



26TH ANNUAL MR. BASKETBALL INVITATIONAL KEARNEY, NEBRASKA

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Dear Coach,

I am writing to extend this invitation for your team to compete in the 26th Annual Mr. Basketball Invitational, July 6-8, 2017. Teams from 37 different states and Canada have ventured to Kearney for Mr. Basketball and alumni have gone on to play in every major college conference, as well as in the NBA, NFL and MLB.

Teams are guaranteed four or more games in two of the best summer facilities anywhere! Games are played in the 6,500 seat - air conditioned main arena of the University of Nebraska at Kearney Health & Sports Center and the Kearney Catholic Cope Coliseum. Kearney is located in Central Nebraska on Interstate 80, about three hours west of Omaha, or five hours east of Denver.

We offer three divisions, the Platinum division will feature teams comprised of juniors and seniors-to-be, along with a Gold division for freshmen & sophomores-to-be and a Silver division for 7th/8th grade-to-be teams.

Coaches and players love the Mr. Basketball "atmosphere." From the air conditioned facilities, to the thumping sound system during warmups and timeouts, to the computerized stats that are posted after every game, to our extensive website, Mr. Basketball has an atmosphere that is unmatched in summer ball!

The entry fee is \$525 per team for the Platinum & Gold divisions. The Silver division entry fee is \$325. The registration deadline is Tuesday, June 20. To register, please email doug@misterbasketball.com to request an invoice to pay online.

Visit **MisterBasketball.com** for tons of tournament history & pictures of the facilities. I hope that your program will choose to play where the nation plays when the best prep basketball players in the country visit the Mr. Basketball Invitational. I look forward to receiving your registration & seeing you in July!

Sincerely,


Doug S. Koster
President



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The 26th Annual Mr. Basketball Invitational, set for July 6-8, 2017, will feature 64 summer teams from across the country. Register early to secure a spot for your team in one of the longest running exposure events around.

ELIGIBILITY: Players must have one year or more of high school eligibility remaining after the conclusion of the Mr. Basketball Invitational (no graduated seniors) to compete in the Platinum Division. Players who will be 9th or 10th graders during the 2017-18 school year will be eligible for the Gold Division, and players that will be 7th or 8th graders will be eligible for the Silver Division.

ENTRY FEE: The nonrefundable entry fee is \$525 per team for the Platinum/Gold Divisions and \$325 for Silver Division. The registration deadline is Tuesday, June 20. To register, please email doug@misterbasketball.com to request an invoice to pay online.

EVENT FORMAT: Teams will compete in pool play on July 6-7, and then all teams will be seeded in tournament brackets July 8. Games consist of two-16 minute halves with the clock stopping on all whistles.

4 GAME GUARANTEE: All teams are guaranteed 4 games, half of the teams will play 5 or more!!

VENUES: Games will be played at the 6,500-seat air conditioned UNK Health & Sports Center and the Kearney Catholic Cope Coliseum, two of the best summer facilities anywhere!

COLLEGE EXPOSURE: The Mr. Basketball Invitational is designed to allow outstanding high school players an opportunity to showcase their talents where college coaches can observe their play. College coaches are sent information regarding the participants in Mr. Basketball so they can make advance plans to attend. Mr. Basketball also provides every coach in attendance with an in-depth Player Info Guide, with player profile sheets filled out by every player.

MISTERBASKETBALL.COM: Visit our website for tons of Mr. Basketball history and other info. We post all the schedule materials on our website prior to the event and during the event, the website is updated after each game with boxscores, stat leaders, pool standings and more.

MOTELS ONLY 5 MINUTES FROM THE GYM: Mr. Basketball secures room blocks for teams competing in the tournament. A number of very nice motels provide rooms for \$70-\$140 per night with 4 per room. Most have indoor pools, some have free breakfast, and all are located within five minutes of the arena.

HOSPITALITY: The community of Kearney gets behind Mr. Basketball big-time. From front page news coverage, to live television news broadcasts on site, to special food and motel discounts, your team is a special guest during Mr. Basketball. You won't find a more involved community anywhere!

KEARNEY, NEBRASKA: Kearney is a growing community of 30,000 people located on Interstate 80 in Central Nebraska. Coaches love coming to Kearney as both sites are just five minutes from the motels and Kearney is a safe and enjoyable community for the kids. Teams can fly directly into Kearney through Denver, or fly into Lincoln or Omaha and make the short drive.



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The Mr. Basketball Invitational offers an unmatched mix of facilities, competition, college exposure, organization and hospitality. Here is why your team should put Kearney on your 2016 schedule:

- ★ Strong national competition!
- ★ Exposure to various level college programs!
- ★ Outstanding air conditioned facilities!
- ★ Guaranteed 4-6 games!
- ★ Best organized event around!
- ★ Very detailed Player Info Guide for college scouts!
- ★ Motels are just minutes from the facilities!
- ★ Computerized stats posted immediately after each game!
- ★ Reputable staff with 26 years experience!
- ★ Huge tourney program with rosters, schedules & more!
- ★ Teams from 37 states & Canada have participated!

“For those of you who do not know: Doug Koster is the premier tournament man. Glory has been taking teams to outstate tournaments for about 15 years. There is no tournament organized as well in advance and no tournament which posts immediate results which adds an incredible classy touch. The Dakota Showcase and Mr. Basketball Invitational in Kearney tournaments are two more of his major tournaments. Glory is honored to have been asked to participate.” - Dr. Charles Paxson from Minnesota Preps forum

“I am new as a coach, but as a player, I did have the opportunity to play in Doug’s tournament in Kearney, Neb., and I loved it. Doug is absolutely a world class tournament director and I also feel lucky to have my team in both the Minnesota Showcase and the Dakota Showcase this year.”
- Nic Carroll, Minnesota Magic Black from Minnesota Preps forum



Doug Koster

President of Mr. Basketball, Inc.



Doug Koster hosted the first Mr. Basketball Invitational in 1992 with 12 teams from five states. The lone Mr. Basketball tournament in 1992, has grown into a full-time basketball promotion business, Mr. Basketball, Inc.

In 2016, Koster hosted 15 major events with more than 1,100 teams. Since 1992, boys and girls teams from 37 states and three Canadian provinces have ventured to Kearney, Nebraska, for the tournaments.

Alumni of the Mr. Basketball & Miss Basketball tournaments have gone on to play in the NBA, NFL, WNBA, MLB and for many of the top mens & womens college programs.

Although the majority of the events are held in Kearney, Koster also hosts the Dakota Showcase and Minnesota Showcase tournaments in Sioux Falls and Mankato, along with several youth tournaments in small communities in Central Nebraska.

In 1992, Doug was certainly the nation's youngest major tournament director at just 19 years of age and a college freshman when he hosted the first Mr. Basketball event. From the beginning, coaches have praised the events as the best organized anywhere.

Doug Koster graduated from Kearney High School in 1991 and the University of Nebraska at Kearney in 1995. He was the first to enroll in UNK's Sport Administration program.

In 1994, he served an internship with the Indiana Pacers front office in media and community relations for five months as part of his Sport Administration degree. He also served as an administrative assistant during the Southern California Pro Basketball Summer League for NBA players.

During his prep career, Koster led the Kearney High Bearcats to the state tournament in 1990, and the state semi-finals in 1991. As a senior, he averaged 23.1 points and 12 boards while leading the 'Cats to a 15-5 record. He scored a school record 40 points vs. Fremont while shooting 15-of-16 from the field, 7-of-9 from the line and 1-of-1 from three. He holds several KHS scoring and rebounding records and was a two-time first team Class A (big school) all-state selection.

He was a member of the 1990 Valentino's Nebraska All-Star Team that advanced to the Final 8 of the Nike Las Vegas Invitational, before being ousted by a Dallas team led by future NBA players Greg Ostertag, Mario Bennett and Jimmy King. Doug's Valentino's teammate Erick Strickland played in the NBA for several years.

Koster served as the freshman boys assistant for one year before serving as the sophomore head coach for two seasons at Kearney High.

Koster is a member of the Bearcat Booster Club. His donation of professional services has helped raise more than \$250,000 for the Boosters since the mid-1990's.

Mr. Basketball, Inc. was named the 2008 Small Business of the Year at the 90th Annual Kearney Area Chamber of Commerce banquet in March 2009. Koster was also honored as the 2008 Marketer of the Year by the UNK chapter of the American Marketing Association.

Doug, 44, and his wife, Beth, have an 21-year old daughter, Keona, and a 17-year old son, Kanon.



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2017 TEAM ENTRY FORM

To secure a spot in the Mr. Basketball Invitational, please email doug@misterbasketball.com to request an invoice to pay online. The registration deadline is Tuesday, June 20.

DIVISION (circle): PLATINUM GOLD SILVER

TEAM NAME _____

COACH _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

DAY PHONE _____

CELL PHONE _____

E-MAIL _____

If you have an additional contact person, other than the coach, please list below.

TITLE _____ NAME _____

DAY PHONE _____

CELL PHONE _____

E-MAIL _____

RETURN ENTRY FORM & FEE TO:

MR. BASKETBALL, INC.
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KEARNEY, NE 68847

• Mr. Basketball Invitational 2017 Motel Information •

We have secured room blocks at several motels for teams & parents during Mr. Basketball. Teams should plan on arriving in Kearney the night before the tournament, Wed., July 5. All teams will begin pool play on Thurs., July 6. All of the motels are in the same general vicinity, only 5-10 minutes from the UNK Health & Sports Center and Kearney Catholic High School. They are within walking distance of restaurants and entertainment.

Coaches are encouraged to copy this form for parents who will be attending the tournament. Kearney motels will be very close to being sold out this week, please make reservations early. These room blocks will be released in early June. If you have any problems making reservations, don't hesitate to contact Doug Koster at doug@misterbasketball.com for assistance. We believe all information below to be accurate but please confirm with each property. Rates are subject to change until reservation is confirmed with motel.

AMERICINN LODGE & SUITES 308-234-7800 complimentary hot, home-style breakfast, high speed internet, 24 hour coffee bar. Large indoor pool, hot tub, sauna. Spacious guest rooms remodeled in 2013 with new queen beds & bedding, fridge/micro, HDTV. Rooms are \$99.90 for double queen rooms (up to 4 people) or \$119.90 + tax for a two room suite. Ask about Hospitality Suite for a team gathering and our late check-out options. Make sure you tell them you are with the Mr. Basketball room block to insure rate.

COUNTRY INN & SUITES 308-236-7500 has rooms for \$125.00 per night with four persons per room, plus tax. This is a nice motel with indoor pool, hot tub, complimentary hot breakfast and managers reception M-Th 5-7 pm complimentary appetizers, pop, Bud Light and wine. Mention you are with Mr. Basketball to access rooms.

BEST WESTERN PLUS 308-234-2541 has an indoor pool, hot tub, fitness room and complimentary breakfast. Call the Sales Manager, Kelly Krier at 308.440.5488 during regular business hours to setup a room block for your team. If booking a single room in a block, please contact the front desk. Rooms are \$129.99 per night plus tax. Mention you are with Mr. Basketball to access rooms.

RAMADA INN 308-237-3141 provides rooms for \$99 per night with four persons per room, plus tax, includes free full breakfast buffet. They have a "fundome" with indoor pool, hot tub and more. Mention you are with Mr. Basketball to access rooms.

HOLIDAY INN 308-237-5971 provides rooms for \$119.95 per night with four persons per room, plus tax. They have an indoor waterslide, pool, hot tub and more. Free wi-fi, fridge & microwaves, HDTV's in each room.

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS 308-234-8100 provides rooms for \$139.95 per night with four persons per room, plus tax. They have an indoor pool, hot tub and more. Free wi-fi, fridge & microwaves, HDTV's in each room.

HAMPTON INN 308-234-3400 (New property opened in 2014) provides rooms for \$149.95 per night with four persons per room, plus tax. They have an indoor pool, hot tub, free wi-fi, fridge & microwaves, HDTV's in each room.

LAQUINTA INN 308-237-4400 provides rooms for \$129.95 per night with four persons per room, plus tax. They have an indoor pool, hot tub, fitness center and more. Free wi-fi, fridge & microwaves, HDTV's in each room.

FAIRFIELD INN 308-236-4200 provides rooms for \$149.95 per night with four persons per room, plus tax. They have an indoor pool, hot tub and more. Free wi-fi, fridge & microwaves, HDTV's in each room.

COMFORT INN 308-236-3400 provides rooms for \$129.95 per night with four persons per room, plus tax. They have an indoor pool, hot tub, breakfast & free wi-fi. Formerly the Hampton Inn, it has been remodeled and re-opened as the Comfort Inn in 2014.

MICROTEL INNS & SUITES 308-698-3003 offers rooms with 2 queens or a suite with 1 queen & a sofa pullout (microwave, fridge, sink) with continental breakfast & hot waffles. Indicate that they are reserving rooms for the Mr. Basketball tournament and receive a 15% discount.

NEW VICTORIAN INN 308-237-5858 Complimentary breakfast from 5am to 11am, fridges and microwaves in all rooms, free wireless internet, complimentary coffee & cookies. Please mention you are with Mr. Basketball when you call. Rate is \$69.99 plus tax.

MOTEL 6 308-338-0705 clean and modern rooms with free wireless internet access in all rooms.

BASKETBALL TEAMS

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110 Second Ave.
Kearney, NE 68847
308-237-5971



507 Talmadge St.
Kearney, NE 68845
308-234-3400



108 3rd Ave.
Kearney, NE 68847
308-237-4400



508 2nd Ave. South
Kearney, NE 68847
308-234-8100



510 Talmadge St.
Kearney, NE 68845
308-236-4200



118 3rd Ave.
Kearney, NE 68845
308-236-3400



Kearney's Finest Lodging!

- **Indoor pools & spas**
- **FREE Breakfast at Hampton, Wingate, Fairfield, Comfort and Express**
- **FREE Broadband Wi-Fi**
- **Microwaves & Refrigerators in ALL Rooms**
- **Large Screen HDTV's with DVD Players & FREE DVD Library**
- **Convenient locations - just off I-80 at the Kearney Exit**
- **Walking distance to: Red Lobster, Old Chicago, Ruby Tuesdays, Rita Cantina's, Big Apple Fun Center (bowling, sports bar, mini-golf), Cinema 8 Theatres - and lots more!**
- **"Sozo" Restaurant & Lounge on-site at Holiday Inn**



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