

TSSAA pushing to end fights at high school athletic events

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MEMPHIS, TN (WMC) - Ten high school basketball teams across Tennessee are currently banned from post-season play because of fights at games.

Now, the state athletic association is trying to stop fights.

There have been eight fights in Tennessee since January, [including two in Memphis](#).

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The Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association said many times it's the fans who start the fights, but the students suffer the consequences.

"They're going to do exactly what they see adults do," said TSSAA Executive Director Bernard Childress. "We have got to be better role models. The choice is up to you whether you're going to be a positive role model or a negative role model."

The TSSAA is partnering with the Tennessee Titans for the Inside Out Initiative.

Through this program schools can meet and discuss a plan of action from crowd control to easing the pressure on athletes.

To learn more, [visit the Inside Out Initiative website](#).

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