in advance, I will email the QR code out to all school contacts prior to the tournament so you can print copies of the program if you so choose.

Brackets: Brackets are included with this communication. The brackets are final as of 2/11/21. No changes will be made unless a team withdraws. We did our best to bracket things competitively as possible. The **TOP TEAM** or **FIRST TEAM** listed is the **HOME TEAM** and should wear **LIGHT / WHITE** jerseys. The **BOTTOM TEAM** or **SECOND TEAM** listed is the **VISITING TEAM** and should wear **DARK** jerseys.

Tournament Format:

Girls A and Girls B Divisions: 8-team traditional bracket. We will play the tournament all the way out to 7th place, so all teams will be guaranteed three (3) games.

Boys A, Boys B, and Boys C Divisions: Pool Play format. Each division consists of six (6) teams divided into two (2) pools of three (3) teams each. Each team will play the other two (2) teams in their pool. Final rounds will match the first-place teams from each pool against each other for the championship, second-place finishers in each pool will play for third-place, and third-place finishers in each pool will play for fifth-place. Every team will be guaranteed three (3) games.

** In the event of identical records within a pool, the following tie-breakers will be used (in order) to determine placement in the playoff games.

1. Head-to-Head Result
2. Total Point Differential (max of +15 credited per game)
3. Total Defensive Points Allowed
4. Total Points Scored

Awards:

- Medals (up to 12) will be awarded to the Top-3 teams in the Boys A, B, and C Divisions.
- Medals (up to 12) will be awarded to the Top-3 teams and Consolation champ in the Girls A and B Divisions.
- Trophies will be awarded to the Top-3 teams in all divisions.

Game Details: Games are scheduled on the hour. We need to stay on schedule as best as possible. We will not start games ahead of schedule unless BOTH coaches AND officials agree to start a game early. Games will consist of four (4) six-minute quarters. There will be 8 minutes for halftime and a 10-minute warmup between games. Warm-ups and halftime may be shortened to keep games on schedule. Standard NFHS rules will apply with minor exceptions to the uniform rules.

Team Responsibilities: We are working to secure volunteers to help with scoreboard and scorebook. However, we do not have access to a volunteer pool like C-Club has access to. With this being said, we are asking the **HOME TEAM** to provide someone to keep the **official book**, and the **VISITING TEAM** to provide someone to operate the scoreboard/clock. If we are able to secure enough volunteers, we will cover these responsibilities, we are just asking that teams have someone ready and available in case we need the help.

Warm-Up Basketballs: Due to COVID-19, all teams are asked to bring their own basketballs for warm-ups.

Locker Rooms: Unfortunately we will not be able to provide locker rooms for teams to use.

Drinking Fountains: Drinking fountains will not be available for public use, however, there are bottle filler stations at some of the facilities that will be accessible.

Officials: We have secured quality officials that are registered with the NSAA. Many of these officials have a personal connection with the tournament from their childhood, as a coach, or a parent of a participant. We thank them for their willingness to work the tournament. NFHS rules will govern the tournament. We **hope** to have three (3) officials working each of the championship games.

Sportsmanship: This is an expectation and responsibility for all participants - players, fans, coaches, school representatives, and officials. Regardless of our role in the game, we are models for children and representatives of our respective schools and the greater body of Christ. We do not want emotions and unsporting behavior to get in the way of gathering in Christian fellowship and competition. Unsporting behavior will not be tolerated and is grounds from removal from any facility and/or the remainder of the tournament. Head Coaches or another designated School Representative will be responsible for handling any issues related to sportsmanship. Site supervisors have the discretion to remove fans from the facility.

Admissions:	Adults:	\$5.00
	Students Grades K-12:	\$3.00
	Preschool and Younger:	Free

**** This is an all-day admission good at all facilities. ****

Tournament Apparel: We do have t-shirts, long-sleeve tees, and hoodies with the tournament logo available for purchase. They can be customized with player name and number for an additional fee. All orders will be individually packaged and grouped by school (not individual team) and can be picked up by a head coach or school representative in the commons at Lincoln Lutheran during the tournament. Tournament apparel can be ordered here: <https://alllutheraninvitational.itemorder.com/>

Concessions: A limited concession stand **MAY or MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE** depending on current circumstances and local DHM guidelines at the time of the tournament. All athletes should bring their own water bottle. Families may bring their own food and drink with them, but team meals are not allowed at any of the facilities.

COVID-19 Guidelines: The current Lancaster County DHM, effective February 12, 2021 allows us up to 75% seating capacity for youth sports activities. For games being played on the LL Main floor, we should have no issues with seating capacity and fan attendance. Fan attendance at all three of the other gyms will be limited to fans of participating teams.

Parkview Christian and Trinity Elementary will be able to comfortably accommodate fans from the two teams participating in the current game. Once the game is over, we ask that fans and teams exit the facility immediately so that teams and fans for the next game can come into the facility.

The LL Auxiliary gym does not allow for a lot of seating. There will be a row of chairs along one side of the gym and additional seating available on the stage. We will seat as many people as safely possible. Seating will be restricted to fans of teams participating in the game currently being played. I would estimate an average of 2-3 people per participant will be able to watch games in the Auxiliary gym.

Face coverings will be required for admittance to all facilities. They are to be worn at all times with the exception of consuming food or drink. Active participants may remove their face coverings during game competition. All bench personnel (coaches, players, table personnel, etc.) are expected to wear face coverings at all times.

Team meals are not permitted at any of the facilities.

Hand sanitizer will be available at all locations.

Drinking fountains are NOT available. There will be bottle filling stations available at some of the gyms.

****COVID-19 Protocols are subject to change based on the local Lancaster County DHM and CDC guidelines****

**** I have only received payment from four(4) schools to date. Please mail in your payment at your earliest convenience. Fees are \$100 for the first team in each gender, \$50 for additional teams.**

- Make checks payable to **Lincoln Lutheran**

- Mail checks to **Trinity Lutheran School, % David Kumm, 1200 N. 56th St., Lincoln, NE 68504**

Thanks again for your participation in this year's tournament and cooperation with our COVID-19 protocols. We look forward to gathering together for a fun weekend! If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out.

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