

ASU Hoops headed to Mexico; Asheville to host SoCon Tournament

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The Appalachian State University men's basketball team will be playing in the inaugural Governor's Cup on Cancun, Mexico December 22-24.

The eight-team field will include Ole Miss, Southern Mississippi, Colorado State, East Tennessee State, Northeastern, St. Louis, and Texas State. The Apps (24-13), who made it to the College Basketball Invitational semifinals last season, return a veteran group, including Donald Sims, a prolific scorer who led the nation in free-throw shooting.

Asheville to host SoCon Tournament 2012-14

The Southern Conference men's and women's basketball tournament is heading back to an old stomping ground.

The SoCon announced Thursday afternoon that the city of Asheville will host the men's and women's Southern Conference Basketball Tournament from 2012-14. The games will be played at the newly renovated Asheville Civic Center and the soon-to-be unveiled UNC-Asheville on-campus facility. It's the first time since 1995 that Asheville has hosted the tournament. It was a mainstay there from 1984-1995.

"We're thrilled to be returning to Asheville, a site where the Southern Conference enjoyed some of its most exciting basketball championships," said Southern Conference Commissioner John Iamarino. "The City of Asheville clearly demonstrated its enthusiasm and commitment to hosting the tournament in its presentation to the membership. We had six outstanding choices available, which illustrates the growing prestige of this event."

There were six cities in the running for the Southern Conference men's and women's basketball tournament. Chattanooga is hosting the tournament this season.

ASU to host SoCon mens soccer and softball tournaments

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The Southern Conference also announced on Thursday that Appalachian State University will be the host for a pair of Southern Conference tournaments.

ASU will host the men's SoCon tournament in the fall of 2011; and ASU will host the SoCon softball tournament in the spring of 2012.