

2021 Native American Basketball Invitational Application Overview

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Where: Phoenix, Arizona

When: Sunday July 11 – Saturday July 17, 2021

REGISTRATION FEES

- Online Registration Only.
- *Non-Refundable team fees (US Currency)
 - 6-8 Players - \$800
 - Additional Players - \$100 per player. MAX 13 players.
 - Head Coach - \$50 (must be age 21 or older)
 - Background check will be conducted.
 - Assistant Coach or Team Manager - \$50 (must be 21 or older)
 - Background check will be conducted.
- Forms of Payment:
 - Electronic Payment Only
 - Invoice will be sent to the provided email address of the head coach. Payment must be submitted by credit card within 24 hours of invoice date for application to be accepted.
 - Team Sponsors
 - NABI will reimburse teams once sponsor check has been received.
 - Team MUST submit payment within 24 hours of invoice date.
 - Please include name of Team and Division (Girls or Boys) in memo of check.
 - Issue to: NABI Foundation, ATTN: Team Applications, PO Box 25606, Phoenix, AZ 85002-5606
 - NO Personal Checks, Money Order or Cash will be accepted.

**Teams not accepted will receive a full refund. Once team is accepted no refunds will be given to teams after April 30th.*

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PLEASE READ ALL INFORMATION IN ITS ENTIRETY BEFORE CALLING OR EMAILING WITH ANY QUESTIONS. THANK YOU.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

- **Participants must be Native American.**
 - **Must provide proof in the form of:**
 - (a) Tribal Membership ID
 - (b) C.I.B. (Certificate of Indian Blood)
 - To apply for a Certificate of Indian Blood, see the following link:
https://www.bia.gov/sites/bia.gov/files/assets/public/raca/online_forms/pdf/Certificate_of_Degree_of_Indian_Blood_1076-0153_Exp3-31-21_508.pdf
 - Please allow ample time to apply. For more information, please contact the Bureau of Indian Affairs or the agency from whom you receive services from.
 - **An official Certificate of Indian Blood must be submitted. The NABI Foundation no longer accepts Birth Certificates and Tribal Documents from relatives to prove descendency.**
 - Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islanders as defined by the US Census are eligible to play. Any documentation providing proof will need to be provided.
- **Participants must be enrolled in high school.**
 - GED program is eligible.
 - 2021 graduating seniors are eligible.
 - Participants cannot turn 20 years during the week of NABI (July 11-17, 2021).
 - Students who received their High School diploma prior to 2021 and are currently enrolled in a post graduate institution or Preparatory Academy are not eligible to play.
 - Must provide copy of high school transcript or report card from the 2020-2021 academic year.
 - Must provide photo ID **AND** copy of birth certificate.
- **Participants must complete and sign a *Participate Waiver & Release Form*, available on the NABI Foundation website.**
 - A Parent or Legal Guardian must sign, if under the age of 18.
 - Coaches are prohibited to sign for players unless he/she is a legal guardian or parent.
- **No player can play for more than one team.**
- **Jr. NABI participants are not eligible to play in the Basketball Invitational. NO EXCEPTIONS.**

**Please Note: NABI staff have the right to conduct proof of eligibility at any time of the tournament.*

COACH ELIGIBILITY

- Coaches do not have to be Native American.
- Head Coaches including Assistant Coaches or Team Managers must be over the age of 21.
- A limit of (2) coaches per team; (1) Head Coach and (1) Assistant Coach or Team Manager.
- Head coaches may not coach more than one team; if a coach has more than one team, they will need to be put down as the Assistant Coach for the second team.
- Coaches are responsible for the conduct of their team and must always escort and supervise their team.
- Credentials are for coaches and team managers only.
- Coaches must complete and sign a *Participant Waiver & Release Form*, available on the NABI Foundation website.
- Background checks will be done on all coaches/team managers after teams have been accepted.

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PLAYER & COACH RESPONSIBILITIES

- Mindful of dates/times and adhere to all deadlines.
 - **Important: To minimize disruption of the Check-In process and related events, NABI will not allow late check-in. All players and coaches must be present for Check-In. NO EXCEPTIONS.**
- Attend all NABI related events and the Educational Youth Summit (MANDATORY).
- At all times, head coaches must carry all player eligibility documents (transcript/report card, C.I.B/Tribal Membership and photo ID/copy of birth certificate) in the event a player's eligibility is challenged. If the head coach does not have any player eligibility documents at the time a challenge has been called, that player or team will be disqualified from the remaining of the tournament.
- Only head coaches and NABI staff can present a challenge. Challenges **MUST BE** presented 10 minutes prior to start of the game by head coaches. NABI Staff may conduct challenges at any time.
- All players and coaches must always wear their NABI credentials.
 - If a player/coach loses their NABI badge, a replacement will cost \$25.
- Players and coaches must wear the official team uniform and coach jersey during all NABI games.
- Host hotel curfew is 11:00 PM. Our youth's safety and well-being come first. Youth must always be supervised by a coach. Any unescorted player(s) wandering the hotel or hotel grounds after 11:00 PM will have his/her NABI credentials confiscated and dismissed from the tournament.
- Drugs, alcohol, gambling, and firearms are prohibited.
- Teams are responsible for lodging, meals, and travel cost to and from the NABI Tournament.
 - For lodging information, please visit the NABI Foundation website.

TEAM SELECTION PROCESS

All team applications will be reviewed, and teams will be selected by way of the following criteria:

- Submit completed and signed application by the deadline date of April 15, 2021 to the NABI Foundation.
 - Online payment must be received within 24 hours of invoice.
- Submit all contact information to include: ACTIVE cell number and email address.
- Attendees agree to comply to all NABI rules & regulations posted on the NABI Official website.
- Agree to participate in all mandatory NABI related events below:
 - Team Check-In
 - College & Career Fair
 - Meet & Greet Party / Parade of Teams
 - Teams must bring tribal flag/Tribal Seals only. No advertising is permitted.
 - Coaches Meeting
 - Educational Youth Summit
 - Mandatory for all players to attend when not scheduled for a game.
 - All other NABI or NABI sponsor related events
- 2019 SILVER & GOLD CHAMPIONSHIP finalists will automatically be accepted once 2021 application and fees are submitted by the deadline date.
- Tribal Affiliation: when making selections, NABI strives to have fair representation of Tribal participation throughout the United States and abroad.
- Returning teams: Selection based on the previous year's participation in all NABI related events, including the Educational Youth Summit. Infractions from previous years will also be viewed.
- New Teams: Head coach must submit a letter of interest for consideration after application has been submitted; disclose team's history in other tournaments, why you would like your team to participate in the NABI Basketball Invitational and how your team will benefit from the event. Please submit letter by attachment to teams@nabifoundation.org. If a letter is not submitted, the team will not be invited.

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BENEFITS

- **NABI College & Career Fair**
- **NABI Meet & Greet Party / Parade of Teams**
- **NABI Educational Youth Summit**
- **Jr. NABI Camp**
- **NABI College Scholarship Fund: Graduating seniors are eligible to apply.**
- **Sponsored events: TBD**
- **Gold Division Championship games:**
 - Gold Championship Trophy, Medal, T-shirt, and Cap
 - Gold Runner-Up Trophy and Medal
 - (2) Tournament MVP's (1 boy/1 girl)
- **Team uniforms**
 - NO SIZE CHANGES or ADDITIONS once application has been submitted. Please ensure all sizes and quantity are correct before submitting.
 - NO EXCHANGES.
 - Uniforms become property of players at the end of the tournament.
 - Teams who drop-out or no show will not receive uniforms.

**Based on the above referenced apparel items, size and quantities are limited; all orders are based off submitted application form.*

JR. NABI CAMP Powered by Jr. Suns & Jr. Mercury

- Registered teams are guaranteed (1) participant in the FREE JR. NABI Basketball Clinic.
 - Must be a graduating 8th grader.
 - Check-in: Sunday, July 11, 2021
 - Camp dates: July 15 & 16, 2021
 - Lunch, Camp Jersey, Gym Sack, Certificate of Completion and Medal will be provided.
 - Campers will receive (1) Jr. NABI "All Access" badge.
 - Campers must be dropped off 15 minutes prior to camp start time and picked up at the end of each day on-time.
 - Deadline to submit Jr. NABI Camp participant application is June 1st.
 - Teams who do not submit a participant name by the deadline will forfeit their slot.
 - Campers must complete and sign a *Participate Waiver & Release Form*, available on the NABI Foundation website. Waiver & Release Forms for Jr. NABI are due at Check-In.
- Jr. NABI Participants are not eligible to compete in the NABI Basketball tournament.
 - Teams who violate this rule will be disqualified from tournament play.

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IMPORTANT DATES

- **Monday, February 1:** Application available online.
- **Thursday, April 15:** Application deadline.
- **Friday, April 16:** Fees Deadline.
- **Thursday, April 22:** Teams accepted will be notified *via email*.
- **Friday, April 30:** Teams not accepted, full refund checks will be mailed.
- **Tuesday, June 1:** Deadline to register (1) Jr. NABI participant. Jr NABI camp for accepted teams only.
- **Sunday, July 11:** Check-in, Coaches Meeting, Opening Ceremonies and Meet & Greet Party.
- **July 12-14:** Educational Youth Summit
- **July 15 & 16:** Jr. NABI Camp
- **July 12-16:** Pool & Bracket Games
- **Saturday, July 17:** Championship Games at the Phoenix Suns Arena in downtown Phoenix, AZ.

**All times TBD. Finalized Schedule of Events to be posted on NABI official website, June 1st.*

WHAT'S NEW

- COVID
 - All participants will need to abide by all CDC guidelines during the entire NABI tournament. Masks will be required on all premises. Coaches will need to wear their mask during all games. Players are not required to wear their mask during a game but will need to wear it at all other times. Consistent hand washing and sanitizing is required, including social distancing if possible. The NABI Foundation recommends all participants quarantine and test for COVID before traveling and after the tournament. This is to prevent the spread of COVID-19 to all tribal communities.
 - The NABI Foundation will keep all participants up to date with any new guidelines or regulations required by the CDC, Maricopa County, and the city of Phoenix.
 - NABI recommends teams not making travel arrangements until after May 1st in case of cancellation due to COVID. 100% of all fees will be refunded if tournament is cancelled.
- Benefits
 - The NABI tournament has eliminated the Silver Division bracket and will be moving forward with a double elimination bracket and Gold Division Championship for both girls and boys divisions. All teams will be placed in the Gold bracket based on their pool play record.

Questions, please email Lynette Lewis at teams@nabifoundation.org or phone at (480) 446-7052 ext. 104

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**By signing this online application, you agree to the above NABI tournament rules and regulations, and the eligibility and responsibilities outlined in the registration process of the NABI official website. Any rule that is violated will result in a forfeit of game and possible ejection from the tournament and not allowed to participate in future NABI events. NABI Foundation has the right to expel any player, coach, or team from the tournament for unacceptable behavior.*

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