



# MINNESOTA SHOWCASE

COLLEGE EXPOSURE TOURNAMENT AT MSU-MANKATO

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Dear Coach,

I am writing to extend this invitation for your team to compete in the 9th Annual Minnesota Showcase college exposure tournament slated for Friday-Sunday, June 23-25, 2017, in Mankato. The event offers a Platinum Division for juniors & seniors-to-be, along with a Gold Division for freshmen/sophomores/juniors-to-be. All teams will be guaranteed 4-6 games.

**MSU has 5 air conditioned courts at one site!** The Taylor Center is a 4,800 seat arena that opened in the fall of 2000 and features two full-size courts with chair back seating. The Otto recreation center, which is in the same building, has two more courts and plenty of seating. The Schellberg Gym also provides one court. All courts are air conditioned.

The Minnesota Showcase will feature 32 boys and 32 girls summer teams. Teams from these states have competed in the Minnesota Showcase: Alaska, Colorado, Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri, Iowa, Nebraska, South Dakota, North Dakota, Wisconsin, Illinois and Manitoba, Canada.

Our events are favorites with college scouts at all levels. We provide the most accurate and complete Player Information Guide, featuring extensive bio's on every participating athlete and our event organization is unmatched on the summer circuit.

The Midwest's top mens NCAA Division II, III, NAIA and junior college programs scout the Minnesota Showcase each summer.

**Register online at [www.misterbasketball.com](http://www.misterbasketball.com) or simply email me and request an invoice for the entry fee!**

Mr. Basketball events provide strong competition, excellent college exposure, outstanding facilities and officials, and are the best organized events of the summer. We hope the Minnesota Showcase will become a part of your program's annual schedule!

Sincerely,

Doug S. Koster  
President

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**This is an invitation for your team to participate in the 9th Annual Minnesota Showcase, set for June 23-25, 2017. The Minnesota Showcase will feature 32 of the Midwest's top summer teams from 10 states.**

**ELIGIBILITY:** Players must have one year or more of high school eligibility remaining after the conclusion of the Minnesota Showcase (current juniors or younger). The Platinum Division is primarily juniors & seniors-to-be, with the Gold Division being a mix of freshmen, sophomores & juniors-to-be. If you have a question about which division would be most appropriate for your team, please e-mail us.

**EVENT FORMAT:** All teams are guaranteed four or more games. Teams will compete in pool play on Friday-Saturday, June 23-24. On Sunday, June 25, bracket play will be single elimination, with teams playing 1-3 games. Games consist of two-16 minute halves with the clock stopping on all whistles.

**COLLEGE EXPOSURE:** The Minnesota Showcase is designed to allow outstanding high school players an opportunity to showcase their talents where college coaches can observe their play. Don't miss this opportunity to showcase your talents to college coaches from across the United States. College coaches will be sent information regarding the participants in the event so they can make advance plans to attend. Mr. Basketball also provides the college coaches in attendance with an in-depth Player Info Guide, with player profile sheets filled out by every player. Post tournament reviews are distributed to college coaches and scouting services across the country.

**ENTRY FEE:** The nonrefundable entry fee is \$525 per team. \*At this late date, we recommend you register on our website, or email Doug Koster at [doug@misterbasketball.com](mailto:doug@misterbasketball.com) and request an online invoice that can be paid with a credit card to secure a spot for your team.

**PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZING STAFF:** Doug Koster founded Mr. Basketball, Inc., in 1991. His full-time dedication to each tournament has developed into a reputation for hosting the best organized events in the country. In 2017, Koster will host more than 1,100 teams from 20 states.

**MISTERBASKETBALL.COM:** Visit our website at [MisterBasketball.com](http://MisterBasketball.com) for tons of info. We post all schedules and lists of top college prospects on our website prior to the event, along with an extensive post tournament package with scores, stat leaders and more.

**MOTELS:** Mr. Basketball will secure room blocks for teams competing in the Minnesota Showcase. A number of very nice motels will provide rooms for \$80-\$140 per night. Most have indoor pools, some have free breakfast, and are located near the arena.

**MANKATO, MINNESOTA:** Mankato is a community of 36,000 people located 80 miles southwest of the Twin Cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul. Mankato is only 3 hours from Des Moines, 4 hours from Madison (Wisc.) and Omaha (Neb.), 5 hours from Milwaukee, 6 hours from Peoria (Ill.) and Kansas City.



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## The Minnesota Showcase offers teams:

- ☆ Strong national competition!
- ☆ Exposure to college coaches & scouting services!
- ☆ Outstanding air conditioned facility!
- ☆ Guaranteed 4 to 6 games!
- ☆ All games at Minnesota St. University!
- ☆ Best organized event around!
- ☆ Very detailed Player Info Guide for college scouts!
- ☆ Arena just minutes from motels!
- ☆ Computerized stats posted throughout!
- ☆ Reputable staff with 26 years experience!
- ☆ Huge tourney program with rosters, schedules & more!



“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 in this first Minnesota Showcase.” - 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.



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## Mr. Basketball 2017 Team Entry Form

To secure a spot for your team in the 2017 Mr. Basketball Minnesota Showcase, please complete this form and return along with a check or money order for the \$525 entry fee, or simply email Doug Koster and I will email you an invoice to pay with a credit card. Spots are available until the website indicates all spots have been filled. Schedules are posted in early June.

TEAM NAME \_\_\_\_\_ DIVISION: PLATINUM GOLD

COACH \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

DAY PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

EVENING PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

CELL PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

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

TITLE \_\_\_\_\_ NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

CELL PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

## Return Entry Form & Fee To:

MR. BASKETBALL, INC.  
5003 AVENUE G PLACE  
KEARNEY, NE 68847

# 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 from 20 states.

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 are now playing in the NBA, NFL, WNBA, MLB and for many of the top mens & womens NCAA programs.

Although the majority of the events are held in Kearney, Koster also hosts the 64-team Dakota Showcase all-star tournament in Sioux Falls and a handful of 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 Kearney Chamber of Commerce Sport and Rec Committee, and the Bearcat Booster Club.

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, 43, and his wife, Beth, have a 20-year old daughter, Keona, and a 16-year old son, Kanon. Both kids can be spotted at the gym helping out during the tournaments.

Minnesota Showcase Featured Hotel

# **AmericInn Hotel & Conference Center**

The AmericInn is only 1/2 block from the  
MSU Taylor Center.

Walk to and from your games,  
-- the ultimate convenience for  
parents & coaches!

## **\* Complimentary breakfast**

- \* Newly renovated rooms with flat panel TV's
  - \* Free High Speed Internet
- \* Indoor pool and whirlpool and fitness center
  - \* Meeting / hospitality room
- \* University Square Mall next door with many food options

We are excited to have your team stay with us. We have blocked 50 rooms for participants. The rate is \$154.99 per night plus tax. Book early, only 50 rooms are available within walking distance of the gyms!!

**Reservations Call (507) 345-8011**

Visit our website at [americinnmankatomn.com](http://americinnmankatomn.com)

# 2017 MOTEL INFORMATION MANKATO, MINN.

I have secured room blocks at several motels for teams and parents visiting Mankato for the Minnesota Showcase. When contacting these properties, be sure to tell them you are with the Minnesota Showcase room block. Rooms are available on the nights of June 22-23-24. Coaches are encouraged to provide this info to parents who will be attending the tournament at the earliest date possible. Take advantage of this opportunity to get your rooms early! Teams should be prepared to play on Friday morning, June 23, at 9 AM. 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.

**OUR ROOM BLOCKS ARE RELEASED at various dates ranging from May 1 to early June.  
MAKE SURE YOU BOOK YOUR ROOMS EARLY as motels will be sold-out this weekend in Mankato.  
I CAN NOT EMPHASIZE IT ENOUGH, GET YOUR ROOMS EARLY!!!**

## **Fairfield Inn & Suites • Reservations (507) 386-1220**

This Marriott hotel is conveniently located near River Hills Mall which features Herberger's, JC Penney, Sears and Scheel's All Sports. This Mankato hotel is a short drive from Minnesota State University. The hotel features an indoor pool and spa to help you relax at the end of the day or have fun with the family. We will get you started each day with our "Early Eats" deluxe breakfast that includes fresh Belgian waffles, assorted yogurts, hot freshly brewed coffee, fresh fruit, assorted hot and cold cereals, juices, and much more.

20 rooms with 2 queen beds available in Minnesota Showcase room block at rate of \$139.00 per night plus tax, rooms must be guaranteed by May 23.

## **Microtel Inn & Suites • Reservations (507) 388-2818**

This quality hotel is near Minnesota State University. Microtel truly understands that, for you, convenience is key. Stay in any of our standard or suite hotel rooms and enjoy the convenience of free high-speed wireless internet access as well as a daily complimentary continental breakfast.

We have 35 rooms at the Microtel Inn & Suites. Non-smoking rooms with 2 queen beds are \$108.99 per night plus tax. Non-smoking suite rooms with one queen bed and a double size pullout, fridge and microwave are \$133.99 per night plus tax. Rooms must be guaranteed by May 15 and have 72 hour cancellation deadline to avoid charge.

## **Holiday Inn Express & Suites • Reservations (507) 388-1880**

With top-notch amenities and quality service, you are sure to have a carefree stay at the newly built Holiday Inn Express. Conveniently located off of Highways 22 and 14, our pet-friendly hotel offers the ideal location for both business and leisure travelers. To help you start each morning right, our Mankato, MN hotel offers a complimentary, hot breakfast bar, featuring our signature cinnamon rolls and Smart Roast coffee. We offer free high-speed, wired and wireless Internet access and a 24-hour business center and remote printer. Enjoy our indoor, heated swimming pool, whirlpool and wading pool. We also have a 24-hour fitness center and on-site guest laundry facilities.

20 rooms with 2 queen beds are available at rate of \$124.99 per night plus tax.  
2 queen bed suites are \$144.99 per night. 2 queen bed executives are \$134.99 per night.  
May 22 cutoff for room block.

## **Baymont Inn & Suites • Reservations (507) 388-5107**

The Quality Inn is being completely renovated & outfitted with new furniture last year. Quality Inn offers breakfast, an indoor pool and whirlpool, as well as wireless internet access. Our breakfasts include make-your-own Belgian waffles, a variety of cereals, fresh fruits, breads, bagels, and juices.

26 rooms at \$105 per night plus tax for standard rooms. The cutoff is May 10th for these rooms.

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## **Hilton Garden Inn • Reservations (507) 344-1111**

The Hilton Garden Inn Downtown Mankato hotel is ideally situated in the heart of Mankato, MN across from the beautiful Minnesota River. Rising in the Mankato skyline as an architecturally prominent building and connected to the Verizon Wireless Center through an indoor skyway, the Hilton Garden Inn Mankato, MN hotel offers close proximity to a number of events and top venues within the city. Our nine story facility offers 3,000 square feet of flexible meeting space, with each room equipped with state-of-the-art audio/visual equipment including video-conferencing. Our full-service restaurant, Olives, is located on the main floor of the hotel and serves Mediterranean and American cooking that embraces a lighter modern approach to the culinary arts. Complimentary high-speed Internet in hotel guestrooms, meeting rooms, restaurant and lobby. Fridge, microwave & coffeemaker in every room.

50 rooms with 2 queen beds available in Minnesota Showcase room block at rate of \$109.00 per night plus tax. When reserving your room, please indicate our group code **MNS**. Rooms must be guaranteed by June 1.

## **Country Inn & Suites • Reservations (507) 388-8555**

Conveniently located at the intersection of Highways 14 and 22, the Country Inn & Suites Mankato Hotel and Conference Center ensures a pleasant stay for guests seeking fun along the Minnesota River, biking scenic trails or shopping in the historic downtown district. Immerse yourself in comfort with charming hotel rooms equipped with microwaves and refrigerators for the conveniences of home. Relax in the indoor pool and spa, stay in shape at the Fitness Center and indulge in free breakfasts. Free Wi-Fi and more than 5,000 square feet of meeting space are great for business.

10 standard rooms are \$144 per night plus tax. May 23 cutoff for room block.

## **Courtyard Mankato by Marriott • Reservations (507) 388-1234**

The Courtyard by Marriott is walking distance to River Hills Mall and just minutes from MSU. The Bistro offers healthy choices, a variety of breakfast and dinner options, an evening bar, and specialty beverages made with Starbucks® coffee. Our state-of-the-art Mankato accommodations feature complimentary Wi-Fi and high-quality amenities to make you feel at home.

Rooms are \$139 per night plus tax. May 25 cutoff for room block.

## **Mankato City Centre Hotel • Reservations (507) 345-1234**

The Mankato City Centre Hotel has a rich history in the downtown community and is the perfect choice when visiting Greater Mankato. The City Centre Motel has 151 sleeping rooms featuring complimentary high speed internet. We also offer a business center in the lobby. The indoor recreation area features a large swimming pool, whirlpool and fitness center with a wide variety of exercise equipment. We are just minutes away from Minnesota State University. Complimentary continental breakfast on weekday mornings.

1 Standard King rooms available at rate of \$99  
15 Two Queen Bed rooms available at rate of \$99

5 Executive King rooms available at rate of \$99  
10 Two Queens Poolside rooms available at rate of \$99

May 15 cutoff for room block.



# **ADDITIONAL ROOMING INFO MANKATO, MINN.**

We do not have room blocks established at these motels, but these are some additional properties that teams have stayed with in the past. We've also had teams opt to stay on campus in some very nice dorms that MSU offers at a good rate. I've included the contact info for the MSU dorms here as well.

## **MSU Dorms**

Contact Matt Goff at [matthew.goff@mnsu.edu](mailto:matthew.goff@mnsu.edu)

## **Super 8 • Reservations (507) 387-0600**

The Super 8 has Free High Speed Wireless Internet, a fitness center, a whirlpool, free super start continental breakfast and right next door is a 24 hour Happy Chef Family restaurant. They offer all Super 8 guests a 20% discount on all food and beverage items.

## **Days Inn • Reservations (507) 387-3332**

Offers indoor pool, hot tub, deluxe continental breakfast.

## **Budget Host Inn • Reservations (507) 388-1644**

Offers continental breakfast, just four miles from MSU.

## **GrandStay Residential Suites Hotel • Reservations (507) 388-8688**

All suites include kitchen, sofa sleeper, one or two bedroom suites. Complimentary hot breakfast.

## **AmericInn at St. Peter, MN • Reservations (507) 931-6554**

Just 10 miles north of Mankato.