

2024 Native American Basketball Invitational Application Overview

Where: Phoenix, Arizona

When: Monday July 22 – Saturday July 27, 2024

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 - \$50 (must be 21 or older)
 - Background check will be conducted.
- ***Any coach changes after the deadline date will result in an additional \$50 registration fee. New coaches will need to go through a background check to participate.**
- 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 the invoice date for application to be accepted. Invoices will be emailed at our earliest convenience.
 - If fees are not submitted by March 2, 2024, the application will not be accepted.
 - Team Sponsors
 - NABI is no longer under a non-profit organization and no longer has tax exempt status. NABI College Scholarship Fund is now under the Arizona Community Foundation. NABI cannot fill out any forms requested by potential sponsors on the team's behalf. Upon request from coaches, NABI will only submit a NABI invoice and NABI W-9 to potential sponsors once team fees are paid in full. Sponsor's name and email must be submitted to teams@nabination.com, to include the name of team and coach making the sponsorship request in order to send NABI team invoice and W-9.
 - Only checks from the tribe or company sponsoring the team will be accepted.
 - Team **MUST** still submit payment within 24 hours of the invoice date.
 - NABI will reimburse teams once sponsor check has been received.
 - Please include name of Team and Division (Girls or Boys) in memo of check.
 - Issue to: NABI, ATTN: Team Applications, PO Box 25606, Phoenix, AZ 85002-5606
 - Deadline to receive team sponsor checks is March 1, 2024.
 - NO Personal Checks, Money Order or Cash will be accepted.
- Player and Coach Additions:
 - No additions can be made after teams have been selected. Changes must be made before March 31, 2024.
- Teams not accepted will receive a full refund. Once team is accepted and confirmed, no refunds will be given after March 29th. Teams must notify NABI before this date to decline their invitation and receive a full refund.

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

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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. NABI no longer accepts Birth Certificates and Tribal Documents from relatives to prove descendancy.**
 - 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.
 - Spring 2024 graduating seniors are eligible.
 - Participants cannot turn 20 years during the week of NABI (July 22-27, 2024).
 - Students who received their High School diploma prior to 2024 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 2023-2024 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 Nation 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.**
- **Players who do not attend the mandatory check-in and College & Career Fair on Monday will not be eligible. In addition, players must play all scheduled games to remain eligible. NO EXCEPTIONS.**
- **Mandatory for all players to attend the Educational Youth Summit.**

**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 and Assistant Coaches must be over the age of 21.
- A limit of (2) coaches per team; (1) Head Coach and (1) Assistant Coach.
- **Coaches (head & assistant) can only coach one team.**
- Coaches are responsible for the conduct of their team and must always escort and supervise their team.
- Credentials are for coaches only.
- Coaches must complete and sign a *Participant Waiver & Release Form*, available on the NABI Nation website.
- Background checks will be done on all coaches after teams have been accepted.
- **Head and Assistant Coaches must show a valid ID at check-in. Coaches who have not completed and passed a background check will be ineligible to participate.**

PLAYER & COACH RESPONSIBILITIES

- Mindful of dates/times and adhere to all deadlines.

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- **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 \$30.
 - Damaged badges can be exchanged for free. Must have old badge to exchange.
- Players and coaches must wear the official team uniform and coach jersey during all NABI games.
- Drugs, alcohol, gambling, and firearms are prohibited.
- Teams are responsible for lodging, meals, and travel costs to and from the NABI Tournament.
 - For lodging information, please visit the NABI Nation 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 online application by the deadline date of March 1, 2024.
 - Online payment must be received within 24 hours of invoice date.
- Submit all contact information to include: ACTIVE cell number and email address.
- Attendees agree to comply to all NABI rules & regulations posted on the official NABI Nation website.
- Agree to participate in all mandatory NABI related events below:
 - Team Check-In
 - College & Career Fair
 - Meet & Greet Party
 - 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
- Due to our team limit, no more than one team will be accepted per division.
- 2023 CHAMPIONSHIP finalists will automatically be accepted once 2024 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 reviewed.
- New Teams: Head coach must submit a letter of interest for consideration after application has been submitted; disclose team's history in other tournaments and accomplishments, 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@nabination.com. If a letter is not submitted, the team will be penalized in the selection process.
- Team Names: NABI recommends teams use tribal affiliation or tribal community name. Names to be approved by NABI. No changes will be made after the deadline date, March 1, 2024.
- Team Uniforms: NO SIZE CHANGES or ADDITIONS once team has been accepted. Please ensure all sizes and quantity are correct before submitting. Deadline to make changes: March 31, 2024.

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BENEFITS

- NABI College & Career Fair
- NABI Meet & Greet Party
- NABI Educational Youth Summit
- NABI College Scholarship Fund: Graduating seniors are eligible to apply.
- Sponsored events: TBD
- Championship games:
 - Championship Trophy, Medal, T-shirt, and Hats, and Rings.
 - Runner-Up Trophy and Medal
 - (2) Tournament MVPs (1 boy/1 girl)
- NABI Nation Official team uniforms
 - NO SIZE CHANGES or ADDITIONS once the team has been accepted. Please ensure all sizes and quantities are correct before submitting.
 - NO EXCHANGES
 - Uniforms become property of players at the end of the tournament.
 - Teams who drop-out after the team acceptance deadline date 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.*

IMPORTANT DATES

- **Friday, December 1, 2023:** Application available online.
- **Friday, March 1, 2024:** Application deadline.
- **Saturday, March 2, 2024:** Fees Deadline.
- **Friday, March 8, 2024:** Team acceptance & denial notifications sent out *via email*.
- **Friday, March 29, 2024:** Teams not accepted, full refund will be submitted.
- **Monday, July 22, 2024:** Check-in, Coaches Meeting, and Meet & Greet Party.
- **July 23-24, 2024:** Educational Youth Summit
- **July 23-26, 2024:** Pool & Bracket Games
- **Saturday, July 27, 2024:** Final four & Championship games at Footprint Center in downtown Phoenix.

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

Questions, please email Lynette Lewis at teams@nabination.com or phone at (480) 446-7052 Ext. 102

[Click Here to Apply Now](#)

**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 official NABI Nation 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 has the right to expel any player, coach, or team from the tournament for unacceptable behavior.*

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