



2020 National Championship Information Packet

You MUST read through ALL info below and understand everything before coming to Nationals!!

Note: please check back to this info packet as changes could be made or more info could be posted later and make sure you are checking the website for new info posted

Coronavirus Assumption of the Risk

Coronavirus, COVID-19, has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization, and various other medical authorities. COVID-19 is extremely contagious and is believed to spread mainly from person-to-person contact. As a result, federal, state, and local governments, and federal and state health agencies recommend social distancing and have, in many locations, prohibited the congregation of groups of people. In accordance with state, county and/or municipal health guidelines, National Travel Basketball Association, LLC ("NTBA" or "the NTBA") has put in place preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19; however, the NTBA CANNOT GUARANTEE that you, your child(ren), wards, players or guests, will not become infected with COVID-19, or any other disease. Further, you acknowledge that attendance at any NTBA event increases your risk, your child(ren)'s risk, and your players risk of contracting COVID-19 or other diseases.

You acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19 and voluntarily assume the risk that you and all guest with you may be exposed to or infected by COVID-19 or other diseases by attending NTBA events, and that such exposure or infection may result in personal injury, illness, permanent disability, and death. You understand that the risk of becoming exposed to or infected by COVID-19 or other diseases at NTBA events may result from the actions, omissions, or negligence of the NTBA, along with its officers, directors, managers, officials, agents, employees, or representatives, and their successors and assigns (collectively, the "NTBA Representatives"), or from event volunteers, attendees, participants, and their guests or families. Everyone attending NTBA events assume all such risks, both known and unknown, relating to attendance at or

involvement in such NTBA events, and you hereby forever release, waive, relinquish, and discharge the NTBA and the NTBA Representatives from any and all claims, demands, liabilities, rights, damages, expenses, and causes of action of whatever kind or nature, and other losses of any kind, whether known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen (collectively “Damages”) as a result of all involvement in such NTBA events, including but not limited to those related to the above described personal injuries, death, disease, or any other loss, and including but not limited to claims based on alleged negligence of any NTBA Representative. By attending the NTBA event you promise to not sue National Travel Basketball Association, LLC or any NTBA Representative, and agree to indemnify and hold them harmless from any and all Damages resulting from any involvement in such NTBA events.

New Normal

Many things have changed as part of the “new normal” with basketball tournaments due to COVID-19. We ask that you please be patient, kind, and respectful to all new procedures that are put in place for the 2020 Nationals.

Face Mask

Please bring your own face mask and wear it inside the facilities/gyms at all times. Players do not have to wear mask while on the court playing, but please have them wear a mask until they get to their bench area. Coaches are encouraged to wear mask throughout the game (and especially during time outs).
Players are encouraged to wear mask while sitting on the bench.

Safety Procedures and Protocols

Please read through the entire Safety Procedures Document posted on our website and make sure all spectators traveling with your team read through it as well and are aware of all procedures.

Schedule

The schedule will be posted on our website (www.playntba.com) and on our free NTBA Smart Phone App (see info below for downloading instructions).

Note: The app is the best way to view the schedule (but make sure you are checking the website and click on “Tournament Schedules” as we will post other important information and documents there as well).

Note: Please continue to check daily for any new info.

***Make sure to check back for updates/changes to the schedule once it is posted on the app (and especially check back the day before and the 1st day of the tournament for any last-minute changes to the schedule)**

NTBA App

Make sure you download the FREE NTBA app if you have a smartphone from your app store or google play store on your phone. Simply search "NTBA" and our free app will come right up. This is by far the best way to view the schedule and to see what seed you will be for bracket play (and to view the brackets).

*Make sure you sign up for "notifications" through our NTBA app as we will be texting and emailing updates & important info throughout the tournament. Once you click on your team in the app, then click the "Follow" button and enter your info to get notifications from NTBA.

Please contact the NTBA office if you have any questions about this.

***Make sure to check your score following each game and make sure the score was put in exactly correct as this will affect seeding for bracket play.**

Team / Coach Check-In

You can check in anytime during the "early bird" check in times or you must check in at least 2 hours BEFORE your first scheduled game time. Only ONE person will come to the Team/Coach check-in and the check-in will be at the Myrtle Beach Sports Center.

Each team must turn in a Hard Copy of your roster (a blank one will be posted online to fill out and print). We also need "proof of age" and "proof of the grade the player was in this past school year" for ALL players. **Each player MUST have a parent/guardian to sign the NTBA Waiver before they can play as well (waiver can be found on our website).**

For proof of age, you can use a copy of a birth certificate or a state certified document (such as a DMV identification card, passport, Walker ID, or driver's license)

For proof of the grade the player was in school, you can use any school certified document from anytime this past school year which can be a copy of a report card, progress report, or online Power School portal print off.

All players MUST be on the Roster sent to NTBA in order to be eligible to play.

National Sports ID

NTBA will accept National Sports ID (NSID) for proof of age and proof of current grade the players are in. You will need to show us the "Green Check Mark" that your entire team is verified for NTBA eligibility. **Please make sure you add your team to the NTBA Nationals on the NSID website to get verified for our NTBA eligibility rules!**

If you get ALL player verified through NSID then you do not have to bring any paperwork with you to the Coach Check-In.

For more info and to get your players verified through NSID:
Visit: <https://www.nationalsportsid.com/ntba-age-grade-verification/>

Note: NSID charges \$10/player to get verified and thus the reason we do not require it (however verification is good for 365 days though and many national organizations are now accepting NSID)

Roster Rules

- Teams can have a maximum of only 15 players per roster/team
- All players must be on the team roster turned in to NTBA in order to play in the tournament
- Players can play on two different teams as long as it is within the SAME organization (team name), two DIFFERENT age groups, and the player meets the eligibility requirements for both age groups.
 - Post Grad/Prep School players are not eligible to play

Parking Fee for the Myrtle Beach Sports Center

The Myrtle Beach Sports Center is a city owned facility and the city of Myrtle Beach charges all vehicles that enter the parking lot during events (note: NTBA has nothing to do with this). For regular vehicles there is a \$5 per vehicle fee per day (you can come and go as much as you like during that particular day once you pay). Big Vehicles such as 15 passenger vans, buses, etc. are charged more.

This fee is only charged at the Myrtle Beach Sports Center. All other gyms are free to park.

Forfeit/Arriving Late to games

There is only a 5-minute grace period once it is time for your game to start before the game becomes a forfeit. You MUST arrive in plenty of time for your games! Traffic delays are NOT an excuse. Make sure you leave in plenty of extra time to get to your gym. If it is the first time you are playing at a particular gym, make sure you leave early to find it. **While the gym will only open approximately 15 minutes before your game time, NTBA suggest getting there much earlier to assure you are not late due to traffic jams, etc.**

A forfeit score will be 25-0 (which is the maximum point differential)

Sportsmanship

Coaches are responsible for themselves, their assistants, their players, AND their players' parents and fans. NTBA will not tolerate any unsportsmanlike behavior. We will dismiss any team from the tournament for anything we consider worthy of doing so (no refunds of any kind to anyone). *Players can not leave the bench for any reason. If a player leaves the bench (even if it is to break up a fight) that player may be dismissed from the game. Coaches and Refs should break up any altercations (not players or parents). If a player or coach is ejected from a game, they must sit out the next game as well. **Coaches: make sure your players are aware of what happens if they are ejected from any game. No appeals can be made as they are judgment calls from refs/officials.**

Gyms Locations

Make sure you give yourself plenty of time to find each gym. The gym addresses are posted on the schedule and on the NTBA app under venues. You MUST pay close attention to the exact gym each of your games are located as NTBA uses multiple sites.

Game Scores

Scores will be posted on the schedule and on our App. It is very important to check the app after each of your games to make sure the score is EXACTLY correct. This will determine seeds for bracket play so you want to make sure everything is exactly correct (point different could determine your seed). Contact NTBA immediately if you score is not correct on the app.

Seeds for bracket play will be posted on the app as soon as all teams in your particular pool have finished playing all of their pool play games.

Bench Personnel / Scorekeeper info

Each team can have a maximum of 3 coaches on the bench and another scorekeeper at the score table. Any more than 3 coaches on the bench must first have prior approval from NTBA. Only players on the roster, in uniform, for that particular game are allowed to sit on the bench. Players from other teams, even if it is a younger or older team from the same organization, cannot sit on the player bench. Reminder, players from other age group teams in your organization will have to pay to enter the gym to watch as they will be considered a spectator if they are not playing as part of the "new normal."

Please make sure coaches and players are practicing social distance while sitting on the bench and have them spaced out.

The “home” team will be the official scorebook so please make sure you have someone available to keep the scoresheet/scorebook, especially if you are the home team. NTBA will provide blank scoresheets which will be at each score table and on our website to print out.

The “home” team is the team listed first (or on top) of the schedule.

NOTE: The away team scorekeeper should close enough (while still keeping social distancing) to be able to communicate with the home team scorekeeper to make sure both teams have the exact same info.

Note: NTBA will provide someone to keep the score clock.

Determining Seeds for Bracket Play

Please do not assume your seed. Make sure you look at the updated brackets/seeds posted on the schedule (and on our App) after pool play is over with all teams in your pool. Based upon pool play record, the top half of the teams from pool play will go to the Gold Bracket and the bottom half of the teams will go to the Silver Bracket (NTBA will crown a National Champion in each).

Teams will be seeded from their pool first according to their record. If two teams are tied with the same record, we will look at head-to-head to determine the higher seed first.

If 3 or more teams are tied then NTBA will look directly at point differential to determine the seeds (no head to head outcome is used in a 3 way tie). If the point differential is the same for teams, then the team giving up the fewest amount of points will get the higher seed. If this is the exact same then NTBA will flip a coin to determine the higher seed. *Note: this has never happened in the past.*

Note: There is maximum of 25 points for point difference. If a team wins by 41 points then they will get a +25 for their point differential for that particular game and the losing team will get a -25 for that game. Forfeit scores will be 25-0.

NOTE: Pools for pool play are randomly assigned

All teams will play all other teams in their pool. In a pool of 5, the top 3 teams will go to the Gold Bracket and the bottom 2 teams will go to the Silver Bracket. In a pool of 4, the top 2 teams will go to the Gold Bracket and the bottom 2 teams will go to the Silver Bracket. In a pool of 3, the top 2 teams will go to the Gold Bracket and the bottom team will go to the Silver Bracket.

NTBA Store

“2020 National Championship T-Shirts” and other apparel will be on sale during the tournament. Our one of a kind t-shirts will be on sale on Court #1 in the Myrtle Beach Sports Center. NTBA will offer other apparel items as well (such as long sleeve t-shirts, hoodies, and much more).

NOTE: NTBA will have our online store set up on our website. We highly encourage everyone to purchase their items online and then simply pick them up on Court #1 when they arrive at Nationals as this will help with social distancing and allow you to not have to pay in person. You will enter your shipping address when making a purchase online and pay for shipping however that fee will be refunded if you pick up your item(s) at Nationals on Court #1.

Gym Time Opening

The gyms will not open until approximately 15 minutes prior to your game time at the earliest so NTBA can clean and sanitize the gym.

Discounted Tickets for Mini-Golf

\$3 each or \$25 for 10 tickets

These major discounted “putt-putt” tickets can ONLY be purchased during the Coach Check-In (credit card only) so make sure the person checking the team in is prepared to purchase these at that time.

Wristbands

Wristbands MUST be worn on the wrist at all times...NO EXCEPTIONS! Wristbands can not be put on belts, handbags, etc. They must be worn on the wrist only. Coaches will be required to wear wristbands the entire tournament. Any coach not wearing a wristband will be asked to pay at the door. NTBA is not responsible for any lost coaches passes (wristbands) as all 3 passes will be given to the one person checking the team/players in during the Coach Check-In.

Cost for Admission

Per Game Rate Only:

\$7 (General Admission per game) for everyone 5 years old and above
4 and under are free

Game Rules

All National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) apply except:

Time

3rd – 6th grades (9U-12U): Two 14 minutes halves
7th – 11th/12th grades (13U and above): Two 16 minute halves
(Clock stops on all whistles unless the “mercy” rule is in effect)

Mercy Rule

If a team is up by 25 points then the clock will continue to run except during team or official time-outs (clock will stop again on all whistles once the score is back under 20). Teams can not full court press that are up by 25 points or more.

Time-Outs

Each team is given (5) thirty second time-outs per game for regulation. Players are permitted to sit on the bench during time-outs. These time-outs do NOT carry over to overtime. Each team is awarded (1) time-out for each overtime period.

Overtime

Overtime is two minutes long for the 1st and 2nd overtime periods. Starting with the 3rd overtime, the overtime periods will be 1 minute long and continue until a winner is determined. This overtime rule will be for both pool play and bracket play.

Game Ball Size

3rd – 6th grade boys (9U-12U): 28.5 intermediate size basketball
7th – 11th/12th grade boys (13U+): official men’s size basketball (29.5)
4th – 11th/12th girls: official women’s size basketball (28.5)
Note: 12U/6th Grade Boys may use the 29.5 basketball only if BOTH coaches agree

Half time and Pre Game allotted time

Half time: 5 minutes (but tournament director holds the right to shorten if needed)
Pre-Game: 5 minutes (but tournament director holds the right to shorten if needed)

Each team should be stretched and ready to go

Scorebook

The “home” team will provide someone to keep the official scorebook. The “away” team scorebook keeper should sit close (but still social distancing) to the home team scorebook keeper to communicate and be proactive on any disputes. NTBA will provide someone to keep the scoreboard/clock.

Jersey numbers

NTBA allows all/any numbers to be worn on jerseys.

Free Throws

Players can enter the lane on the release of the shot. Shooter can enter the lane once the ball hits the rim.

Coaches Passes

Each team will be given 3 free coaches passes

Coaches Agreement Form

One representative from each team must sign the “Nationals Coaches Agreement Form.” Note: in place of signing the form, you can check off the “check-box” on the NTBA Roster Form stating you have read and understand the Coaches Agreement or you can sign and turn this in to NTBA during the coach check in. This form will be posted on our website along with all other info and you can print the form off from our website. **Make sure you are aware of all the NTBA rules/regulations.*

Sports Tourism Survey

Each team is required to fill out the sports tourism / economic impact survey. You will turn this form/survey in to NTBA during coach check in. You can print the form off our website and fill it out early if you prefer.

“Home” team on the schedule

The first and/or team on top listed on the schedule is the “home” team. The home team will provide the official scorekeeper (NTBA will provide someone to work the scoreboard). The home team will wear light color jerseys (make sure you bring both colors to every game incase you need to change due to similar colors). The away team scorekeeper should sit close enough (while still practicing social distancing) to the home team scorekeeper so that you can make sure both of you always have the exact same info. The officials/refs will choose the best ball to use for games between the two teams.

For bracket play, the team on top of the bracket will be the “home” team (no matter what seed a team is).

Dress Code

No flip flops allowed while coaching. Shorts are fine. Please wear a polo shirt or "team t-shirt." Simply look "nice and professional." NTBA prefers that no hats are worn. NTBA reserves the right to ask any coach or scorebook keeper to change clothes.

Water/Gatorade Info

You are not allowed to bring any "team" watercolors in that players can share.

Players MUST have their own personal water bottle with them that no other teammate will use (make sure they are clearly marked with their name). You can bring in whatever individual Water/Gatorade bottle you want as long as they are marked with their name and for individual purposes only.

NTBA and the Myrtle Beach Sports Center will not be providing any Team Water Coolers this year and all water fountains inside the building will be turned off (please do not use any water fountains at any facility).

MBSC policies

All teams/players must adhere to all Myrtle Beach Sports Center policies along with all NTBA policies.

No chewing gum allowed. Shirt/Shoes must be worn at all times. Any fighting by any teams (players or spectators) may cause for an automatic dismissal from the tournament with no refunds of any kind (to teams or spectators). Please see other MBSC policies at the facility.

NTBA Rules/Policies

Make sure you are up to date with all current NTBA rules and policies posted on our website.

Forms/Info posted on our website

NTBA will post new forms and new info on our website for Nationals so make sure you are checking daily for new/updated info.

Info in this Coaches Info Packet and on our NTBA website can be updated at any time so please continue to check back daily for updates.