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# TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

<b>DATE:</b>	Tournament: June 12-16, 2019
<b>VENUE:</b>	LeConte Center at Pigeon Forge - 2986 Teaster Lane, Pigeon Forge, TN 37863
<b>PARKING:</b>	Parking is FREE. Tram service from LeConte Center to The Island and surrounding Pigeon Forge attractions/hotels/restaurants is also FREE.
<b>HOTELS:</b>	The 2019 Teammate Basketball National Championship is a "Stay To Play" event. Your team must book rooms via the TCI Housing reservation link: <a href="https://mmxreservations.com/fer/#/TCIHousing?pageCode=Teammate2019">https://mmxreservations.com/fer/#/TCIHousing?pageCode=Teammate2019</a>
<b>SPECTATOR ADMISSION:</b>	Daily admission will be available for \$15.00 per adult, \$10.00 per youth. Youth is considered Age 6-17, 5 & under are free.  A Length of Event pass will be available on Wednesday, June 12 and all day Thursday, June 13 at a cost of \$45 for adults and \$30 for youth. Length of Event passes can be purchased at the Opening Party at The Island on Wednesday June 12 and all day at The LeConte Center on Thursday June 13.
<b>WRISTBAND POLICY:</b>	ALL spectators and coaches MUST have a wristband fastened to their WRIST for entry into LeConte Center. There are no exceptions to this policy. Lost wristbands must be repurchased.  The Length of Event pass is a comfortable, light-weight, durable cloth material and must be worn for the length of the tournament. Length of Event passes are non-transferrable. If wearing wristband for length of tournament is undesirable, the alternative is to purchase a daily admission wristband.

**PLAYER ENTRY:** Participating athletes can only enter LeConte Center with their uniform on. Jersey must be worn, not carried in.

**REGISTRATION:** All teams will be assigned a Check-In time based on game schedule. Assigned check in times will be emailed to coaches. Team Check-in will be held at designated area inside The LeConte Center. All teams must submit an official roster and a parental consent waiver for all players

Early Team Check-In is Wednesday, June 12 from 6pm-9pm at The Island (131 The Island Drive, Pigeon Forge TN 37863).

Parents/Spectators can purchase Length of Event passes at Team Check-In on Wednesday June 12 from 6pm-9pm.

**NATIONAL SPORTS ID:** All teams must be verified through National Sports ID for participation in the 2019 Teammate Basketball National Championship. Once your team is verified through NSID, please print the official NSID Verified Roster. You will submit verified roster and player waivers at Team Check-In.



If you are unable to obtain an NSID for a particular player, please see "Athlete Eligibility Requirements" below. You must have approved documentation for any player who is not verified through NSID. Keep in mind, if your team is verified through NSID, you do not need to carry around sensitive personal information for your players.

**ATHLETE  
ELIGIBILITY  
REQUIREMENTS:**

**Acceptable Proof of Age Documents:**

1. Electronic Player Verification via Nationals Sports ID
2. Birth Certificate
3. State ID / Driver's License
4. Passport

**Acceptable Proof of Grade Documents:**

1. Report Card
2. Progress Report
3. Accredited Curriculum Document (home-schooled athletes)

Players cannot take the court without above documentation or without being verified through National Sports ID.

**TEAM PHOTO:** Teams must arrive at Team Check-In/Registration in uniform and prepared to take Team Photo. Legends Photography will be on site taking team photos, as well as action photos throughout the National Championship.

<b>COACH VERIFICATION:</b>	Teams are allowed three bench personnel. Bench personnel must show up in person at Team Check-In to receive credentials. Coach's wristbands must remain on wrist for the duration of the tournament. <b>NO EXCEPTIONS</b>
<b>TOURNAMENT RULES:</b>	The 2018-19 National Federation of State High School Association Rules will be enforced at the 2019 Teammate Basketball National Championship, except where amended by Teammate Basketball. For complete rules, please visit <a href="http://www.teammatebasketball.com">www.teammatebasketball.com</a> .
<b>SCHEDULE:</b>	The tournament schedule can be found at <a href="http://www.teammatebasketball.com">www.teammatebasketball.com</a> , as well as the Tourney Machine app. Results will be updated in real time.
<b>GAME FORMAT:</b>	2nd grade-6th grade: Two 14-minute stop-clock halves (28.5 Ball) 7th grade-11th/12th Grade: Two 16-minute stop-clock halves
<b>MERCY RULE:</b>	A team leading by 20 or more points cannot press full court. The clock will run, with the exception of during timeouts, until the lead is decreased to under 20.
<b>BENCH RULES:</b>	<p>The home team will sit on the left side of the official scorer's table and must have an accredited bench personnel at the scorer's table to keep the official scoresheet. Visiting teams are suggested to also keep scoresheet on their bench. Effective communication between bookkeepers in dead periods of the game may contribute to accuracy of score and foul reporting.</p> <p>Only the three accredited bench personnel and players in uniform on the team roster are permitted to sit on the bench (18 individuals max).</p>
<b>COACH'S ATTIRE:</b>	All accredited bench personnel must abide by the national tournament coach's dress code: No hats, sunglasses, open-toed sandals, mesh shorts or sweat pants are permitted. Khakis or khaki shorts are suggested, but jeans are acceptable. Shirts with collars are suggested, however a team t-shirt is acceptable.
<b>TOURNAMENT ITINERARY:</b>	<p>June 12 - Pre-Registration at The Island/ Opening Party at the Island (6-9pm)  June 13 - Pool Play  June 14 - Pool Play  June 15 - Bracket Play  June 16 - Bracket Play / Championships / Awards</p> <p>During pool play, teams will either play one game on Thursday and two games on Friday OR two games on Thursday and one game on Friday. Teams may play two or more games on bracket play days.</p>

**PROTESTS:** Eligibility protests can only be made by the Head Coach and must be made prior to the start of a game. There is no fee to protest the eligibility of an athlete during Pool Play. A \$100 fee must accompany any eligibility protest during Bracket Play. If player in protest is eligible with required documentation, the protesting team will be assessed a technical foul to start the game and will lose a timeout. If player is found to be ineligible, and protest occurs prior to first Pool Play game, the ineligible player is disqualified from the tournament. If player is found to be ineligible after first pool play game, all previous games will result in a forfeit loss and team will be disqualified from the event.

All non-eligibility protests will be reviewed by the National Championship Infractions Committee and ruling will be upon discretion of committee.

**CODE OF CONDUCT:** Teammate Basketball upholds a high standard of conduct for coaches, players, and spectators. Please help us contribute to a positive, family-friendly tournament environment. Misbehavior or misconduct from coaches, players, and spectators can result in team disqualification.

Coaches listed on official team roster are directly responsible for conduct of players AND spectators. Misconduct in the LeConte Center, at your hotel, and in the city of Pigeon Forge can affect your participation. Disqualifications due to misconduct are at the discretion of the National Championship Infractions Committee.

**MISBEHAVIOR, EJECTIONS:**

1. Any coach ejected for fighting will be ruled ineligible and not allowed back in facility for the duration of the tournament.
2. Any spectator ejected for any reason is not allowed back in the facility for the duration of the tournament.
3. Any player ejected for any reason other than fighting is ineligible to participate in the team's next scheduled game. Any player ejected for fighting is ineligible for the duration of the tournament.
4. Additional penalties for coaches, players, and spectators (up to disqualification from the tournament) may be imposed by the National Championship Infractions Committee.

**TRAFFIC ON THE PARKWAY:** Pigeon Forge is one of the South's most popular summertime tourist destinations. The Parkway that connects Sevierville, Pigeon Forge, and Gatlinburg can be extremely congested at all times. Please make sure you're leaving your accommodations in plenty of time to arrive to your game on time. A grace period of 5 minutes after official game start time is all that is allowed before forfeit occurs.

**OPENING PARTY @ THE ISLAND:** Opening Party at THE ISLAND (131 The Island Drive, Pigeon Forge TN 37863) will be Wednesday from 6pm to 9pm. This is a non-formal opportunity to mix and mingle with other teams and explore all The Island has to offer. The LeConte Center is within walking distance to The Island, a great place to spend your downtime during Nationals!



Come check in your team early at The Opening Party!  
Parents can also pre-purchase weekly admission pass!

**NATIONALS APPAREL:**

ATS SPORTSWEAR is your one-stop shop for 2019 Teammate Basketball National Championship gear! They'll be set up on site offering national championship branded t-shirts, hoodies, caps & more! Apparel will sell out quickly! Pre-Order online at [www.atssportswear.com](http://www.atssportswear.com)!



**NATIONALS PHOTOGRAPHY:**

Legends Sports Photography will be on-site during Nationals to capture all the action! Team Pictures will be taken at Registration. A team of photographers will also be taking action shots throughout the week. For more info, please contact [kevin@legendseventphoto.com](mailto:kevin@legendseventphoto.com).



**THEME PARK TICKETS:**

A trip to Pigeon Forge is not complete without visiting DOLLYWOOD and SPLASH COUNTRY! Take the team to enjoy these parks at a special Teammate Nationals discounted rate! Purchase tickets today and use anytime during Nationals! See link below:



<https://store.dollywood.com/tickets/buy-tickets.aspx?promoCode=tmatebballtix>

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