

# WELCOME to the 12th Annual Santa Cruz Beach Ballerz Jam!





# Saturday June 29th and Sunday June 30th, 2019!

\*\* PLEASE READ THIS ENTIRE DOCUMENT – THERE ARE CHANGES FROM LAST YEAR \*\*

### **ABOUT THE BEACH BALLERZ JAM**

The concept behind the Beach Ballerz Jam is to provide a tournament with great competition and access to the beaches and recreation found in the Santa Cruz, CA area. Our mission is to provide a tournament experience that focuses on sportsmanship, competition & fun! Teams consider this a "Play-cation" that fosters team bonding and creates lifelong memories! This year we are having a slightly smaller event due to several key gyms being under construction or being re-modeled, so will have fresh new floors next year!

#### **SOME ADVICE ON SANTA CRUZ TRAFFIC**

It is summer vacation season in Santa Cruz, so there is a lot of beach traffic after 10am. Because of that, be sure to plan on arriving at your 1st game at least 1 hour before game time. If playing at different floors, leave immediately from your game and travel to your next destination (better early than late). Avoid using the freeway between schools in Santa Cruz city, when possible.

Most gyms have been paired up to be within 2 to 5 miles of each other, but there are some exceptions to that rule. When possible, use alternate routes to avoid freeway traffic. Game start times WILL NOT BE DELAYED due to latearriving teams. See the Tournament Rules on our website for more information on game times and late arrivals.

Leave early enough so that you will arrive on time – plan for the unexpected (traffic issues, etc). Highway 17 is a 2 lane highway, notorious for traffic delays. Late arrivals to games will result in shortened or forfeit games (the tournament schedule must stay on time – floors must stay in synch, to enable any travel between gyms).

# **KEEPING UP WITH SCORES DURING THE TOURNAMENT**

After each game we will post scores and update schedules LIVE after each game. To see current scores simply go to our website scoreboard! www.NorCalHoops.com

### **TOURNAMENT NEWS & INFORMATION**

We post live tournament news and information on our Facebook and Twitter pages.

- LIKE our Facebook Page
- > FOLLOW US on Twitter

If you do both, you will get REAL TIME TOURNAMENT ALERTS AND UPDATES, including traffic advisories.



#### LIKE US ON FACEBOOK:

http://www.facebook.com/norcalhoops



#### TO SUBSCRIBE TO TWITTER FROM YOUR CELL PHONE TEXT MESSAGING:

Send a text message to the number 40404 with the words "FOLLOW norcalhoops". You will receive a text message confirming that you have joined.

Once you receive your confirmation message:

- > send a text to the number 40404 with the words "ON norcalhoops"
- > this enables receipt of text messages (you will then automatically receive tweets)
- > When the tournament ends, text "OFF norcalhoops" to 40404 to turn off messaging

### **SCHEDULES**

DRAFT Schedules are posted at our website during tournament week. **DO NOT PRINT DRAFT SCHEDULES – THEY WILL CHANGE!** FINAL SCHEDULE WILL BE PUBLISHED Approximately Thursday, June 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:00pm (we will notify you by email). In some emergency situations, schedules can change up until game day.

# **TEAM CONTACT INFORMATION**

It is critical that we have contact information for each team, to insure effective and timely communication during the tournament. WE MUST BE ABLE TO CONTACT EACH COACH FOR EACH TEAM!! Please USE THIS LINK to review instructions on how to update your CONTACTS at <a href="https://www.TheHoopsHub.com">www.TheHoopsHub.com</a>!

IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT YOU UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION, or you may miss critical info on game day!

As an alternative, you can email the following information (one email for each team) to <a href="mailto:info@NorCalHoops.com">info@NorCalHoops.com</a>. Please be sure to put the team gender, grade and name (e.g. Boys 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Flying Tigers) in the SUBJECT LINE of your email.

Team Name:

Coach Name:

Coach Email:

Coach Cell Phone:

Team Coordinator Name:

Team Coordinator Email:

Team Coordinator Cell Phone:

### PLAYER ROSTER SUBMISSION

Each team is required to submit rosters by no later than Midnight on Thursday, June 27th! There are two ways to submit rosters:

- ➤ Via <u>www.TheHoopsHub.com</u> by using our USER GUIDE with information on how to update rosters (you can print from TheHoopsHub.com).
- ➤ Via a Paper Form that you can SCAN and EMAIL to <u>info@norcalhoops.com</u> <u>CLICK HERE</u> to download the form!

This will GREATLY SPEED UP CHECK IN for your team, and avoid disqualifications due to AAU Membership issues. In addition to your AAU Club Membership, <u>ALL Players and Coaches must have AAU Membership</u>

<u>Cards</u>. If you do not have cards for all players / coaches, you should purchase them immediately from the AAU Website.. <u>www.AAUsports.org</u>. There is a 3-day waiting period for coaches (for Background Checks) so don't wait until the last minute. Contact AAU if you have problems or questions.

If your team fails to submit an AAU Roster by the Thursday deadline you will be required to show proof of eligibility for <u>each player and each coach</u> upon checking (present your team book), and you will need to arrive at least 30 minutes before your first game to allow enough time to check your book.

#### PRINTED TEAM ROSTERS

Before travelling to the tournament, each Team should print out SIX COPIES of your Team Roster.

This can be done from www.TheHoopsHub.com (once your rosters have been created), or via the printable Roster Form available at the Santa Cruz Tournament Center at our website www.NorCalHoops.com.

If you download the printable-form, you will need to fill it out (with players in jersey number order), then make six copies.

One copy of your roster should be presented by the coach during check-in each day. The remaining copies should be handed to the scorekeeper 5 minutes before each game – to log players in to score sheets.

#### **TEAM CHECK IN ON TOURNAMENT DAY**

All Teams must check in at the location of their first game, at least 30 minutes prior to game time. Upon check-in, Coaches MUST present their ROSTER FORM along with their AAU Card and ID (driver's license) in order to receive a free Coaches Wristband (maxiumum of two per team, head coach and assistant coach).

Coaches without AAU Cards are considered to be "fans" and must pay the admission fee. Only coaches with a Coaches Wristband are allowed on the bench. All other team assistants and fans will be required to pay admission each day.

For teams playing at 9am Saturday, please plan on arriving at least 30 minutes prior to game time. For teams playing at 10am, plan on arriving 45 minutes before game time.

# **TEAM BOOKS**

ALL teams should have a "book" for this tournament (even if you submitted your roster via <a href="www.TheHoopsHub.com">www.TheHoopsHub.com</a> or AAU). It should be available for inspection before, during and/or after any games. The "book" should include the following for both PLAYERS and COACHES:

- AAU Membership Card
- ➤ Proof of Age (copy of Certified Birth Certificate as proof of age) ➤ Proof of Grade (last report card from 2018 as proof of grade)

Teams that do not submit rosters, or do not have "books" at check-in, will play games under automatic protest. Teams playing under protest, that win their division, will be required to provide this documentation before any awards are presented.

We have received many questions about proof of age (certified copy of player's birth certificate) and proof of grade (report card or student ID). A "Certified Copy" is a copy that shows the original embossed seal. Please remember... If a player's eligibility is challenged and documented proof is not available, the player will be disqualified and the team will forfeit any games in which the player participated. It would be unfortunate to forfeit games due to lack of documentation. See our website rules regarding Protest Procedure if you have any questions.

### **PLAYER ELIGIBILITY**

Player Grade / Age eligibility is ruled by AAU Grade Determination Rules, and Grade exception rules. These are different than the AAU AGE Determination rules. Be sure you understand the eligibility rules prior to the tournament – which can be found on the RULES PAGE of our website.

#### PLAYERS ON MULTIPLE TEAMS IN THE SAME GRADE DIVISION

For clubs that have multiple teams in the same gender / grade / division, please note the following. Players may NOT play on multiple teams at the same grade level during this tournament.

**Example:** a team has both a 7th Grade "White" and "Blue" team in the tournament. A player cannot participate with both teams. Teams that cross-play players on multiple teams in this scenario will **forfeit games** for both teams, during which such a player(s) participated, at the discretion of the Tournament Director.

### **GYM LOCATIONS**

There is a map of all gym locations on the GYM LOCATIONS page of our website. www.NorCalHoops.com

Gym doors will open at 8:40am with games starting at 9am promptly.

### **ADMISSION FEES**

Fans will be required to purchase admissions wristbands each day. The wristbands are valid for admission at ANY of our game locations in Santa Cruz.

#### Saturday Wristbands

\$15 Adults (all day, all locations) \$10 Seniors 55+ (all day, all locations) \$6 Youth 6-10 years (all day, all locations) FREE Kids 5 and under

#### Sunday Wristbands (lot's of "FREE"!)

\$10 Adults (all day, all locations)
FREE Seniors (all day, all locations)
FREE Youth 6-10 years (all day, all locations)
FREE Kids 5 and under

# **TOURNAMENT RULES & CONDUCT REQUIREMENTS**

Unsportsman-like conduct by Coaches, Players and Fans will NOT BE TOLERATED. Coaches are responsible for the conduct of their fans, and may be held accountable by way of Technical Foul if fans do not conduct themselves in a sportsman-like manner. All coaches should read and know our general tournament rules and conduct requirements and convey these to their players and fans. These are on our website at <a href="https://www.NorCalHoops.com">www.NorCalHoops.com</a>.

Please READ THESE RULES carefully. CONDUCT AND SPORTSMANSHIP RULES are enforced VIGOROUSLY to insure our tournaments provide a consistently GREAT experience for EVERYONE (including our officials), in particular the kids! Our officials will enforce those rules, so be sure all players, coaches and fans understand the rules and conduct themselves appropriately to avoid disqualification, technical fouls or ejection.

### **CLOCK RULES FOR THIS TOURNAMENT**

Clock rules for this tournament will be 20-minute running-clock halves, with stop clock in last 2-minutes of each half. Teams will get 2-full and 2-30 second timeouts to use for the entire game. NorCal Hoops reserves the right to change clock rules at any time, to keep the tournament on-schedule (and to avoid travel issues between gyms).

### **AWARDS**

All Awards will be presented at gyms where medal games are played, immediately following such games. Winning teams that pick up their medals will be photographed for inclusion on our website, Facebook page and Twitter. It is the responsibility of winning teams Head Coach or Coordinator to pick up their awards. No shipping is available. Awards for this tournament are different than our standard tournaments, and shall be:

4 or 5 team Pools: 1st place player medals 6 or 7 Team Pools 1st, 2nd place player medals 8 Team Brackets 1st, 2nd, 3rd player medals

# SITE ADMINISTRATORS / TOURNAMENT CONTACTS

Site Administrator contacts are as follows, and should only be used on Tournament Day:

NorCal Hoops General Phone Number		(415) 937-1331	Calls Only
Executive Director:	Ralph	(209) 518-1331	(calls or text messages)
Tournament Director	Alex	(209) 663-0124	(calls or text messages)
Operations Director	Xavier	(209) 663-5919	(calls or text messages)
Asst Director	Christine	(209) 327-5432	(calls or text messages)
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We hope you enjoy the tournament, and your stay in the Santa Cruz area! I will be roving around to all the tournament sites, and hope I get a chance to meet you all! Please EMAIL US at <a href="mailto:info@norcalhoops.com">info@norcalhoops.com</a> if you have any questions!

Ralph Cesena Jr

Executive Director, NorCalHoops.com <a href="mailto:lnfo@NorCalHoops.com">lnfo@NorCalHoops.com</a>

## **OTHER AREA ATTRACTIONS**

#### Mystery Spot <u>www.MysterySpot.com</u>

The Mystery Spot is a gravitational anomaly located in the redwood forests just outside of Santa Cruz, California. Come experience these phenomena for yourself!

#### **Other Santa Cruz Attractions**

https://www.tripadvisor.com/Attractions-g33048-Activities-Santa Cruz California.html