



# MISS BASKETBALL

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Dear Coach,

I am excited to extend this invitation for your team to compete in the 23rd Annual Miss Basketball Showcase National Tournament, July 12-14, 2018, in Kearney, Nebraska. The tournament will feature 64 summer teams from across the country. Each year NCAA, NAIA and junior college coaches from coast-to-coast are on hand to scout the talented field.

Teams from 37 different states and Canada have ventured to Miss Basketball and alumni of the event have gone on to play in every major NCAA Division I conference as well as the WNBA.

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.

Teams are guaranteed four or more games in two of the premier summer facilities anywhere! Games are played in the 6,500 seat-air conditioned 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.

The entry fee is \$525 per team for the Platinum & Gold divisions. The Silver division entry fee is \$325. By submitting a \$125 nonrefundable deposit, we will hold a spot for your team until April when the nonrefundable balance will be due. The entry deadline is approximately May 15.

Coaches and players love the Miss Basketball "atmosphere." From the air conditioned facility, to the thumping sound system during warmups and timeouts, to the computerized stats that are posted after every game (at the gym & on our website) and the fact that the college scouts only have to cover two sites, Miss Basketball has an atmosphere that is unmatched in summer ball!

Visit [missbasketball.com](http://missbasketball.com) for tons of tournament history & pictures of the facilities. I hope your program will choose to play where the nation plays when the best prep basketball players in the country visit the Miss Basketball Showcase. I look forward to receiving your deposit and seeing you in July!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Doug S. Koster".

Doug S. Koster



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The 23rd Annual Miss Basketball Showcase, set for July 12-14, 2018, will feature 64 summer teams for one of the Midwest's longest running college showcase events.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Players must have one year or more of high school eligibility remaining after the conclusion of the Miss Basketball Showcase (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. By submitting a \$125 nonrefundable deposit, we will hold a spot for your team until April when the nonrefundable balance will be due. The registration deadline is approximately May 15.. Don't hesitate to contact us to inquire about openings or to be placed on the backup list.

**EVENT FORMAT:** Teams will compete in pool play on July 13-14 and then teams will be seeded in tournament brackets July 15. 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!!

**COLLEGE EXPOSURE:** The Miss Basketball 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 the NCAA Division I, II, III, NAIA and junior college ranks from across the United States. College coaches are e-mailed information regarding the participants in Miss Basketball so they can make advance plans to attend. Miss Basketball also provides every coach in attendance with an in-depth Player Info Guide, with player profile sheets filled out by every player. Colleges from every major conference have scouted the Showcase.

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

**MOTELS JUST 5 MINUTES TO THE GYMS:** Each summer Miss Basketball secures room blocks for teams competing in the Miss Basketball Showcase. A number of very nice motels provide rooms for \$70-\$150 per night with four per room. Most have indoor pools, some have free breakfast, and all are located within five minutes of the two game sites.

**HOSPITALITY:** The community of Kearney gets behind the Miss Basketball Showcase big-time. From front page news coverage, to live television news broadcasts on site, to our "small town" hospitality, your team is a special guest during Miss Basketball. You won't find a more involved community anywhere!

**MISSBASKETBALL.COM:** Visit our website at missbasketball.com for tons of Miss Basketball history and other info. We post schedules on our website prior to the event; during the event, we post boxscores, stat leaders, brackets and more immediately after each game!

**KEARNEY, NEBRASKA:** Kearney is a growing community of 32,000 people located on Interstate 80 in Central Nebraska. Coaches love coming to Kearney. Games are at just two sites, 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 into Lincoln or Omaha and make the short drive.

# BIG TIME COLLEGE EXPOSURE

## AT THE MISS BASKETBALL SHOWCASE

Listed below are universities who have scouted the Miss Basketball Showcase in Kearney!

Adams St.	Dodge City CC	Minnesota St. - Moorhead	Santa Clara
Air Force Academy	Dordt	Minnesota St. - Morris	Scott County CC
Alabama	Drake	Missouri	Seward County CC
Alaska - Anchorage	Drury	Missouri Science & Tech	Sioux Falls
Allen County CC	East Texas Baptist	Missouri Southern	South Carolina - Aiken
Arkansas	Eastern Michigan	Missouri State	South Dakota
Arkansas St.	Eastern Washington	Missouri Valley	South Dakota St.
Army	Ellsworth CC	Missouri Western	South Dakota Tech
Arizona St.	Emporia St.	Missouri - Kansas City	Southeast CC
Augustana	Evansville	Missouri - St. Louis	Southeast Missouri St.
Avila	Fort Hays St.	Montana St.	Southeast Oklahoma St.
Barton County CC	Fort Lewis	Morningside	Southeastern Okla. St.
Bemidji St.	Fort Scott CC	Mount Marty	Southern Colorado
Benedictine	Friends	Mount Mercy	Southern Illinois
Bethel (KS)	Garden City CC	Murray St.	Southern Utah
Bethel (MN)	Grinnell	Navy	Southwest Baptist
Binghamton	Hastings	Nebraska	Southwest Minnesota St.
Black Hills St.	Highland CC	Nebraska Wesleyan	Southwest St.
Boise St.	Houston	Nebraska - Kearney	Southwestern
Boston	Hutchinson CC	Nebraska - Omaha	Southwestern Iowa CC
Boston College	Idaho	Neosho CC	Southwestern MN CC
Bradley	Idaho St.	Nevada	Spring Hill
Briar Cliff	Illinois	New Mexico	Stephen F. Austin
Brigham Young	Illinois St.	New Mexico St.	St. Bonaventure
Brown	Illinois-Chicago	New York - Albany	St. Cloud State
Brown Mackie	Independence CC	Newman	St. Louis
Bucknell	Indiana	North Dakota	St. Mary's (NE)
Butler County CC	Indiana St.	North Dakota St.	Sterling
California-Berkley	Iona	North Florida	Tabor
Cal Poly	Iowa	North Texas	Texas Christian
Cal St. Northridge	Iowa Central CC	Northeast CC	Texas St.
Cameron	Iowa St.	Northeastern College	Texas Tech
Casper College	Iowa Wesleyan	Northeastern St.	Texas - Arlington
Central Arkansas	Iowa Western CC	Northern Arizona	Texas - Pan American
Central Florida	Jacksonville St.	Northern Colorado	Texas - San Antonio
Central Methodist	Kansas	Northern Iowa	Toledo
Central Missouri St.	Kansas City, KS CC	Northern Oklahoma	Truman St.
Chadron St.	Kansas St.	Northwest Missouri St.	Tulsa
Chicago	Kansas Wesleyan	North Platte CC	Upper Iowa
Coe	Kent St.	Northern St.	Utah
Colby CC	Kirkwood CC	Northwestern	U.S. Coast Guard
Colgate	Labette CC	Oklahoma	U.S. Military Academy
Colorado	Lamar	Oklahoma St.	Valparaiso
Colorado Christian	Lamar CC	Oklahoma City	Vanderbilt
Colorado College	Lehigh	Oklahoma Panhandle St.	Vermont
Colorado Northwestern	Lewis & Clark CC	Oklahoma St.	Wartburg
Colorado School of Mines	Liberty	Oral Roberts	Washburn
Colorado St.	Long Beach St.	Oregon St.	Washington
Colorado St. - Pueblo	Louisville	Ottawa	Washington St.
Colorado - Colo. Springs	Luther	Pacific	Washington - St. Louis
Columbia	Manhattan	Penn Valley CC	Wayne St.
Concordia (NE)	Manhattan Christian	Peru St.	Weber St.
Concordia (MN)	Marshalltown CC	Pittsburg St.	Western Illinois
Cornell	Mary	Pratt CC	Western St.
Cornell (IA)	McCook CC	Presentation	Wichita St.
Cottey College	McPherson	Princeton	William & Mary
Cowley CC	Mercer	Quincy	William Jewel
Creighton	Mesa St.	Regis	William Penn
Dakota Wesleyan	Metro St.	Rice	Wisconsin
Dana	Michigan St.	Rochester Comm Tech	Wisconsin - Milwaukee
Dartmouth	Midland Lutheran	Rockhurst	Wyoming
Denver	Mineral Area CC	Sacramento St.	Yale
Depaul	Minnesota	Saint Mary	York
Des Moines CC	Minnesota - Duluth	San Diego	
Doane	Minnesota St. - Mankato	San Diego St.	

# COLLEGE COACH'S COMMENTS

## ABOUT THE MISS BASKETBALL SHOWCASE

**“Everything about Doug and the Showcase is professional and first class. We go to events all over the country and there is not one event better run than the Showcase. The facilities, packet, program, results, timeliness, hospitality, and even the music is set up to help make our jobs easier to do. It is always a pleasure to come to this event and we are excited that the Showcase continues to grow and attract some of the very best summer basketball programs in the country!” - NCAA Division I Coach.**

“The Miss Basketball tournament was great. I was not following one particular team through the tournament so I stayed in the main gym and saw all the teams pass through there. It was great to be able to watch three courts at once. My favorite part of the entire tournament was the Player Info Guide. As a school where academics becomes one of our biggest hurdles, seeing their GPA and ACT scores was a tremendous help and allowed me to use my time most efficiently.” - NCAA Division I Coach.

“The combination of talent and facilities make the Miss Basketball tournament one of the best summer recruiting events. The games are played at only two sites and the facilities are top notch. The PIG is the most comprehensive player guide I have experienced during summer recruiting. I highly recommend this tournament to all college coaches.” - NCAA Division II Coach.

“The Miss Basketball event in Kearney is without a doubt one of the premier summer events... coaches from every level can find prospects as there are D-I, D-II and many solid D-III/NAIA players competing. For the cost, number of games to evaluate, facilities and meals, you can't get a more quality event. I would highly recommend this event for college coaches.” - NCAA Division I Coach.

“Doug, I was very impressed with the tournament format. I was able to see every team in the tournament play at least two times in two days. It was also nice that you provided the coaches with food and drinks several times per day. I was also impressed with the completeness of the tournament book. Every tournament should adopt your format and book.” - NCAA Division I Coach (West Coast).

“I just want to let you know that the Miss Basketball tournaments that I attended were the best events of the summer! Everything from tournament staff to organization was done first class! You run excellent events and I look forward to seeing you next summer.” - NCAA Division II Coach.

“Great tournament again... I have been to many events all over the Midwest and now the South and Southeast. None compare to yours in value, organization, and tourney stats and information. Looking forward to the next one I can attend!” - NCAA Division II Coach (East Coast).

“Congrats on another super tournament! You do an incredible job!” - NCAA Division I Coach.

“I really enjoyed my first trip to your event—I can see why coaches are so complimentary of the event.” - NCAA Division I Coach.

“Kearney is one of the two tournaments our coaching staff attends in the summer. It's organized, competitive and a friendly environment. It's a one stop shop.” - NCAA Division II Coach.

“Kick ass tournament Doug! I can't tell you how nice it is to have a packet that is organized. There are tournaments where I will spend a whole game trying to get organized. As a former player, I can also say that the music is awesome...kind of keeps everyone in the gym going.” - Junior College Head Coach.



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**The Miss Basketball Showcase offers an unmatched mix of facilities, competition, college exposure, organization and hospitality. Here is why your team should put Kearney on your 2017 schedule:**

- ☆ Exposure to various level college programs!
- ☆ Best organized event around!
- ☆ Competitive teams from different regions!
- ☆ Outstanding air conditioned facilities!
- ☆ Guaranteed 4-6 games!
- ☆ 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 27 years experience!
- ☆ Huge tourney program with rosters, schedules & more!
- ☆ Teams from 37 states & Canada have participated!

One of the great benefits of the Showcase is that it is well attended by college coaches of various levels. Here is a letter that highlights the opportunities a few Arizona girls have thanks to their participation in Miss Basketball -- with schools outside of the area that would normally recruit Arizona kids, but they were discovered in Kearney!

"My daughter Cara got a recruiting e-mail today from an assistant coach at Lake Superior State in Michigan. In it she referenced that she remembered Cara from last years' Miss Basketball. Speaking of recruiting, I am sure you like to hear success stories emanating from your tournament. Last summer a coach at Fort Lewis in Colorado came to watch Cara (who was a sophomore) and ended up being impressed also with our point guard Andrea (now a senior).Andrea signed with Fort Lewis a few months back. Also, our center at last summer's tournament (Chantel, now a senior) has signed with Central Arkansas. Thanks for the opportunities." - Steve Bomar, Gilbert Genies (Arizona).





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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 2018, Koster will host 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 Minnesota Showcase and Dakota Showcase events in Mankato and Sioux Falls, along with 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, 44, and his wife, Beth, have a 21-year old daughter, Keona, and a 17-year old son, Kanon.



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## 2018 TEAM ENTRY FORM

To secure a spot in the 2018 Miss Basketball Showcase, please complete this form and return along with a cashier's check or money order for the \$125 nonrefundable deposit. The nonrefundable balance will be due in April. Online payments can be made with a credit card at [www.MissBasketball.com](http://www.MissBasketball.com).

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:

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