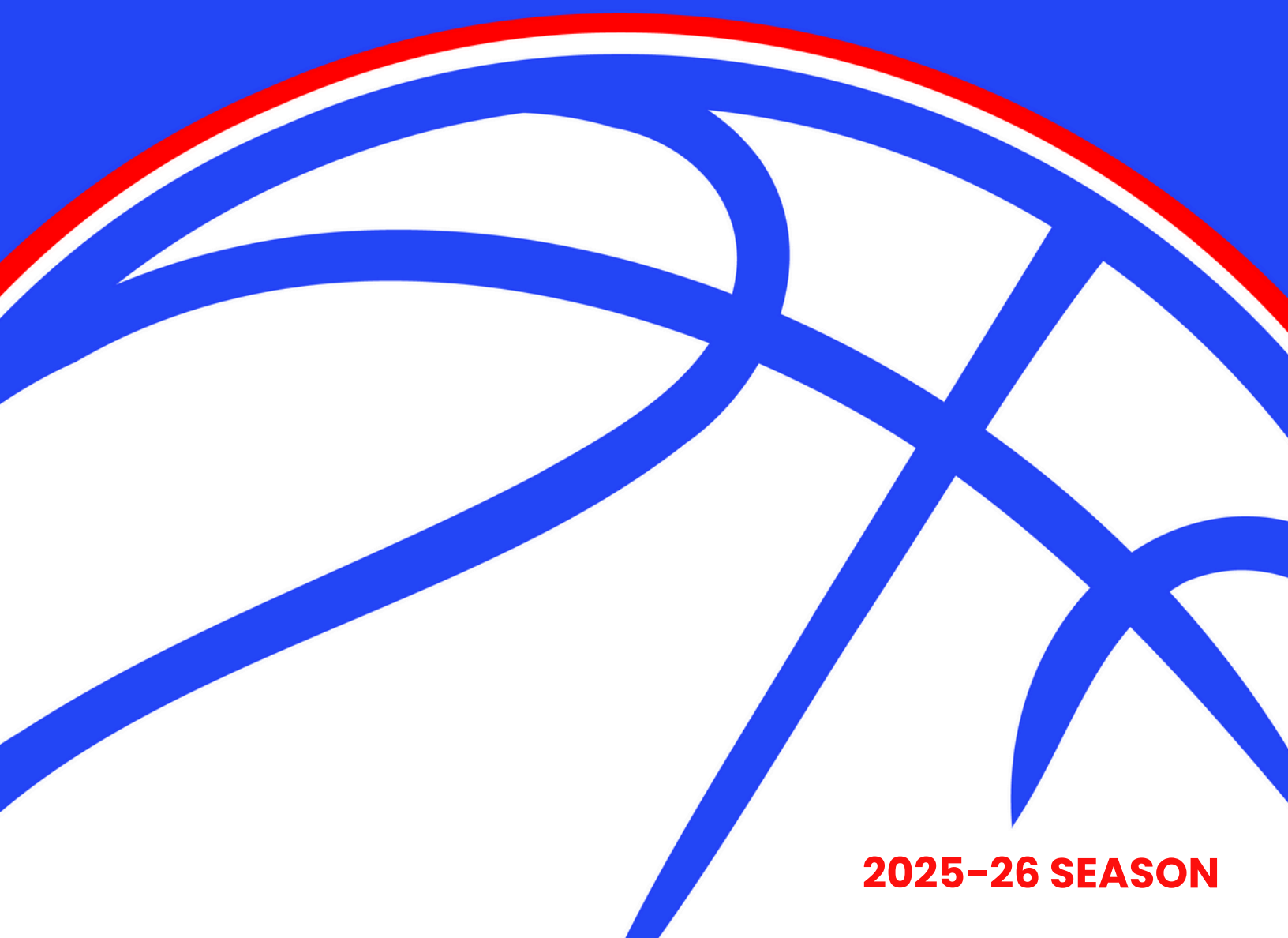




COACHES VS. CANCER

PLAYBOOK



2025-26 SEASON

COACHES VS. CANCER



coachesvscancer.org

Coaches vs. Cancer is a collaboration between the **American Cancer Society** and the **National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC)**. For over 30 years, this initiative has engaged coaches nationwide to leverage their leadership and influence to support the American Cancer Society's vision to end cancer as we know it, for everyone.

Every cancer. Every life.®



"While my most important role is coach on the court, off the court, supporting and helping grow Coaches vs. Cancer and the mission of the American Cancer Society is one of my biggest joys and responsibilities. No matter how much our industry evolves, staying united and finishing this fight against cancer must remain a priority for us. We've made such an impact throughout the years. And we're going to keep competing for continued progress."

Brad Underwood, Coaches vs. Cancer Council Chair



"Nothing better embodies the ability for sport to be a force for good than an entire profession of basketball coaches – from the largest Division I arenas to the smallest high school gyms – uniting in support of Coaches vs. Cancer. Whether you host a fundraiser, plan a Suits And Sneakers Week game, or simply offer encouragement to a friend facing the disease, you play a critical role in advancing the lifesaving work of Coaches vs. Cancer, and I thank you for your efforts. We won't stop fighting until the battle to defeat cancer for good is won."

Craig Robinson, Executive Director, NABC

Your Coaches vs. Cancer Contacts

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ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

There are a variety of ways for you to participate in Coaches vs. Cancer.

Simply get in where you fit in!



MENU OF ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Coaches vs. Cancer focuses on four major areas of impact for the American Cancer Society: Mission Impact, Engagement, Revenue, and Advocacy.

MISSION IMPACT



Hope Lodge® Communities

Visit one of the 31 Hope Lodge® communities with your team. Serve a meal, mingle with Hope Lodge® guests.

Road To Recovery®

Promote ACS' free transportation program to help get people to the treatment they need.

Content Development

Film video clips for use on social media to highlight ACS mission priorities including cancer screening, health equity, Road To Recovery, etc.

Suits And Sneakers Week

Support and elevate our biggest annual initiative at your school.

ENGAGEMENT



Social Media

Promote Coaches vs. Cancer by posting our turnkey social content on your social channels.

Media

Connect the American Cancer Society and Coaches vs. Cancer in media interviews using provided talking points.

Be a Connector

Leverage your networks to open doors for other coaches, media personalities, corporations, etc. to get involved in CVC activities.

REVENUE



Events

Support an American Cancer Society event (local or national gala, golf tournament, tip-off event, Campus Relay For Life, etc.).

Exhibition Game

Designate Coaches vs. Cancer as the beneficiary of a preseason exhibition game.

Auctions

Donate a package to benefit an ACS auction. Package can consist of experiences, gear, sneakers, autographed memorabilia, etc.

Corporate

Champion key connections to grow ACS' national sponsorships and corporate activations.

ADVOCACY



Lobby Day

Advocate for ACS' top priorities at the state and/or federal level.

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SUITS AND SNEAKERS WEEK

January 26–February 1, 2026

REGISTER

YOUR SUITS AND SNEAKERS WEEK GAME



ASK OF COACHES

Coaches vs. Cancer **Suits And Sneakers Week** is a nationwide event that unites basketball coaches across the country for a common cause – saving lives from cancer.

During the last week of January, coaches at all levels of the game are encouraged to **#SuitUp** in support of Coaches vs. Cancer and the American Cancer Society.

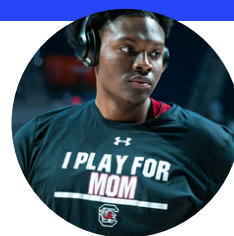
REGISTER

YOUR SUITS AND SNEAKERS WEEK GAME

What should Coaches do for Suits And Sneakers Week?

#SuitUp with us...

- o Customize your **sneakers** via:
 - a professional shoe designer
 - DIY with colored sharpies (e.g. allow kids/cancer survivors the opportunity to design your shoes!)
 - ***NEW THIS YEAR*** – Donate your game-worn custom sneakers, pink jerseys, etc. to Coaches vs. Cancer for an exclusive CvC auction hosted by **The Player's Trunk**.
- o Wear your choice of:
 - a **team quarter-zip** with an adhesive **CvC patch** OR **CvC logo embroidered** on the sleeve. CvC patch(es) will be provided to all DI schools as well as all NABC DII and DIII member head coaches
 - a **suit** or **sport coat**. A limited number of **CvC lapel pin(s)** available upon request.



Why I #SuitUp...

- o Showcase your sneakers and use them to tell a story. Record a short video (15-20 seconds) detailing who you #SuitUp for. (e.g. unboxing video, etc.)
 - *"These sneakers honor [NAME] because [REASON]."*
 - *"These sneakers represent [progress, cancer research, hope, etc.]."*
- o Fan engagement/social media: Post a video on the coach's personal and team social channels. The enclosed **"I Suit Up For"** signs can be utilized by the coaching staff, team members, athletic department staff, etc. for social media, marketing, fan engagement, and more. *Who will you #SuitUp for?* Please use provided social media instructions for sample posts, tagging, etc.

Your Student-Athletes can #SuitUp too ...

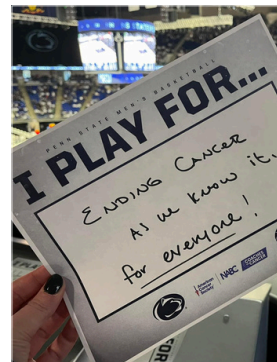
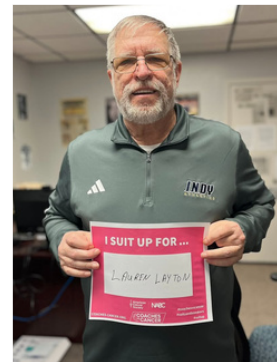
- o Create "I Suit Up For" or "I Play For" shooting shirts so the student-athletes can wear them in warm-ups and customize their own shirts with who they want to honor.
- o If any student-athlete feels comfortable sharing their cancer connection with the CvC team, please contact amy.rohrer@cancer.org

GAME-DAY ACTIVATIONS



I Suit Up For ...

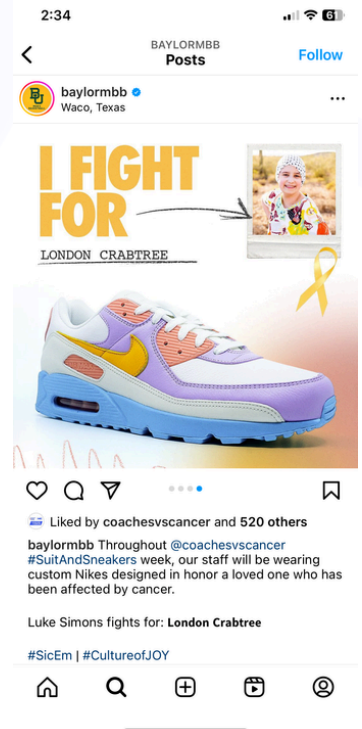
- Create signs, rally towels, shooting shirts, etc. Templates are provided!
- Use for team, coach, and fan engagement.
- Post on social (see social templates for suggested posts and hashtags).
- Variations such as "I Play For" or "Today I Honor" are great, too!



GAME-DAY ACTIVATIONS

#SuitUp on Social

Share each coach and player's "why."



GAME-DAY ACTIVATIONS

Custom Kicks

**Need a sneaker designer recommendation? Contact us!*



Pink Out



CVC GEAR

Interested in purchasing CvC branded gear, pins or patches for yourself or your team?

Polos, pullovers, t-shirts, long-sleeve shirts, pins and patches are now available at:

shop.cancer.org/collections/coaches-vs-cancer



Apparel ▾

Drinkware

Pets

Accessories ▾

Collections ▾



8 products

Sort by: Best selling ▾

1/2 Zip Pullover - Black
\$83.00

Long Sleeve T-Shirt - White
From \$31.00

BELLA+CANVAS Triblend Short
Sleeve T-Shirt - Athletic Grey
Triblend
From \$19.00



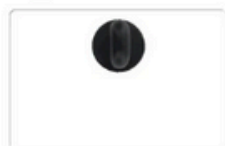
Coaches vs Cancer Vertical
Texture 1/4-Zip Pullover - Black
\$59.00



Coaches vs Cancer Nike Dri-FIT
Micro Pique Polo - Black
\$49.00



Coaches vs Cancer City Stretch
Polo - Black
\$41.00



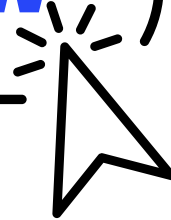
2" Coaches vs Cancer Acrylic Pin
\$6.95



ACS Coaches vs Cancer Patch
with Peel and Stick Backing
\$7.25

ASSETS

CLICK BELOW



for Suits And Sneakers Week Assets, including ...

- [Logos](#)
- [Media Kit, including:](#)
 - In-Game Messaging/PA Reads
 - Coach Talking Points
 - Media Alert
 - Social Media sample posts
- [Digital Assets including:](#)
 - In-arena
 - Videos
 - Graphics
- [Printable signs](#) in various color options
 - I Suit Up For (primary sign)
 - I Play For (alternative sign)
 - Today, I Honor (alternative sign)
- [Branding Guidelines](#)



Looking for something additional? Contact
coachesvscancer@cancer.org

EVENTS & AUCTIONS

Golf, Gala, Tip-off,
Online Fundraising

LOCAL EVENTS

Galas, tip-off events, and golf outings held in communities across the country are the largest fundraising component of the Coaches vs. Cancer program. Your local American Cancer Society partner is ready to work with you on hosting great events that will build stronger relationships with our program's constituents, while helping to raise funds to fight cancer.



Interested in participating in a local event?
Contact: coachesvscancer@cancer.org

NATIONAL EVENTS

Coaches vs. Cancer hosts two national golf events each year.

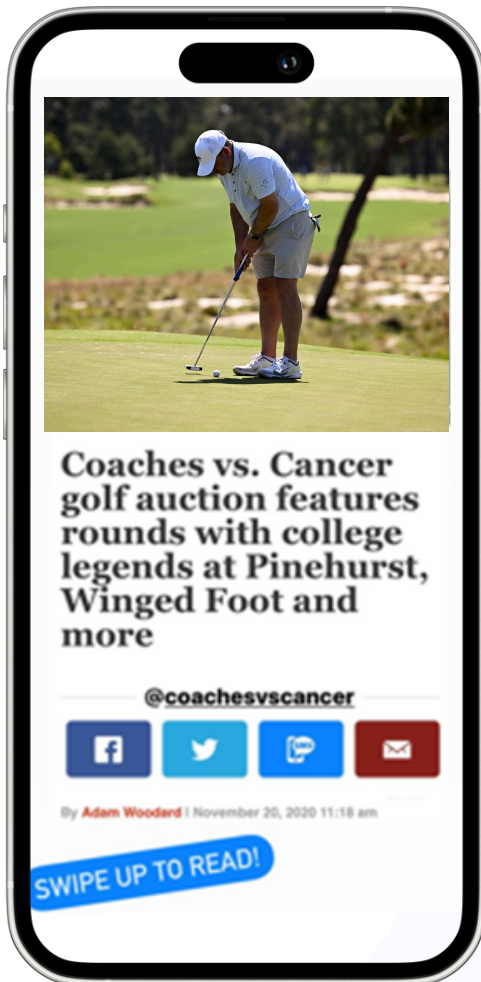
- **Coaches vs. Cancer Las Vegas Golf Classic** • cvclasvegascgolfclassic.org
 - **May 17-19, 2026** at Shadow Creek Golf Club, Southern Highlands Golf Club, Cascata, and TPC Summerlin
- **Coaches vs. Cancer National Golf Classic** • cvcnationalgolf.org
 - **May 31-June 1, 2026** at Baltusrol Golf Club and Liberty National Golf Club



Interested in participating in either national golf event?
Contact: coachesvscancer@cancer.org

AUCTIONS

The annual **Coaches vs. Cancer Experience Auction** raises crucial funds through auctioning off once-in-a-lifetime experiences and packages. Over the past three years, we have raised nearly \$500K through this online initiative.



How does it work?

- Coaches, broadcasters, corporate partners, and celebrities donate an experiential package. Examples include:
 - **Home Game Experience**
 - Premier tickets (e.g., behind the bench) to a home game of your choice or mutually agreed-upon game
 - Attendance at game-day activities (e.g., shoot around, team meal, etc.).
 - Locker room/facilities tour
 - **Away Game Experience**
 - Travel with the team to an away game of your choice or mutually-agreed upon game.
 - **Golf With a Coach**
 - Donate a foursome at a premier golf course and play with the winner (during the offseason).
- These once-in-a-lifetime packages will be included in an online auction with proceeds benefiting Coaches vs. Cancer.
- **The auction will run November 21–December 1, 2025.**

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GolfDigest

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY

Play with Reggie Bush, Roy Williams and bid on other exclusive golf experiences with Coaches vs. Cancer auction

By Stephen Hennessey | November 17, 2023



Interested in donating a package for the auction?
Contact: coachesvscancer@cancer.org



- Interested in donating pair of sneakers or gear from Suits And Sneakers Week? We can help!
- Contact coachesvscancer@cancer.org for more info

TEAM ACTIVATIONS

Student-Athlete Engagement

THE OPPORTUNITY

Coaches vs. Cancer knows how influential student-athletes can be, which is why we've put together a few areas of opportunity for student-athletes at universities across the country. These athletes can engage their fans and followers in several easy ways to support our lifesaving work.

THE ATHLETE ASK

There are a variety of easy ways for student-athletes to get involved in our mission, like...

- Sharing their personal connection to cancer in a short video on social media
- Adding a fundraising link to their social media bio
- Helping to serve dinner and visit with patients at a local Hope Lodge (if applicable) and being available for media interviews
- Attending local ACS or CvC events and being available for media interviews
- Supporting cancer screening initiatives by recording key prevention messages and sharing them on their social channels.

...and Coaches vs. Cancer is here to provide all the help they need to make their engagement as easy as possible!

HOW COACHES CAN HELP

If you have a player(s) you think would be interested in supporting the American Cancer Society mission, please reach out to Amy Rohrer at amy.rohrer@cancer.org



AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY HOPE LODGE®

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Through Coaches vs. Cancer, you can provide a meaningful and impactful engagement opportunity for your student-athletes and staff to benefit your community.



What is a Hope Lodge community?

American Cancer Society Hope Lodge® communities provide a free place to stay during treatment so people with cancer can focus on getting better. These communities provide comfortable guest suites with private baths, as well as inviting spaces with all the comforts of home, including a communal kitchen, dining area, laundry rooms, and places to gather or find a quiet respite – all at no cost to guests.

How can I help?

As a coach, there are several ways you can support Hope Lodge® communities both near and far. Here are just a few:

- Schedule a visit to a Hope Lodge community so your team can engage with guests (prepare a meal, provide activities or entertainment, etc.). Provide and serve a meal or brighten their day with entertainment or activities.
- Host a supplies drive to collect items to make guests more comfortable during their stay (paper products, cleaning supplies, kitchen utensils, etc.).
- Volunteer time to help improve facilities and grounds.

This is a great **media opportunity!** Photos and video footage can be shared in-game and/or on your social media channels during Suits And Sneakers Week! Click [HERE](#) for an example.



Where can I find Hope Lodge?

There are currently 31 Hope Lodge® communities across the country, with more locations coming soon:

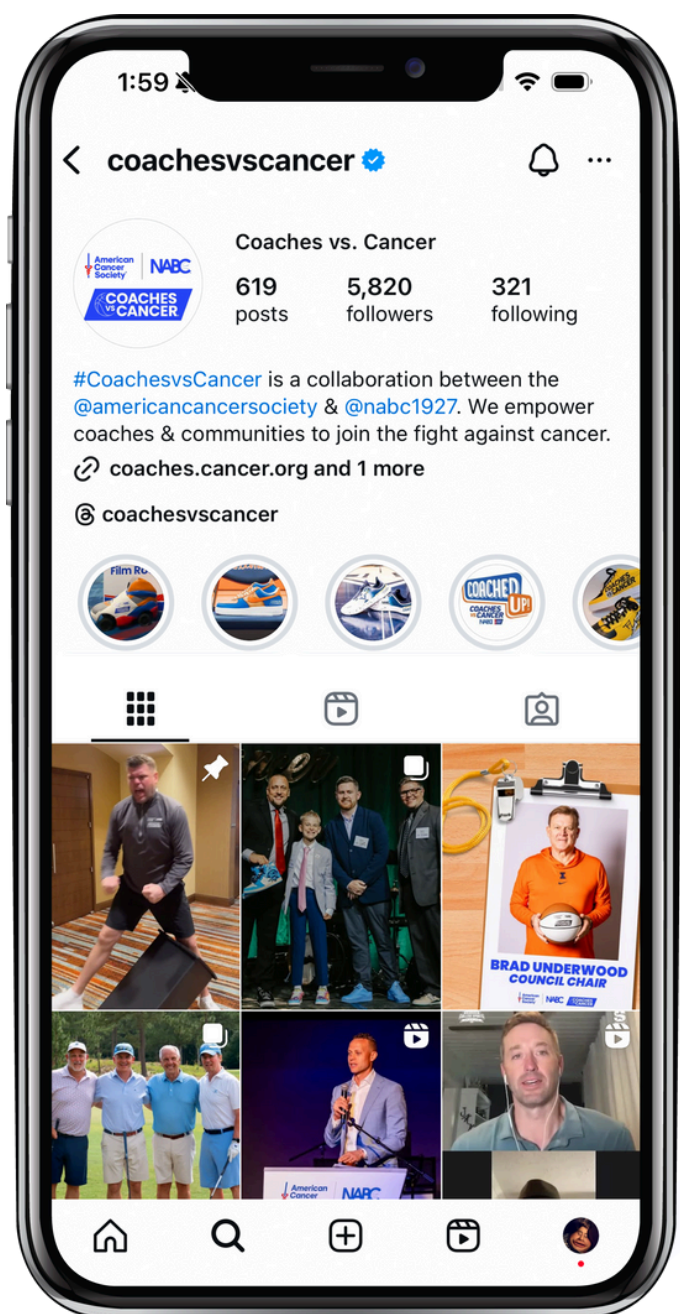
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| • Birmingham, AL | • Houston, TX | • Minneapolis, MN | • Rochester, NY |
| • Boston, MA | • Iowa City, IA | • Nashville, TN | • Salt Lake City, UT |
| • Burlington, VT | • Jackson, MS | • New Orleans, LA | • San Juan, PR |
| • Charleston, SC | • Jacksonville, FL | • New York, NY | • St. Louis, MO |
| • Cleveland, OH | • Kansas City, MO | • Oklahoma City, OK | • Tampa, FL |
| • Dallas, TX | • Lexington, KY | • Omaha, NE | |

CONTENT DEVELOPMENT

Social Media, Mission Videos,
SneakerCam

SOCIAL MEDIA

We encourage you to share Coaches vs. Cancer content with coach and team accounts, tagging **Coaches vs. Cancer** and the **American Cancer Society** using the handles listed below. If posting to your Instagram Feed, you can also add Coaches vs. Cancer as a collaborator. Some sample copy can be found below, but we encourage you to customize it to your team's voice and style!



For Social Media Assets

[CLICK HERE](#)

Our Accounts

Coaches vs. Cancer
American Cancer Society

Follow and tag us in your posts!



@COACHESVSCANCER
@AMERICANCANCERSOCIETY



@COACHESVSCANCER
@AMERICANCANCER

General Hashtag: #coachesvscancer

Additional tags during Suits And Sneakers Week: #suitsandsneakers #suitup

MISSION VIDEOS

Your face and name are powerful tools when sharing the story of the American Cancer Society and Coaches vs. Cancer. Content creation helps tell those stories throughout the entire year. Topics include Hope Lodge, Road To Recovery, cancer screening, events and auctions, Suits And Sneakers Week, stewardship and thank you's, and more!

- Allow us to photograph or video you at national and local events, media days, etc.
- Share your testimonial in videos and media interviews.
- Use your social channels to share your reason for supporting the Coaches vs. Cancer program, or to repost content from our channels.



Would you like to record video content?

Contact: coachesvscancer@cancer.org

SNEAKERCAM

The American Cancer Society's **Coaches vs. Cancer SneakerCam** can travel to your campus. SneakerCam is a GoPro on an RC car that can be used to capture content.



Interested in hosting Sneakercam at your game or event?
Contact: coachesvscancer@cancer.org

MEDIA OPPORTUNITIES

TALKING POINTS

To promote the Coaches vs. Cancer initiative and encourage fans to learn more about the American Cancer Society's work, we encourage you to use the following talking points in media opportunities.

KEY TALKING POINTS:

- **Brand Awareness:** When you see Coaches vs. Cancer, you're seeing the American Cancer Society in action. For more than 30 years, coaches, players, and fans have turned their passion for the game into progress against cancer —raising over \$179 million to fund research, provide free rides and lodging for patients, and offer 24/7 support. By standing with your team and coach, you're part of something bigger than basketball —you're helping save lives.
- **Screening Awareness:** The best defense starts with early detection. Coaches vs. Cancer and the American Cancer Society encourage fans to get screened — because catching cancer early can save lives. Together, we can inspire more people in our lives to schedule checkups, support loved ones, and make screening part of every team's playbook.
 - Get screened. Encourage your team, your family and friends, to do the same. Early detection saves lives.

BEST PRACTICES:

- When referring to the partnership, make sure to reference both Coaches vs. Cancer and the American Cancer Society.
- Media are very interested in your personal connection to cancer and what has driven you to support the American Cancer Society as a Coaches vs. Cancer ambassador.
- Use your interview answers to drive messaging about the program and your connection to it.
- To emphasize the importance of the Coaches vs. Cancer mission, highlight specific American Cancer Society programs impacted by CvC funding, pointing to local connections in your community (e.g., your local Road To Recovery program or Hope Lodge community).

MEDIA OPPORTUNITIES

To continue growing the Coaches vs. Cancer brand, we need your help in making sure we shine as bright a spotlight as we can on Coaches vs. Cancer and the wonderful work you are doing with your team, your school, and your community. Below are a few ways to drive additional media interest and engagement for Coaches vs. Cancer.

Local Media Opportunities

- Visit a Hope Lodge® with your team and staff (serving a meal, eating with guests, etc.).
- Invite a local cancer survivor to a practice or game.
- Invite the local media when you are hosting your local “fight cancer” event at the arena or in the community.
- Work with your SID to promote an awareness story about the impact cancer has had on you and your loved ones and why you are so passionate about the work of Coaches vs. Cancer.



Contact Amy Rohrer to learn about other opportunities to drive local, regional, and national engagement.

HOST A GAME & FUNDRAISING

High School/Youth Fundraising



Coaches vs. Cancer Games and Fundraising

For High School and Youth

Every year, basketball coaches from across the country unite to put a full-court press on cancer. The Coaches vs. Cancer program engages coaches, players, and fans alike in fundraising and education initiatives to help end cancer as we know it, for everyone.

Making progress together

All funds raised through the Coaches vs. Cancer campaign will benefit the American Cancer Society's lifesaving mission.

Thanks to our supporters, we've seen a **33% reduction in cancer mortality rates since 1991.**

Approximately **4.1 million lives have been saved** in that time.

Educating people on the importance of screening, which can **catch cancer early when it may be easier to treat.**



55 million total lives impacted each year. And counting.

Fundraising Timeline

Coaches vs. Cancer games and fundraising efforts can take place **any time during your season until March 31.** Fundraising can be done at games, online through your team's fundraising page, or a combination of both. Do what works best for your team!

Have questions or need more information?

Please contact
coachesvscancer@cancer.org

Or visit
coachesvscanceracs.org

Fundraising

Fundraising provides much-needed support for the American Cancer Society. There are lots of fun ways your school can raise funds, including creative virtual activities.

Create your online fundraising page

Coaches:

You can set up your team's online fundraising page anytime by visiting **coachesvscanceracs.org**, and clicking "Sign up." This can also be done on your behalf by someone else at your school. If you don't have a relationship with a local American Cancer Society partner and have additional questions about setting up your page, please feel free to contact **coachesvscancer@cancer.org**.

Please remember:

You can create your team's fundraising page and raise funds anytime until **March 31**, when the winners will be announced.

Please reach out to coachesvscancer@cancer.org or call 1-800-227-2345 with any questions.

Establish a planning committee

In an effort to maximize reach and engage students, faculty, fans, and the community as a whole, each school can create a small, local planning committee comprised of those interested in driving fundraising support (students, athletes, staff, parents).

Committee responsibilities:

- Create a campaign utilizing provided marketing materials.
- Develop an activation plan.
- Plan fundraising activities.
- Set local campaign goals.
- Implement campaign initiatives.
- Spread messaging/awareness to their respective groups/organizations.
- Set up their team's fundraising campaign page at coachesvscanceracs.org and sharing their unique fundraising URL with all potential donors.

Fundraising ideas

Game Day fundraising:

- Hold a 50/50 raffle during a game or throughout the week leading up to the game.
- Wall of Hope: Sell basketball-themed donation cards for fans to sign and post on a wall of the gym (available on the resource tab of coachesvscanceracs.org).
- While creating your fundraising page, pick a stat (free throws, layups, etc.) and ask supporters to pledge per chosen stat.
- Supporters can also choose to make a flat donation on the page.
- Livestream the game(s) so relatives, friends, and supporters can watch from anywhere. Send out watch party invites and include the link to your fundraising page to encourage everyone watching to donate.
- Tell your story. When creating your page, you can customize it to share with supporters why this is important to you and your team. Then, email the link to your page to all your supporters and ask them to donate. Have your players share the link, too!
- Start an email campaign and have coaches and players send emails to current and past supporters (individuals and companies), sharing why this cause is important to them. Ask them to support your campaign via your team's page.



Youth Sports Offline Donation Form

Organizer Information

Team Name: _____

Team Captain's Name: _____

Team Captain's Email: _____

Please Indicate Your Donation Amount Below:

☐ \$500 ☐ \$250 ☐ \$100 ☐ \$50 ☐ \$25 ☐ Other Amount: _____

Contact Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/ZIP: _____

Country: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please Indicate the Sport/Campaign Associated With Your Team's Fundraising: _____

- | | | |
|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Baseball/Softball (Hope At Bat)
SK: PGRHUR | <input type="checkbox"/> Football (Crucial Catch)
SK: ZSBETP | <input type="checkbox"/> Officials vs. Cancer
SK: 7Q7457 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Basketball (Coaches vs. Cancer)
SK: GHC9W7 | <input type="checkbox"/> Hockey (Hockey Fights Cancer)
SK: U3ACDV | <input type="checkbox"/> Soccer (Red Card Cancer)
SK: ZU99CC |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Field Hockey
SK: YQ5LSG | <input type="checkbox"/> Lacrosse (Stick It To Cancer)
SK: RRTYSR | <input type="checkbox"/> Volleyball (Spike Out Cancer)
SK: ZULTVT |

Thank you so much for your contribution!

Please mail this completed form, along with your check, to the American Cancer Society at the address below.

American Cancer Society
ATTN: Youth Sports
P.O. Box 2438
Kennesaw, GA 30156

The American Cancer Society cares about your privacy and protects how we use your information. Your information will help us better serve your needs of your community, and we do not sell your information to third parties. For questions about our privacy policy, please visit [cancer.org](https://www.cancer.org).

QUICK LINKS & DOWNLOADS

CLICK TO DOWNLOAD

Brand Elements

- [CvC logos \(all versions\)](#)
- [ACS Brand Guidelines](#)

Game Day Needs

- [Printable signs](#) in various color options
 - I Suit Up For (primary sign)
 - I Play For (alternative sign)
 - Today, I Honor (alternative sign)
- [Media Kit](#)
 - PA Announcements
 - Coach Media Talking Points
 - Media Alert

Digital Assets

- [General Screening Video](#)
- [Video Board Graphics \(Static and Motion\)](#)
- [Lower Thirds](#)

Other

- [Click here](#) to subscribe to the CvC Newsletter
- [Click here](#) to follow us on social
- General CvC Site: coachesvscancer.org
- Cancer Screening Locator: coaches.cancer.org
- Youth Fundraising Website: coachesvscanceracs.org

THANK YOU!

BECAUSE OF YOU ...

... we are celebrating more than
30 years of Coaches vs. Cancer!
With more than 5,000 coaches
engaged, the program has raised
over \$179 million since 1993.

Every cancer. Every life.®