



## 2019 USSSA National Championship Welcome Letter



On behalf of the USSSA Basketball, we would like to welcome you and your families to the wonderful Gaylord Palms Resort in Orlando, FL! We are ecstatic to make the Gaylord our home for the **2019 USSSA Boys and Girls National Championships!**

We can't wait for a fair, fun, competitive event!

### **CHECK-IN**

Q: When and where is team check-in?

A: All teams **MUST** check-in. Failure to check-in will result in a forfeit of ALL games.

#### **Team Check-In**

#### **Gaylord Palms Resort & Convention Center**

6000 W Osceola Pkwy, Kissimmee, FL 34746

Florida Exhibit Hall, Check-In Kiosk

Friday: 12:30pm - 9:00pm

Saturday: 8:00am - 4:30pm

Q: All my players have already been checked in and approved at a previous tournament. Do I need to check them in at Nationals?

A: Yes! **All players must come to check-in.** Players will be screened individually to ensure all players are eligible to compete. Each player's current report card, birth certificate, current picture, and official printed USSSA team roster are mandatory for check-in. Players with missing documentation will **NOT** be cleared to play. Failure to provide all required documents will delay your check-in.

### **OPENING CEREMONY**

Q: When and where is the Opening Ceremony?

A: The Opening Ceremony will take place in the Florida Exhibit Hall A Friday at 7p. The Opening Ceremony will feature a DJ and a brief address from USSSA National Director James Taylor.

### **AWARDS**

Q: What does my team get when we win?



A: Members of the first-place team receive Championship Rings. Members of the second-place team will receive silver medals.

Q: What if I stand out individually?

A: Championship teams will have one All-Tournament selection and an MVP award winner. Runner-Up teams will have one All-Tournament selection and one Hustle award winner.

Q: When and where will I receive my team and individual awards?

A: All awards will be presented by USSSA National Director James Taylor at the Championship Station.

## **TEAM ROSTERS & ELIGIBILITY**

Q: Can I add players to my roster?

A: Rosters are frozen on July 2nd. Adding new players after this date is not permitted.

## **FACILITY**

**Gaylord Palms Resort & Convention Center**

6000 W Osceola Pkwy, Kissimmee, FL 34746

Florida Exhibit Hall A, B, C

## **SPECTATORS**

Q: What are weekend and daily spectator prices?

A: Spectator Prices - Adult event pass \$50, Adult daily pass \$15, Child event pass \$30, Child daily pass \$10, Children Under Age 5 Free

## **SPECTATOR CONDUCT**

Q: What is acceptable fan/spectator behavior?

A: Fans are expected to be exuberant and enthusiastic! It's the National Championship! Sportsmanship amongst fans, players, and coaches, however, is absolutely paramount.

Q: What is unacceptable fan/spectator behavior?

A: The following behavior will not be tolerated:

Alcohol In The Exhibit Hall

Drinking/Drunkenness

Profanity

Belligerent, Incendiary, or Confrontational Behavior

Any Verbal or Physical Altercations

Comments To Officials

Q: What will happen in the event of unacceptable fan/spectator behavior?

A: Spectators will be ejected from the Exhibit Hall by event staff and will be escorted off the premises by law enforcement. Any spectators, coaches, or others that are ejected at any point



will not be allowed to participate in the remainder of the event. Ejected parties may also be asked to vacate their rooms at the Gaylord.

Q: Who is responsible for upholding the standards of acceptable fan/spectator behavior?

A: First and foremost, as adults everyone must be responsible for themselves. Parents will also be held responsible for the actions of their children. Coaches will also be held responsible for the actions of their players, families, and spectators.

## **SCHEDULE & SCORES**

Q: When will the schedule be released?

A: June 30<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 pm via [www.floridabasketball.com](http://www.floridabasketball.com), [www.usssanationalbasketballchampionships.com](http://www.usssanationalbasketballchampionships.com), and the Florida USSSA Basketball App.

Q: Will my schedule change after it is released?

A: In all likelihood, no. But check [www.floridabasketball.com](http://www.floridabasketball.com), [www.usssanationalbasketballchampionships.com](http://www.usssanationalbasketballchampionships.com), and the Florida USSSA Basketball App daily for potential schedule changes.

Q: What time will my team play?

A: The earliest game will start at 12:00pm on Thursday. Considerations will be made for those teams travelling the farthest.

Q: Can a team submit schedule requests for coaches who coach multiple teams?

A: Yes, however we cannot guarantee that requests will be accommodated due to the number of teams and necessary schedule requirements for each division. Thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation.

Q: Where can I see updated schedules, scores, and standings?

A: [www.floridabasketball.com](http://www.floridabasketball.com), [www.usssanationalbasketballchampionships.com](http://www.usssanationalbasketballchampionships.com), and the Florida USSSA Basketball App, which can be found for free in Apple & Android App Stores.

## **HOME vs. AWAY UNIFORMS**

Q: How do I know whether my team should wear home or away jerseys?

A: Home teams are the second team listed in the USSSA Basketball App. Home teams will wear white jerseys.

## **FUN & EXTRAS**

Q: Will any of our games be shared via social media?

A: Yes! Game scores, updates, pictures, and more will be shared across various USSSA and Florida USSSA Basketball social media platforms. You can join the social media frenzy with **#PlayUSSSA #USSANationals19 #USSSACHamps**

**IG: @USSSABasketballHQ**

**TW: @USSSAHoops**



**FB: USSSABasketball**

**Youtube: USSSA BASKETBALL**

Q: What is there to do on-site when my team isn't playing?

A: There will be games and activities for players, coaches, and families to participate in throughout the event. These courtside games, like corn hole, will allow participants to continue to create memorable moments between games. On-site entertainment will include: Videogame Truck, Corn Hole, DJ (at select times), and Fireworks Show.

Q: Will National Championship T-Shirts be available for purchase?

A: USSSA National Championship T-Shirts will be sold at check-in and throughout the weekend. To skip the line, order customized USSSA National Championship apparel at <https://www.spiritlifevents.com/>.

Q: Will anything else be available for purchase?

A: Yes! There will be multiple commemorative, fun items for sale including backpacks, apparel, and more!

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