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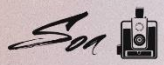
**The 11th Annual U.S. Basketball Games
welcomes exciting, talented players to Georgia {boys & girls}
on July 31 – August 2, 2026**

Alpharetta, GA -The 11th Annual U.S. Basketball Games will end the youth basketball travel season with some of the best players representing their respective state all under one roof (Lakepoint Sports Complex). The event will feature several nationally ranked players in the country as well as some of the best teams on the travel basketball circuit from Alabama, Arkansas, British Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Washington and West Virginia with over 3,500 players providing fans with rim-rattling, back board shattering excitement.

Former U.S. Basketball Game stand outs include; **Kira Lewis Jr** (University of Alabama 2020 NBA Draft Selection by New Orleans Pelicans), **Scottie Barnes** (Florida State, 2021 NBA Draft Selection by the Toronto Raptors), **Brandon Boston** (University of Kentucky, 2021 NBA Draft Selection by the Los Angeles Clippers), **Aden Holloway** (Alabama), **Josh Hubbard** (Mississippi State), **Robert Dillingham** (Kentucky, NBA Chicago Bulls), **Patrick Wessler** (Virginia Tech), **Morez Johnson, Jr.** (Michigan), **Alex O' Connell** (Duke/Creighton/NBA G League), **Isaiah Collier** (USC, NBA Utah Jazz), **Brady O' Connell** (Old Dominion), **Josh Taylor** (UGA), **K.D. Johnson** (Auburn), **Dwon Odom** (Xavier/Ga State), **Coleman Boyd** (Ga. Tech), **Kamar Robinson** (Mercer), **Kowacie Reeves Jr** (Georgia Tech), **Chance Moore** (Arkansas), **Bruce Thornton** (Ohio State), **Matthew Cleveland** (University of Miami/NBA Dallas Mavericks) and other nationally ranked players and teams.

Over 900 travel basketball programs will be represented in our event and will include a nonstop hoops action from Thursday afternoon through Sunday evening. Also, each court will be live streamed by PlaySight which will offer Video on Demand for parents, players, coaches and more during the event.

“We are very excited to host some of the country’s best teams and players in our 11th Annual U.S. Basketball Games,” said Kim Coleman, Halftime Sports President. “We are thrilled to be a part of a great community and “hot bed” for basketball. The competition will be action packed, the facilities are beautiful, and the atmosphere will be electric.”





Robert Dillingham is 15 years old and has 6 offers already



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Scottie Barnes, Florida State, and current NBA player





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Which State Has The Best Ballers?

The **11th Annual U.S. Basketball Games** Tournament will unleash some of the most talented, high flying, rim rattling youth basketball players in the country.

The ***U.S. Basketball Games*** Tournament has exploded onto the travel basketball scene like a back-board shattering slam dunk and will allow middle and high school student-athletes from Alabama, Arkansas, British Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Maryland, Michigan, Mississippi, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Washington and West Virginia an opportunity to partake in a once in a lifetime experience of competition, hoops and education.

The general concept: Each participating State will conduct a State-wide “Invitation Only” for players classification 8U-19U. Players from across the aforementioned states will compete for a prestigious spot on each respective team.

To have a spot on each team, student-athletes must be in that appropriate grade, of appropriate age and selected by that states Advisory Board & Directors.

Once each team is selected, they will play in the ***U.S. Basketball Games*** which will take place in Atlanta, Georgia **July 31 – August 2, 2026** at the beautiful **Lake Point Sports Champions Complex**.

Local, regional, and national media will be in attendance as well as guest speakers from the sports industry and executives discussing Social Media, Recruiting and more. **Be The Beast** is the event Media Outlet and will provide in-game streaming via more!

Player and Coach interviews are conducted by Rankings Report, DT Media and other media outlets.





WELCOME TO THE 2026 U.S. BASKETBALL GAMES. There is no event like this one in the country and we are honored to have you and your family a part of this prestigious extravaganza.

Congratulations on being selected by our U.S. Basketball Games staff as **One of the Top Players** in **Your State** and receiving an invitation to participate in the **U.S. Basketball Games**.

The 2026 U.S. Basketball Games tournament will take place on July 31 – August 2, 2026, in Emerson, Georgia. **Your state team** will compete against the best players from states all throughout the country.

The U.S. Basketball Games will not interfere with your current travel basketball season, as **you can** start practicing in July (locations and dates to be determined by your Head Coach) – in preparation for the games.

Please see below for further information on how to reserve your son/daughters spot for the U.S. Basketball Games as well as further details regarding the event:

Where: Emerson, Georgia

When: July 31 – August 2, 2026

Fee: Only \$55 per player (includes player uniform and event)

How do I confirm my son/daughter's spot: Please register at www.halftimesports.net (click on U.S. Basketball games, scroll to Player registration link, then the state you are representing, complete the player/parent information, and the payment processing area). All the above information must be completed prior to June 10, 2026, to reserve your players' slot on this prestigious team. Registration link will be up and available by February 25th.

Welcome to the U.S. Basketball Games!



Q & A

If my son/daughter makes the team, how much is the team fee?

Only \$55 (paid via www.halftimesports.net – click on U.S Basketball Games and you will see the Player Registration Link). Open and available on February 25, 2026.

How many players will be on each team?

10 - 12 players per team

What type of exposure will my son/daughter receive?

Local, regional, and national media will attend the event.

Will my son/daughter be provided uniforms?

Yes, each player will receive uniforms for the U.S. Basketball Games event.

What are the dates for the tournament?

July 31 – August 2, 2026

Are there corporate partners involved?

Yes, Athletes Water, Suckerpunch, DirecTV, Cobb Sports Alliance, Athletes For A Better World, Halftime Health, National Sports ID, Shoot 360, PRIME, LakePoint Sports Champions Complex, Xfinity.

Will making the team interfere with my son/daughters travel basketball practices or tournaments?

No, teams are comprised in June and practices will commence in July/August (after all travel basketball nationals).

Which states are participating?

Alabama, Arkansas, British Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Washington and West Virginia

Who selects the players/teams?

State Advisory Board, Directors and Coaches from each participating state select their own teams.

Playing Time

Players are not guaranteed playing time.... this is not recreation basketball. This is youth basketball at its highest thus playing time is based on practice and performance and is strictly determined by the Coaching Staff.



What is the Tournament format?

Each state is awarded at least three games then state teams will advance until we have a Champion. Championship games on Sunday.

What age/grade groups are participating?

See classification rules.

Can I purchase U.S. Basketball Games GEAR?

Yes, U.S. Basketball Games Gear will be available for purchase prior to the event and at the venue on Saturday and Sunday. Pre-purchased gear will be discounted and available for purchase on July 15, 2026.

Lodging: U.S Basketball Games has reserved and negotiated special rates for all U.S. Basketball Games teams and their families. 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 the below hotel accommodations link. 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 contact **Tanner with FastBreak Hotels** 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 **Tanner King at** tanner@fastbreak.ai

[U.S. Basketball Games Hotel link](#)



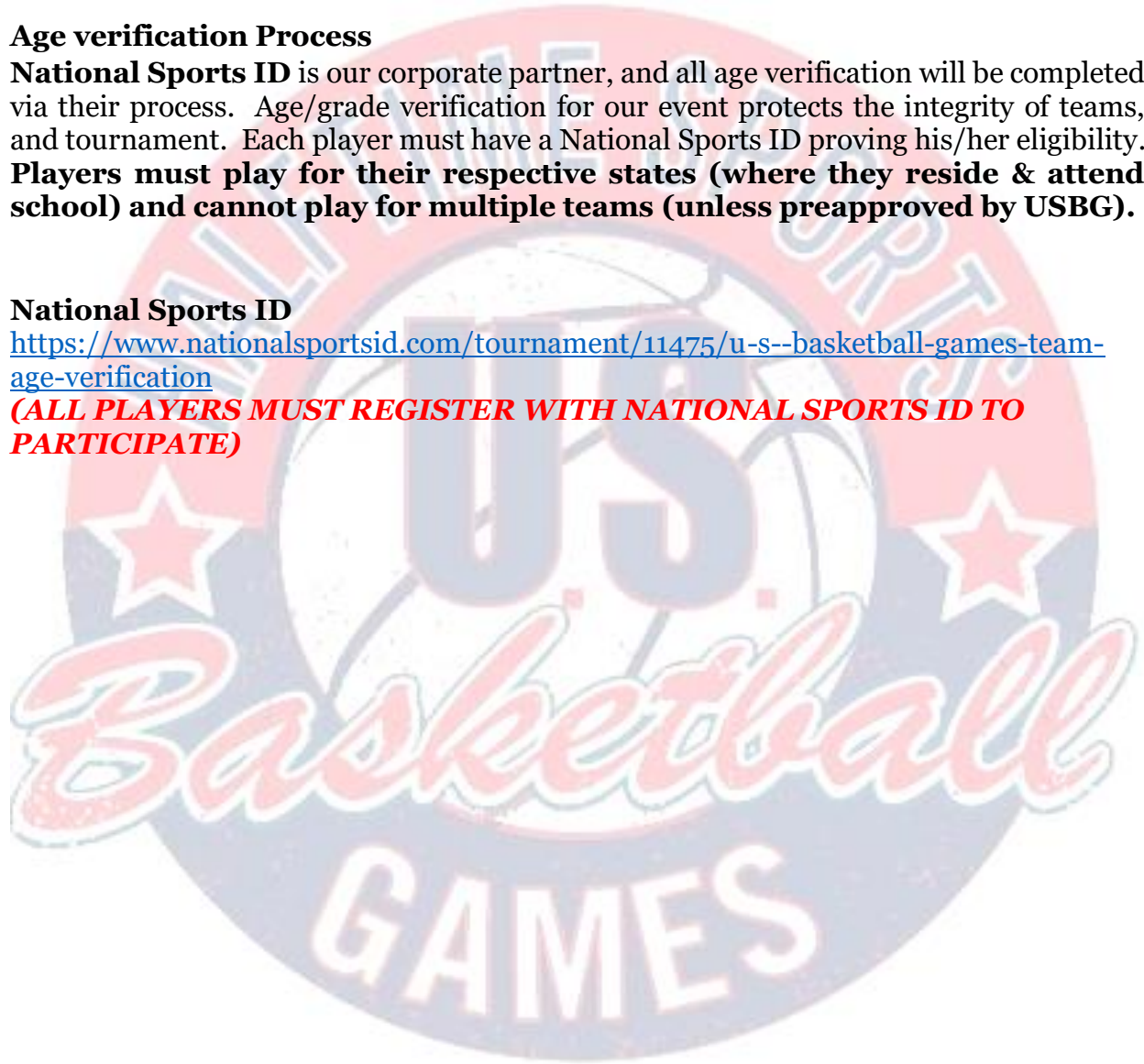
Age verification Process

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. **Players must play for their respective states (where they reside & attend school) and cannot play for multiple teams (unless preapproved by USBG).**

National Sports ID

<https://www.nationalsportsid.com/tournament/11475/u-s--basketball-games-team-age-verification>

(ALL PLAYERS MUST REGISTER WITH NATIONAL SPORTS ID TO PARTICIPATE)





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If I lose my admission band or remove it, can I get back into the venue?

Yes, but you must *pay* to re-enter.

Players must have on uniforms to enter venue otherwise they will be charged.

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

\$5 per vehicle (covered by the U.S. Basketball Games). Subject to change by venue and/or property owner.

Fan behavior

Support your team!

No derogatory remarks to opposing players, coaches, fans or teams.

No personal or derogatory remarks directed at Officials, no loud or continuous harassment of Officials.

Absolutely **ZERO TOLERANCE** for confronting Officials and/or any physical contact with Officials will involve law enforcement. This is a Non-Negotiable!

We have no problem with the local law enforcement removing you from the venue and property!!!!

You are representing your family, team, and state



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.

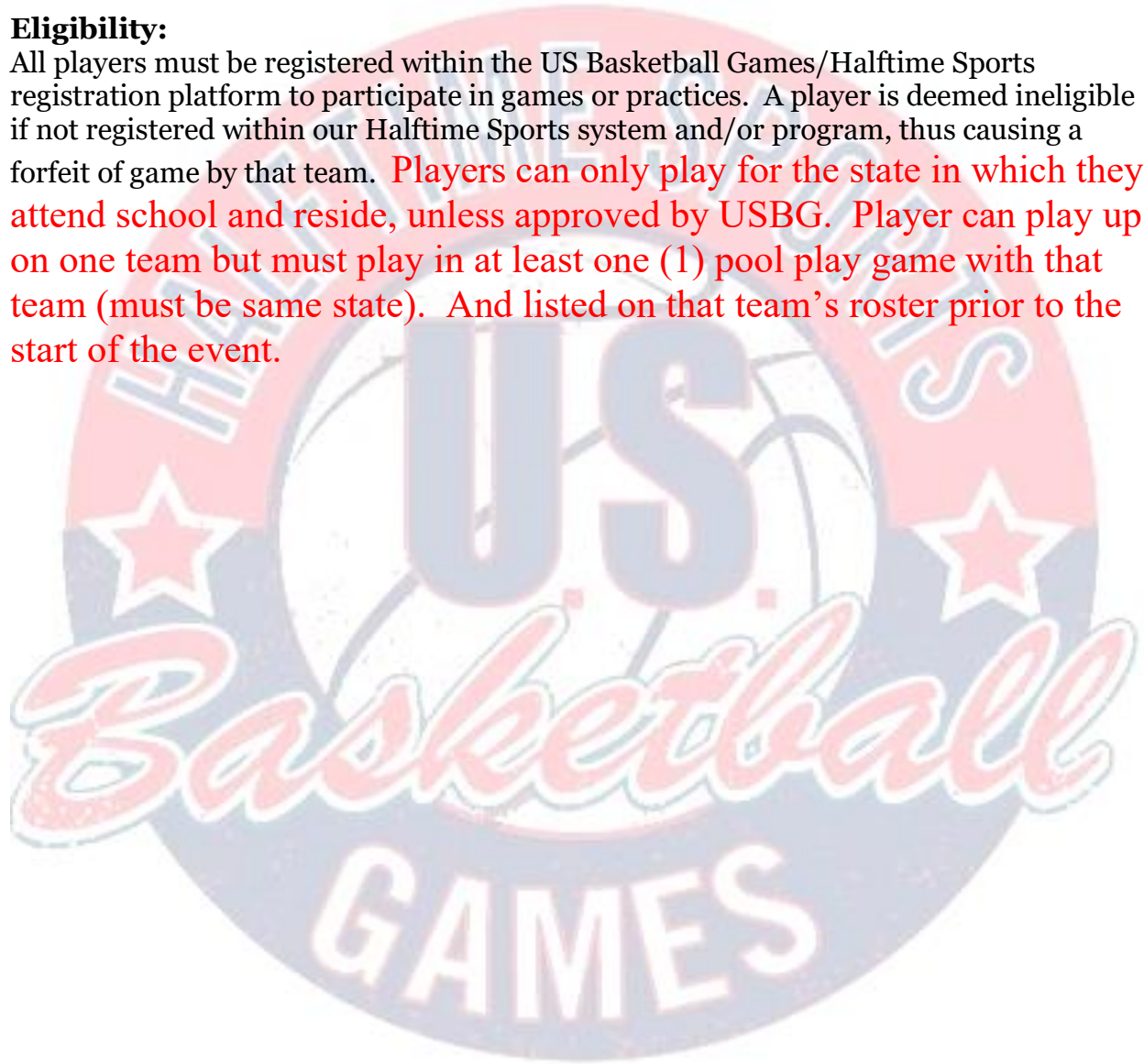
○ **Fans:**

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 the state in which they attend school and reside, unless approved by USBG. Player can play up on one team but must play in at least one (1) pool play game with that team (must be same state). And listed on that team's roster prior to the start of the event.**





ELIGIBILITY RULES:

All Non-athletes/coaches are responsible to see that their team meets all eligibility requirements.

Competition shall be in the following age/grade divisions:

7 & UNDER DIVISION An athlete can be no older than 7 on August 31, 2026.

8 & UNDER DIVISION An athlete can be no older than 8 on August 31, 2026.

9 & UNDER DIVISION An athlete can be no older than 9 on August 31, 2026.

10 & UNDER DIVISION An athlete can be no older than 10 on August 31, 2026.

11 & UNDER DIVISION An athlete can be no older than 11 on August 31, 2026.

12 & UNDER DIVISION An athlete can be no older than 12 on August 31, 2026.

13 & UNDER DIVISION An athlete can be no older than 13 on August 31, 2026.

14 & UNDER DIVISION An athlete can be no older than 14 on August 31, 2026.

15U/9TH GRADE DIVISION An athlete can be no older than 15 on August 31, 2026.

Grade Exception: An athlete who is in the 9th Grade as of October 1, 2026, and who is no older than 16 on August 31, 2026, is eligible to play in the 15U/9th Grade Division.

16U/10TH GRADE DIVISION An athlete can be no older than 16 on August 31, 2026.

Grade Exception: An athlete who is in the 10th Grade as of October 1, 2026, and who is no older than 17 on August 31, 2026, is eligible to play in the 16U/10th Grade Division.

17U/11TH GRADE DIVISION An athlete can be no older than 17 on August 31, 2026.

Grade Exception: An athlete who is in the 11th Grade as of October 1, 2026, and who is no older than 18 on August 31, 2026, is eligible to play in the 17U/11th Grade Division.

19U/12TH GRADE DIVISION An athlete can be no older than 19 on August 31, 2026.

Grade Exception: An athlete who is in the 12th Grade as of October 1, 2026, and who is no older than 20 on August 31, 2026, is eligible to play in the 19U/12th Grade Division.



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