



## **2018 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*

### **Schedule**

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

To view the schedule (and ALL other important info posted) on our website, click “Menu” in the upper right corner of our website. Then beside the word ‘Tournaments’ you will see a “+” (plus sign) to click directly on. This will open up the sub categories under tournaments. Click on “Tournament Schedules” ... from there you will find the link to the schedule (once it is posted) and ALL other important info. You **MUST** read through ALL info posted on our website.

*Note: New info will be posted daily for the next week so make sure to continue to check back daily for new info.*

**\*Make sure to check back for updates/changes to the schedule once it is posted (especially check back the day before and the 1<sup>st</sup> day for any 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.

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

Note: if the head coach doesn't have a smartphone usually an assistant coach, parent, or player will and you can download it to their phone. It is very important to download the NTBA App if you can since it is the best way to view the schedule/info.

**\*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 / Player Check-In**

Each team will be given a specific check in time. Please arrive exactly at your check-in time (not before or after). This helps to speed the process up. Your specific check in time will be posted on our website along with all the other info posted.

Each team must turn in a roster (a blank one will be posted online to print out) along with “proof of age” and “proof of the grade the player was in this past school year” for ALL players (NTBA will return this info to you during team check in).

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 any time this past school year which can be a copy of a report card, progress report, or online Power School portal print off.

Note: ALL players MUST be interviewed before they play their first game. NTBA will ask questions from the player's birth certificate and report card to assure they are who the paperwork says they are. This assures all teams are playing on the same level playing field.

All players must come to team check-in in full uniform. Team pictures will be taken during the team check-in so you can wear whichever color you prefer (see Team Pictures info that will be posted on our website for more info on this and to print out order forms)

For Girls Nationals, there will be an early bird check-in available for teams that are arriving in town a day early. We HIGHLY suggest teams come to this early bird check-in as the process is much faster and you will not have to come back early the next morning.

Time: 4:00-8:00pm on Wednesday, June 27<sup>th</sup>.

Any team that is in town this day can simply come out to the early bird check-in at any point during these hours (no sign up is needed). You will not have to come back during your specific scheduled check-in time on Thursday morning if you come to the early bird check in.

### **Late Player Check-In Info**

If a player is going to check-in late the team must turn in their paperwork during the regular team check in and have them on the roster already. You MUST have all players listed on the roster you turn in even if they are arriving later in the week. All players will be interviewed during team check in. If a player is arriving late they must be interviewed before playing in their first game. Late check-in for individual players will be at the Myrtle Beach Sports Center lobby. Late check-in players MUST also have a copy of their birth certificate and report card with them to be interviewed.

*NOTE: Any player that will check in late must be on the roster turned in during regular team check-in. As long as they are on the roster that is turned in during team check-in, the player is eligible to play at any time during the tournament assuming the player meets our eligibility requirements and passing the interview process.*

### **Roster Rules**

- Teams can have a maximum of 15 players per roster/team
- All player must be on the team roster in order to play that is turned in during team check in

- 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
- A player that has signed with a college can play as long as they were in high this school year and meet our eligibility requirements

### **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 parking.

Note: you will not have to pay to park during team check-in hours.

### **Forfeit/Arriving Late to games**

There is only a 5 minute grace period once it's 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.

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 will 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 at as NTBA using multiple sites.

### **Game Scores**

Scores will be posted on our website 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.

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

**NOTE:** The away team scorekeeper should sit at the score table immediately beside the home team scorekeeper. (Just sitting at the score table but not directly beside the other scorekeeper does no good as you can't communicate properly with each other). Sitting next to each other will allow each person the ability to talk the entire game and make sure they have the exact same info. If there is a difference, the officials will go with whoever is the "home" team for that particular game. It is very important for the away team to sit directly beside this person to be proactive and make sure all fouls and points are correct and both teams have the same numbers. Outcome of games can not be changed once the games are finished. Please rearrange the score clock at the score table if needed so both scorekeepers can sit directly beside each other.

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 our website (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). *Note: Gold and Silver brackets are only for age groups with 8 or more teams.*

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

For our National Championship, 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). 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.

**NTBA Store**

“2018 National Championship T-Shirts” will be on sale during the tournament. Our one of a kind t-shirts sell out quickly so hurry and buy yours early.

Our NTBA Store will be open during team check in. We highly suggest parents/players coming during this time and buying them then as we only have a limited number of certain sizes. Team check in is the only time you can use a major credit card to pay as well (all other times will be cash only).

The National Championship T-Shirts will be sold in the lobby of the Myrtle Beach Sports Center.

*Price*  
\$20 per t-shirt

**Gym Time Opening**

The gyms will not open until 30 minutes prior to the first game each day.

**Discounted/Special Rates to NTBA teams for local businesses**

Please continue to check our website out for the latest discounts to local restaurants and attractions. You will also be given many coupons for discounts during team check in. NTBA is NOT responsible for any lost coupons.

**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 must wear a wristband

as well or will be asked to pay at the gate. If anyone (including a coach) loses their wristband they will have to pay to get into the gym.

Note: Coaches must wear their wristband on their wrist the entire week.

### **Cost for Admission**

Daily Rate Only:

\$12 - Adults (18 years old and above)

\$8 - Kids (6 years old-17 years old)

5 and under are free

Note: Players must be in FULL uniform in order to enter the gyms. No exceptions!

### **Game Rules**

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

#### Time

3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grades (9U-12U): Two 14 minutes halves

7<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> 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 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

3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade boys (9U-12U): 28.5 intermediate size basketball

7<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> grade boys (13U+): official men's size basketball (29.5)

4<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> girls: official women's size basketball (28.5)

#### 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 as soon as the previous game is finished*

#### Scorebook

The “home” team will provide someone to keep the official scorebook. The “away” team scorebook keeper should sit DIRECTLY beside 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. A 4<sup>th</sup> pass can be purchased for \$20 if needed at team check in ONLY. Teams can only have a maximum of 4 coaches' passes per team. You can only purchase this 4<sup>th</sup> pass with CASH ONLY and must be purchased during check in.

### **Coaches Agreement Form**

One representative from each team must sign the “Nationals Coaches Agreement Form.” You will turn this into us during the team 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 us during team check in. You can print the form off of 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 directly beside the home team scorekeeper at the scorers table so that you can make sure both of you always have the exactly same info. The officials/refrs 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).

### **Team Check-In**

Make sure you see the Team Check-In Times and Info sheet which will be posted on our website.

### **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**

The Myrtle Beach Sports Center (MBSC) usually provides Gatorade for each court (but is not guaranteed), however the other sites/gyms will not provide any water/Gatorade. You are not allowed to bring coolers in any gyms, but you can bring in personal squeeze bottles (or water bottles) for the players. Make sure the players have these at all sites other than the Myrtle Beach Sports Center.

### **MBSC policies**

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

No chewing gum allowed on playing surface. Shirt/Shoes must be worn at all times. Any fighting by any teams will 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 form and new info on our website for Nationals daily so make sure you are checking daily for new/updated info.