



2016 NABI BASKETBALL PRE-APPLICATION



Welcome to the 2016 NABI Basketball pre-application process. In order for your team to be invited to play in the 2016 tournament you must mail or fax a pre-application to the NABI Foundation by Monday, January 4th, 2016. All team pre-applications will be reviewed by our selection committee and chosen based on the criteria below. These new changes are in order to improve the talent of the NABI Tournament with the goal of becoming an NCAA sanctioned tournament in 2017. Below are important dates to mark on your calendars:

- Monday, January 4 - Pre-Application Deadline
- Friday, January 15 – Invited teams will be notified
- Monday, February 1 – Announcement of invited teams will be posted on official website
- Friday, April 1 – Invited teams online registration and fees due
- Sunday, June 26 – Team Check-In & NABI related events. Mandatory all players be present. (Location TBD)
- Monday, June 27 – July 1st – Tournament play begins (Location TBD)
- Saturday, July 2 – Gold Division Championship Games @Talking Stick Resort Arena, home of the Phoenix Suns & Phoenix Mercury

NABI has now become an “**official invitational**” and will be comprised of 64 boys teams and 64 girls teams. NABI will base invites to compete in the 2016 tournament off the following criteria:

1. Teams that abided by previous NABI Tournament Rules & Regulations.
 - a. To include, mandatory attendance at NABI related events such as: College & Career Fair/Educational Seminars.
2. Tribal Location: NABI is striving to increase the presence of teams that represent Tribes from all over the US.
3. Teams that have advanced in 2015 bracket play; in both Gold and Silver Division.
 - a. NABI will be looking for teams that play at a **D1/D2/D3 Strength and Ability.**
 - b. NABI will be looking for teams that have dedicated coaches and put players first.
4. New teams will be considered. Coach must submit a letter for consideration with pre-application, to include a history of teams previous tournament play.

Again, NABI’s goal is to apply for **NCAA Certification** in 2017. This new structure will make the NABI tournament more competitive, which in turn will assist in attracting college scouts.

THIS IS A PRE-APPLICATION FOR THE NABI TOURNAMENT ONLY. THIS IS NOT A REGISTRATION FORM TO REGISTER YOUR TEAM FOR THE 2016 TOURNAMENT. REGISTRATION INFORMATION WILL BE SENT TO HEAD COACH WHEN TEAM IS INVITED. COACH WILL NEED TO REGISTER TEAM ONLINE AND MAKE PAYMENT ONLINE THROUGH THE REGISTRATION SITE. MAIL-IN REGISTRATIONS OR PAYMENTS WILL NO LONGER BE ACCEPTED.

ANY QUESTIONS CAN BE DIRECTED TO INFO@NABIFOUNDATION.ORG OR BY PHONE (480) 446-7052.



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TEAM REQUIREMENTS

Player Eligibility

- Players must be Native American with proof of C.I.B. (Certificate of Indian Blood) or Tribal Membership to include: proof of age and a copy of photo I.D.
- Players must be enrolled and/or graduated high school, G.E.D. program ok. Graduating Seniors are eligible
 - Graduating seniors': Only seniors who have graduated in the 2015-2016 school year are eligible to compete. Not to be confused with graduating in 2015!!
 - Players cannot exceed the age of 19 years old on or before June 26th, 2016.

Coach Eligibility

- Coach's **DO NOT** have to be Native American
- All Coach's must be over the age of **21 years of age**, to include Assistant Coaches
- Limit of 2 Coach's per team. 1 Head Coach and 1 Assistant Coach
- Coaches **CANNOT** coach more than one team. Each team must have their own designated coach.

Coach/Player Responsibilities

1. **Abide by ALL NABI rules & regulations**
 2. **Sign waivers & releases**
 3. **Meet all Deadlines**
 4. **Player Proof of Tribal Enrollment/Membership**
 - a. Certificate of Indian Blood (CIB), Tribal Membership
 5. **Player Proof of Age**
 - a. Copy of Birth Certificate or copy of Driver License, State ID, Student ID, CIB with photo, must include birthdate.
 6. **Player Proof of High School Enrollment**
 - a. Student ID, Transcript, Report Card
- NABI **will not** be asking to submit the above proof of eligibility at team check-in.
 - Head Coach must have copies of all proof of player eligibility documents at all times during game play for each individual player. Failure to provide proof of player eligibility at time of **Proof of Eligibility Challenge** will result in **disqualification** of player and/or team from NABI Tournament. Only head coaches and NABI staff can present a challenge and it must be presented prior to the start of the game.
 - Teams are responsible for lodging, meals and travel costs to for from the NABI Tournament.

Team Fees

- \$500 - Covers 6-10 players/2 coaches max
- Each additional player \$50
- Minimum 6 players/maximum 13 players per team
- Invited teams will have all fees due by **April 1**. Payment information will be posted on registration site.
 - Cash, Money Orders and Checks will no longer be accepted. Credit Card payments will be made online.

**PLEASE MAKE SURE ALL INFORMATION IS CORRECT AND CONTACT INFO IS UP TO DATE
BEFORE SUBMITTING YOUR TEAM PRE-APPLICATION**

