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Kids score free admission and free food at FedEx St. Jude Championship

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — New for this year's FedEx St. Jude Championship, two children ages 15 and under will receive free admission per ticketed adult and receive unlimited, complimentary food and beverages as part of the tournament's all-inclusive Grounds+ ticket program. The First Tee of Tennessee-Memphis is sponsoring the youth ticket program for the first time in 2026, ensuring the most family-friendly experience at the first event of the FedExCup Playoffs.

"The FedEx St. Jude Championship is a community event and we want as many families as possible to be part of it," said Robert Miller, Executive Director of the FedEx St. Jude Championship. "By extending these benefits to families, we're making it easier for parents to bring their children to TPC Southwind and the FedExCup Playoffs together."

Grounds+ tickets start at \$63 and include unlimited food and non-alcoholic beverages at select market concessions throughout the course. Because each ticketed adult can bring up to two children ages 15 and under at no additional cost, a family of six can attend the FedEx St. Jude Championship and enjoy Grounds+

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Military families can take advantage of the same benefit through the tournament's military ticket program presented by Big River Steel, with eligible children also receiving complimentary Grounds+ access.

The FedEx St. Jude Championship returns to TPC Southwind Aug. 12-16, bringing five days of world-class golf, family-friendly activities and fan experiences to Memphis.

Tickets are available at: <https://www.fedexchampionship.com/tickets>.

Statement from the National Football League (NFL) on the Protect College Sports Act

June 16, 2026- The National Football League applauds Senators Ted Cruz, Maria Cantwell, Eric Schmitt, and Chris Coons for their bipartisan leadership in introducing the Protect College Sports Act of 2026.

Healthy, stable, and thriving collegiate athletics is essential to the future of American sports, including Olympic sports, and this legislation is an important step to achieving that for the benefit of all college athletes and institutions alike.

By utilizing proven models like the voluntary pooling of media rights under the Sports Broadcasting Act, which supports broad, fan-friendly distribution of NFL games, this legislation will support college athletics and ensure fans will be able to access their favorite games across today's changing media landscape. The league looks forward to continue working with Congressional leaders as this bill moves through the legislative process.

11 Tigers named to 12 spots on Athlon Sports Preseason American Conference Teams

NASHVILLE, Tenn., July 1, 2026 – A total of 11 University of Memphis football players garnered recognition on Athlon Sports' Preseason American Conference teams, announced by the publication.

Memphis' 12 selections were tied with UTSA and Temple for the second-most in the conference, only trailing Navy's 13 selections.

A trio of Tiger defenders were named to the first team in defensive lineman **J'Mond Tapp**, linebacker **Mike Montgomery** and safety **Ian Foster**. All three of the Southern Miss transfers were also selected to the Phil Steele Preseason American Conference First Team. Foster also found himself on the third team, highlighting his versatile skillset and earning the nod as a kick returner. Tight end **Hunter Tipton** and safety **Ahmere Foster** found themselves on the second team. Tipton, a Middle Tennessee transfer, hauled in 39 passes for 411 yards and a pair of touch-



downs last season. Foster, who will play alongside his brothers Ian and Khalil this season after joining from Southern Miss, recorded three interceptions and 47 tackles last season for head coach Charles Huff's Golden Eagles.

The third team featured a pair of offensive players and a pair of defensive players, in addition to Ian Foster being named the third-team kick returner. Wide receiver **Tychaun Chapman** and offensive lineman **Maarten Woudsma** represent the Tiger offense, as Chapman caught 24 passes for 444 yards and three rushing touchdowns last season at Southern Miss and Woudsma helped the Old Dominion Monarchs finish within the top 10 na-

tionally in rushing offense and top 20 in the FBS in total offense. Woudsma was also previously named to the Phil Steele Preseason American Conference fourth team.

Defensive lineman **Jaden McKinney** and cornerback **Chauncey Logan Jr.** were Memphis' defensive players on the third team. McKinney, another Southern Miss transfer, was named to the American Conference Preseason First Team by **Phil Steele** last month and **Logan Jr.** is one of the few returning starters from a year ago, logging 13 tackles and an interception in just five games played after suffering an injury.

The fourth team featured wide receiver **Terrell Timmons Jr.** and safety **Dylan Smith**. Timmons Jr., a transfer from Colorado, looks to have an increased role with the Tigers after logging three catches for 58 yards in four games with the Buffaloes last season. Smith, a former Okla-

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William M. Larsha, Jr.



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BIHMST Travelers, join correspondents William M. Larsha, Jr. and Ashley Braun Gendek in their sports coverage of The University of Memphis Tigers, Memphis Grizzlies, TN Titans, Southern Heritage Classic, and more!

Moms for Liberty celebrates Supreme Court decision protecting all women’s sports and upholding intent of Title IX

WASHINGTON, D.C. - June 30, 2026— The U.S. Supreme Court on June 30 ruled in favor of protecting women's sports by affirming that sex is determined by biology, not feelings or medical interventions. The decision delivers a major victory for female athletes and upholds the original intent of Title IX.

"Today, the Supreme Court stood for truth," said Tina Des-covich, CEO and Co-Founder of Moms for Liberty. The highest court in the land has correctly identified what a woman is and no amount of therapy or medical intervention can change that."

"For too long, our daughters have been forced to compete against biological males in sports, share locker rooms and private spaces with them, and watch their opportunities stolen. This is a win for every girl who has trained for thousands of hours only to lose to a stronger male competitor. It is a win for every mother who refused to stay silent. At Moms for Liberty, standing for truth is our number one value. We will continue fighting to protect our daughters, because when we abandon truth, pain and injustice always follow."

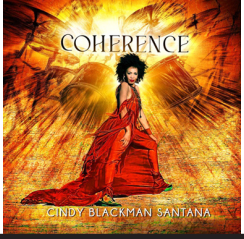
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The ruling comes after oral arguments in which justices, including Justice Alito, pressed attorneys on the fundamental definition of "woman" and "sex." Moms for Liberty remains committed to ensuring that Title IX continues to protect biological females in sports, locker rooms, and all areas of school life.

Moms for Liberty is a 501(c)(4) nonprofit organization. Moms for Liberty is dedicated to fighting for the survival of America by unifying, educating, and empowering parents to defend their parental rights at all levels of government.



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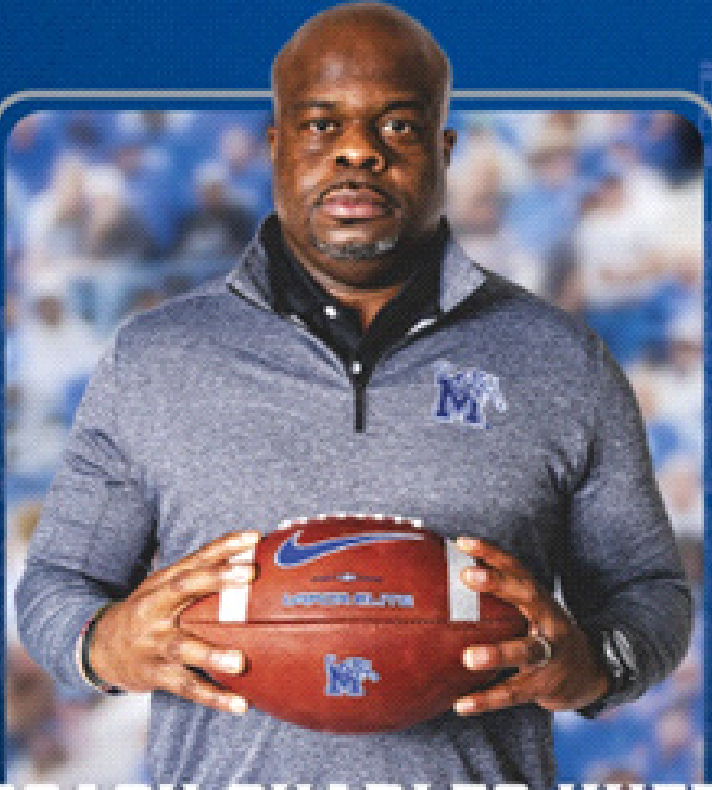
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