

Dear Coaches and participants,

Thanks for registering for the Kansas City Keys 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Event. We again look forward to hosting you at the Best Basketball Invitational Tournament. For 16 years we have delivered to you a quality program and we are committed again to provide you with the best possible competition in the Midwest. We again have over 60 teams for Week 1.

We will email you the tournament schedule by **February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009**. We will post this schedule on the website as well.

We have asked for all teams to comply with inputting their **COMPLETE** team rosters **online**, including: (**Failure to have complete information may jeopardize your entry into the event!**)

- a. Complete registration information to include uniforms, birthdate information, height, grade, coach phone, coach email address, and (some don't have names). **Mandatory Registration on Friday and Saturday – best to register prior to your game.**
- b. You should also have the second team coach's name and phone number - NOTE: **Only two coaches allowed free entry into gym. Must provide valid State ID or License.**
- c. Most teams have either paid online or via the mail. If you have paid **after February 6<sup>th</sup>**, then you are late and an additional \$50 is applicable. **You must pay the late fee before participating.**
- d. We had asked for everyone to submit a team picture.
- e. NOTE: IF YOU CAN PRINT YOUR ENTRY THEN WE HAVE YOUR FULL SUBMISSION!

At Registration – One hour prior to your first game:

- Please provide all birth certificates or grade cards.

**Mandatory Coaches Meeting – We will have a sign-up for the coaches meeting this year. (Failure to club will result in implication of the tech rules.)**

- **Meeting starts at 10:00 pm** or end of last game at UMKC – Concession area
- Local coaches are required to attend
- You are allowed to provide networking information to any of your tournament events.
- Registration will be available. Provide team parent to conduct this business for you while we are in the meeting.

Scheduling:

- Tournament play is traditionally pool play on Friday and Saturday (minimum 2 games)
- Bracket play – Single elimination traditionally starts on Sunday (minimum 1 game)
- We normally place everyone in bracket play, unless gym availability does not allow it. We guarantee everyone 3 games with an opportunity to play 5-6 games.
- We determine the qualifications for the pools based on National Competition, Prior status in our event, Current play if we are aware of your wins against competitive teams
- Games Start on Friday at 6:00 pm/Saturday at 9:00 am/Sunday at 8:00 am
- Championship games are normally over by 5:00 pm – Please bring cameras!

- **TEAMS ARE REQUIRED TO PLAY ON FRIDAY. WE CANNOT COMPLETE THE SCHEDULE BY HAVING EVERYONE PLAY ON SATURDAY. WE HAVE OVER 2/3<sup>RD</sup> OF THE TEAMS FROM OUT OF TOWN AREAS AND THEREFORE THE TEAMS THAT ARE TRAVELLING THE FURTHEST, AND HAVE THEIR ENTRIES IN ON TIME, SUPERCEDE PRECEDENT OVER THE OTHER REQUESTS TO NOT PLAY ON FRIDAY.**
- **MATCHUP Game FROM THE #1 RANKED TEAM IN THE 5<sup>TH</sup> AND 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE DIVISION ON SATURDAY NIGHT – TBD – Additional Door fee of \$2 youth, \$3.00 Adults**

Place of Event:

- Boys and Girls Club – 43<sup>rd</sup> and Cleveland – Boys - Grades K-4<sup>th</sup>
- UMKC – 5100 Rockhill Road – Swinney Gymnasium – Boys and Girls - Grades 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>
- Playoffs to include alternative sites for Sunday

EDUCATIONAL EVENT:

Motivational Speaker – 12:00 pm – TBD

AWARDS:

- Team 1<sup>st</sup> and second place trophies
- Team Gold shirts winners/Team white shirts – runner-ups
- 1<sup>st</sup> place medal/2<sup>nd</sup> place medal

MEDIA/OTHER:

- Coaches prepare players to be interviewed after the game by some of the Cotillion Participants. We will put this in the Keys Newsletter and on the website.
- Pictures – We will take pictures of all participants (team) and some action shots

Host Hotel:

- Crown Center

Other Events:

- KEYS PRE-VALENTINE PARTY (ADULTS) – COST \$10.00 – GET YOUR TICKETS AT REGISTRATION

Thanks,

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