



Welcome to the **7th Annual U.S. Basketball Games 2022**. There is no other event like this one in the country and we are truly honored to have you and your family a part of this historical extravaganza. **#1 Event in 2020 & 2021!**

**U.S. BASKETBALL GAMES HOST VENUE**



*261 Stars Way, Cartersville, Georgia 30121*

LakePoint's Champions Center is the largest indoor sports facility in the Southeast and Proud Home of the 2021 National U.S. Basketball Games. Encompassing 170,00 sq. ft., this state-of-the-art facility has 125,500 sq. ft. of clear span, column free floor space, giving LakePoint the unique capability to host a wide range of indoor events year-round.

**Lodging:** U.S Basketball Games has reserved and negotiated special rates for all U.S. Basketball Games teams and their fans. All teams and parents are required to book lodging through the U.S. Basketball Game official lodging provider and stay in a U.S. Basketball Games - approved hotel/lodging facility for the duration of the event. A list of all approved lodging options is available to all teams at [www.halftimesports.net](http://www.halftimesports.net). If a team does not book lodging through our accommodations provider or stay in the U.S. Basketball Games - approved hotel/lodging facility, they will forfeit their right to play in the U.S. Basketball Games National Event.

**Hotels/Lodging Facilities may require a security deposit from your team.**

Please be advised that the U.S. Basketball Games has partnered with LakePoint Champions Complex to assist in providing hotel accommodations for traveling teams. Teams are asked to click the link below to register their team for hotel booking purposes. You will be able to view open inventory from hotels near LakePoint Sports and request a team block at a desire property and/or make personal reservations. Any questions about the process can be sent to Jonathan Johnson, Manager Connections Express, [jjohnson@connectionshousing.com](mailto:jjohnson@connectionshousing.com) or 404-842-0000 Ext: 4037

**Hotel Registration Link**

<https://connectionshousing.us/Hotels/LakePoint/HalftimeSportsUSGames/>



### **Admission**

Thursday: Everyone \$15

Friday: Adults \$25/Students \$15 (under 5 Free)

Saturday: Adults \$25/Students \$15 (under 5 Free)

Sunday: Adults \$25/Students \$15 (under 5 Free)

Players must have on uniform to enter venue, otherwise they must pay admission.

Students are 5-17 years of age

**ALL TEAMS WILL HAVE THURSDAY GAMES**

### **PlaySight – Video On Demand**

SmartCourt Basketball Technology powered by computer vision. SmartCourt is the only camera-based sports system to provide live streaming, and video of all games at the U.S. Basketball games. Never miss an exciting minute of hoops action.

### **Age verification Process**

**National Sports ID** is our corporate partner, and all age verification will be completed via their process. Age/grade verification for our event protects the integrity of teams, and tournament.

**Each player must have a National Sports ID proving his/her eligibility for teams, and tournament.** National Sports ID website is <https://www.nationalsportsid.com/> - **Players must play for their respective states (where they reside & attend school) and cannot play for multiple teams.**

### **Trainers**

US Basketball Games will provide on-site trainers for all players. Teams must bring their own tape. No cost to parents.



**All teams must bring their own basketballs;** however **Official Game Ball is provided by MVP Basketball.** U.S. Basketball Games MVP basketballs will be used for each game.

Games:

- 2 Minute Half Time

**10U-11U: 15-minute halves (stop clock); 12U-14U: 15-minute halves (stop clock); 15U and above: 18-minute halves (stop clock)**

- Overtime periods will be 2 minutes (clock stops in last minute of OT). Each team will receive an additional full time out. 2 OT (1-minute running clock, until last 30 seconds), 3 OT First team to score – Wins!
- **20-point mercy** rule will be in effect. Clock will run continuously except during time outs any time a team reaches a lead of 20 points or more. Clock goes back to regular time once the trailing team point difference reaches 20 points.
- (12U) will play with a 28.5 ball
- (13U and above) will play with a regulation ball
- Time outs: Each team will have 2- "30 second" and 2 Full time outs per game
- 5 fouls equal disqualification from the game
- **Playing Time:** Is not guaranteed! Coaches decision.

### **Format**

Bracket play into championships.

### **Tie Breaker**

- a) In any situation where two (2) teams are tied, head-to-head competition between the teams will determine the winner.
- b) If three teams are tied in a Pool for first place, the point differential (+/- 15) of the three teams involved will be used in the tie breaker system to determine first place, once first place has been determined based on point differentials second place or pool runner up, then go back to the first tie breaker (head to head)

### **Officials**

Trust me, the officials are not “out to get you or your son.” We pay the officials extremely well and they really don’t care who wins or loses.... it’s just that simple! Our officials are high quality people with integrity, and are all Certified.



### **Directions**

- From **Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport** (45 minutes): Take I-85 North to I-75 North, exit 283 or take Camp Creek Parkway to I-285 North to I-75 North to exit 283, go left off the exit. Left at Chick Fil-A, venue will be on left side.
- From **Birmingham**: Take I-20 East to GA-61 Est to US 41 North to GA-293 North
- From **Greenville**: Take I-85 South to I-285 West to I-75 North, exit 283
- Complex is across street from Rally Volleyball Complex
- Parking is behind facility

### **Parking:**

### **Merchandise**

Pre-purchased U.S. Basketball Games Gear (discounted prices) will be available July 1, 2021. Purchased items will be at the venue on Saturday, August 8th @ the U.S. Basketball Games Merchandise Booth, located near the entrance of courts #4 - #6.

### **Championship Games**

All Championship games will be played on Sunday afternoon or early evening. Players on each team will receive a U.S. Basketball Games medal and Team Trophy (winning team).



## **ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY**

### **BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS**

**Halftime Sports** has agreed to set certain behavior requirements for everyone in attendance at our games. Please alert all parents, fans, coaches and athletes of these expectations:

#### **1. Fans: Support your team!**

- No derogatory remarks to opposing players, coaches or teams.
- No personal or derogatory remarks directed at Officials, no loud or continuous harassment of Officials.
- Absolutely **zero tolerance** for confronting Officials, opposing coaches, players, or parents – any physical contact with the aforementioned will involve law enforcement.
- Parents are not to approach the scorer's table at any time. A technical foul will be assessed to the team, and parent will be removed from the property or law enforcement will be contacted.

#### **2. Coaches:** Halftime Sports expects our adult coaches to “**set the example**” for good behavior, sportsmanship and professional courtesy.

- You may disagree with an Official's call, do not make your comments personal, angry or derogatory, and once you have made them, drop it!
- Insist that your players and fans demonstrate good sportsmanship toward opposing coaches, players and Officials.
- Insist that all your players shake hands after the game and demonstrate grace in winning and dignity in losing.
- Do not teach, tolerate, or allow taunting of other teams, “trash talking,” or foul language at any point.
- Lead by example: compliment good plays by opposing players, shake hands with opposing coaches before and after the game, and do not get confrontational with Officials.

3. **Athletes:** Show respect toward Officials, other players and other coaches.

- Do not engage in any form of derogatory comments, “trash talking,” foul language, or taunting, regardless of the score.
- Do not engage in “fighting,” as this could cause your ejection for one or more games.
- Do not leave your bench and encourage all other players to stay on the bench if any disruption occurs.
- Shake hands with opposing coach before the game and with opposing players and coaches after the game, demonstrating grace in winning and dignity in losing.

4. **Penalties:**

○ **Coaches:**

A coach ejected from one game will automatically be suspended from the next game; a second ejection will result in an automatic suspension from any Halftime Sports, US Basketball Games events, programs, league and will be reported to ATOA, AAU, YBOA, US Amateur and other youth sports activities, subject to the coach’s right to an Appeal; serious misconduct could result in additional discipline.

○ **Athletes:**

An ejection for “fighting” or for two technical fouls will result in an automatic suspension of an athlete from his or her next game, and possible further discipline. A second ejection for “fighting” or two technical fouls during any Halftime Sports event will result in a suspension from any Halftime Sports and US Basketball Games events, programs, leagues and will be reported to ATOA, US Amateur, AAU, YBOA and other youth governing activities, subject to the athlete’s right to an appeal.

○ **Fans:**

Ejection from a game for misbehavior will result in your suspension from attending any other games. Any physical contact with a game Officials, coaches, league director or staffer, or opposing players or parents will cause law enforcement to be brought in for possible criminal prosecution, and you may be permanently banned from attending games and other Halftime Sports/US Basketball Games events.

**Bench Rules:** Only eligible players plus a maximum of three coaches (this includes statistician, ball boys, etc.) may be on the team's bench. Violation of this rule will result in (only) one warning. The team will then have 1 minute to clear the bench of anyone not listed on the official roster. If a team fails to comply, the violator(s) will be ejected. **Only one coach can stand during the game.**

**Eligibility:**

All players must be registered within the US Basketball Games/Halftime Sports registration platform to participate in games or practices. A player is deemed ineligible if not registered within our Halftime Sports system and/or program, thus causing a forfeit of game by that team.

**Players can only play for one designated team and must play for the state in which they attend school and reside, unless preapproved by U.S. Basketball Games staff.**

