

# MR. BASKETBALL SLAMFEST



Team Camp for Varsity, JV & 9th Grade  
June 1-2, 2024 @ Kearney, Neb.

I would like to invite your program to compete in the 32nd Annual Mr. Basketball Slamfest with high school teams from across Nebraska & a few surrounding states. Teams play three pool play games on Saturday, followed by two tournament games on Sunday.



- **Large & Small School Varsity & JV Divisions!** The Slamfest offers separate divisions for large and small schools to provide the most competitive summer experience. We also have junior varsity and 9th-grade-to-be divisions.
- **5 game guarantee!** Teams play three pool games on Saturday, followed by two tournament games on Sunday (all teams are done by mid-afternoon).
- **Unbeatable facilities!** We host our events at the UNK Health & Sports Center, Kearney High School, Kearney Catholic Cope Coliseum and Sunrise Middle School.
- **Real game situations!** We play four-8 minute stop-clock quarters, with the clock stopping on all whistles, just like the regular season.
- **One night stay!** We'll schedule teams 3-5 hours away for a later start on Saturday so they only need a motel on Saturday evening.
- **Experienced officials!** We hire NSAA registered and certified officials.

## How To Register Your Team

The entry fee is \$48 per player, with a minimum of 8 players highly recommended. To register your team(s) return the enclosed Team Entry Form and the \$48 non-refundable deposit for each team. The deposit counts as one player paid and the balance will be due May 7. Coaches can also register on our website with a credit card.

*#Since1992*

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## 2024 TEAM ENTRY FORM

TEAM NAME \_\_\_\_\_

TEAM CONTACT NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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

MOBILE PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

\*\* REQUIRED: EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

### PLEASE MARK YOUR TEAM'S LEVEL FOR THE 2024-25 SEASON:

CLASS:    A        B        C1    C2    D1    D2                      (Nebraska largest class is Class A)

LEVEL:    Varsity        Jr. Varsity        9th-to-be

All registrations must include a \$48 deposit or payment in full. Please mail completed form & payment to:

**MR. BASKETBALL, INC.**  
**5003 G AVENUE PL.**  
**KEARNEY, NE 68847**

\* Teams will be billed for the balance which is due May 7.

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## MOTEL INFO

I have secured room blocks at several motels for teams and parents during the Mr. Basketball Slamfest team camp. All of the motels are in the same general vicinity, only 5-10 minutes from the gyms. 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 these weekends and rooms should be reserved as soon as possible. These room blocks will be released 30 days before the events. If you have any problems making reservations, don't hesitate to contact Doug Koster at [doug@misterbasketball.com](mailto: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.

**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 directly and receive a 15% discount when you indicate you are with our event based on availability.

**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 \$79.99 plus tax.

**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 recently with new queen beds & bedding, fridge/micro, HDTV. Rooms are \$129 for double queen rooms. Make sure you tell them you are with the Mr. Basketball room block.

**CROWNE PLAZA 308-238-7000** Indoor water park, pool, fitness center, free wi-fi, mini-fridge and Keurig in each room. Contact the motel directly and receive a 5% discount when you indicate you are with our event. On site restaurant serves breakfast, lunch and dinner.

**HAMPTON INN 308-234-3400** Indoor pool, hot tub and more. Free wi-fi, fridge & microwaves, HDTVs. Contact the motel directly and receive a 5% discount when you indicate you are with our event.

**LAQUINTA INN 308-237-4400** Indoor pool, hot tub, fitness center and more. Free wi-fi, fridge & microwaves, HDTVs. Contact the motel directly and receive a 5% discount when you indicate you are with our event.

**FAIRFIELD INN 308-236-4200** Indoor pool, hot tub, fitness center and more. Free wi-fi, fridge & microwaves, HDTVs. Contact the motel directly and receive a 5% discount when you indicate you are with our event.

**HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS 308-234-8100** Indoor pool, hot tub, free wi-fi, fridge & microwaves, HDTVs. Contact the motel directly and receive a 5% discount when you indicate you are with our event.

**COMFORT INN 308-236-3400** Indoor pool, hot tub, breakfast & free wi-fi. Contact the motel directly and receive a 5% discount when you indicate you are with our event.

**CANDLEWOOD SUITES 308-237-5971** Contact the motel directly and receive a 5% discount when you indicate you are with our event.

**HOLIDAY INN 308-237-5971** Indoor waterslide, pool, hot tub, free wi-fi, fridge & microwave, HDTVs. Contact the motel directly and receive a 5% discount when you indicate you are with our event.

## A SAMPLE OF PROGRAMS AT MR. BASKETBALL IN RECENT YEARS

# WHO'S PLAYED

ADAMS CENTRAL  
AINSWORTH  
ALLEN  
ALMA  
AMHERST  
ANSELMO-MERNA  
ANSLEY-LITCHFIELD  
AQUINAS CATHOLIC  
ARAPAHOE  
ARCADIA-LOUP CITY  
ASHLAND-GREENWOOD  
ATCHISON COUNTY (KS)  
AUBURN  
AXTELL  
BATTLE CREEK  
BERTRAND  
BOONE CENTRAL-NG  
BRADY  
BRIDGEPORT  
BROKEN BOW  
CEDAR BLUFFS  
CENTRAL CITY  
CENTRAL VALLEY  
CHAMBERS WHEELER CENTRAL  
CIMARRON (KS)  
CLARKSON-LEIGH  
CLEARWATER-ORCHARD  
CONESTOGA  
COZAD  
CRAWFORD  
CREIGHTON  
DAVID CITY  
DEHLER  
DILLER-ODELL  
DONIPHAN-TRUMBULL  
DOUGLAS COUNTY  
ELGIN POPE JOHN  
ELKHORN HIGH  
ELKHORN VALLEY  
ELWOOD  
EUSTIS-FARNAM  
FAIRBURY  
FLEMING (CO)  
FORT CALHOUN  
FRANKLIN  
GIBBON  
GILTNER

GORDON-RUSHVILLE  
GRAND ISLAND  
GRAND ISLAND NORTHWEST  
GUARDIAN ANGELS CC  
HARTINGTON CEDAR CATHOLIC  
HARTINGTON-NEWCASTLE  
HASTINGS  
HEARTLAND LUTHERAN  
HITCHCOCK COUNTY  
HOLDREGE  
HOMER  
HOT SPRINGS (SD)  
HOWELLS-DODGE  
HUMPHREY-LHF  
JEFFERSON (MT)  
KEARNEY CATHOLIC  
KEARNEY HIGH  
KENESAW  
LAKEVIEW  
LARNED (KS)  
LEXINGTON  
LEYTON  
LINCOLN CHRISTIAN  
LINCOLN LUTHERAN  
LINCOLN SUPREME  
LINDSAY HOLY FAMILY  
LOOMIS  
LOUISVILLE  
LUTHERAN HIGH NORTHEAST  
LYONS-DECATUR  
MAXWELL  
MCCOOK  
MEDICINE VALLEY  
MILFORD  
MINDEN  
MULLEN  
NIOBRARA-VERDIGRE  
NORTH BEND CENTRAL  
NORTH CENTRAL  
NORTH PLATTE  
NORTHERN VALLEY (KS)  
NORTON (KS)  
OGALLALA  
O'NEILL  
ORD  
OSMOND  
OVERTON



*Since 1992, teams from 37 states and two Canadian provinces have ventured to Kearney for our mix of youth and high school events.*

PARKVIEW CHRISTIAN  
PAXTON  
PENDER  
PERKINS COUNTY  
PHILLIPSBURG (KS)  
PIERCE  
PIUS X  
PLATTE-GEDES (CO)  
PLATTSMOUTH  
PONCA  
QUINTER (KS)  
RANDOLPH  
RAPID CITY ST. THOMAS MORE  
(SD)  
RAYMOND CENTRAL  
RIVERSIDE  
RONCALLI  
SAINT EDWARD  
SANDHILLS-THELFORD  
SCOTTSBLUFF  
SCRIBNER-SNYDER  
S-E-M  
SHELBY RISING CITY  
SIDNEY

SMITH CENTER (KS)  
SOUTH LOUP  
SOUTH SIOUX CITY  
SOUTHERN VALLEY  
SPALDING-SPALDING ACADEMY  
ST. MARY'S  
ST. PAUL  
STUART  
SUPERIOR  
SUTHERLAND  
TEKAMAH-HERMAN  
THUNDER RIDGE (CO)  
WABAUNSEE (KS)  
WAHOD  
WALLACE  
WAUSA  
WAVERLY  
WEST POINT-BEEMER  
WHEATLAND GRINNELL (KS)  
WINSIDE  
WOOD RIVER  
WYNOT  
YUTAN

# 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.

Koster hosts a dozen major events each year 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.

Most events are held in Kearney, but Koster also hosts the Dakota Showcase in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, along with several youth tournaments throughout 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.

Doug was inducted into the Kearney High School Athletic Hall of Fame in 2019. He broke a number of KHS scoring and rebounding records and was a two-time first team Class A (big school) all-state selection. His 23.05 PPG remains the school record for a single season.

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.

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

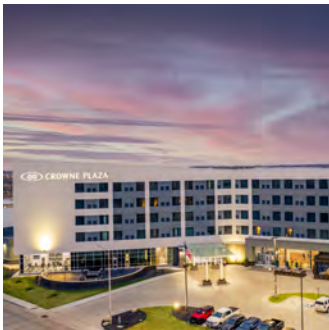
Doug and his wife, Beth, have a daughter, Keona, who is a Partner Relationship Manager for the Arbor Day Foundation, and a son, Kanon, who was named the 2018 Omaha World Herald Athlete of the Year. An all-state quarterback and basketball player, Kanon played basketball & graduated from the University of South Dakota. With two years of playing eligibility remaining, he is now working on his master's degree at Saint Leo University, a DII school near Tampa. In 2022-23, Kanon helped the Lions win a school record 13 conference games, finishing 22-10. He averaged 18 PPG and was named the Sunshine State Conference Player of the Week in back-to-back weeks in February. Kanon scored a college career high 35 points in a late season win over rival Florida Southern. He was named 2nd Team All Sunshine State Conference.





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**WELCOME TO KEARNEY  
MR. BASKETBALL TEAMS!**



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**308.238.7000**



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**308.234.8100**

Make your reservations today!



# WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!

## TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS

Call the hotel of your choice and mention the Mr. Basketball Tournament to receive the tournament discount.

## RESTAURANTS ON THE YOUNES CAMPUS

- Fyre Modern Grill
- Angus Burger and Shakes
- Coppermill Steakhouse
- Cunningham's on the Lake
- Joy's Table

