



**2017-2018 NIRSA CLUB BASKETBALL
CONFERENCE MANUAL**

The NIRSA Club Basketball Conference is excited to provide league basketball for collegiate club teams across the country. The mission of the NIRSA Club Basketball Conference is to provide regular season basketball play with a focus on facilitating good competition between peers at institutions in the area. In addition to expanded opportunities for club teams, campus recreation professionals and student officials will have the opportunity to gain relevant career experience and invaluable transferable skills through the administration and support of the NIRSA Club Basketball Conference.

REGISTRATION

Registration will take place on the NIRSA IMLeagues website. Scheduling, standings and score reporting will also be managed on IMLeagues.

Registration will open August 14 and close on October 6. Club teams will need to make payment arrangements by November 1st.

Each team, including all individual players, must sign up and register through the registration site to be eligible for league play. Players are responsible for completing the following required documents through the online site: waiver and proof of insurance, and the NIRSA Code of Conduct.

CONFERENCE DUES

All club teams will be expected to pay \$933 in NIRSA Club Basketball Conference dues. These dues cover:

- Insurance for host sites for liability purposes.
- Entry into two (2) Club Conference competitions and one (1) NIRSA Regional Tournament of the club's choice. Dates and locations for host sites will be announced by November 1st.
- All officiating fees at each Club Conference competition. Each conference game will be officiated using the three person officiating system and student officials.
- All Athletic Training services at each Club Conference competition. The host school will be providing these services to club teams.
- Entry for the winner of each conference to the NIRSA National Basketball Championships, hosted by the Ohio State University.

NOTE: Conference dues do not cover travel expenses for the club teams to the Club Conference competitions or the NIRSA Regional Tournament. Clubs will be expected to secure transportation, meals and lodging for these events.

Conference dues can be paid in installments of \$311. Arrangements for the first installment must be made by November 1st. The second installment will be due February 1st and the final installment of \$311 will be due on March 1st. Clubs must indicate to the Club Basketball work team chair if they are choosing the installment payment method or if they are going to pay the entirety of the dues upon registration.

Conference dues can be paid through IMLeagues or via check or PO to the NIRSA Headquarters. Contact the Club Basketball work team chair, Drew Cantwell, for payment via IMLeagues or contact Keeley Naughton at NIRSA Headquarters for check payment options.

SCHEDULING

The NIRSA Club Basketball Conference will schedule club teams within the division to which they are assigned. Divisions will be determined based on regional location of registered teams. Conferences will range in size from four (4) to ten (10) teams. Depending on division size, club teams are guaranteed the following number of regular season games:

Number of Teams	Number of Regular Season Games
4	6
6	8
8	10
10	12

The regular season games will be facilitated through a round robin format at the two (2) designated Club Conference events for each division. The host schools and dates for these conference events will be announced no later than November 1st. Club teams that register for the NIRSA Club Basketball Conference will be expected to be available for the two designated Club Conference events for their division. Every attempt will be made to have three options for each division in terms of Club Conference events, but there is no guarantee there will be options for the club teams to choose from for competition. Club teams that do not make themselves available for the designated Club Conference games will forfeit the scheduled contests for that event. Forfeited contests will be scored 2-0 for division champion selection purposes.

The regular season will be in the Spring semester. All play will be concluded by the last week in March so division champions can be determined and Nationals representation can be selected. All attempts will be made to schedule Club Conference events around NIRSA Regional Tournaments in that division's regional area.

DIVISION CHAMPION SELECTION

The club team in each division with the highest winning percentage after regular season play has concluded will be named the Division Champion. Division Champions will receive a bid and funding to the National Tournament.

In the event of a tie between two (2) or more teams, the following tiebreaker procedures will be used to determine Division Champions:

Ties involving two teams

1. Record in head-to-head matchup(s)
2. One game playoff (if possible)
3. Point differential vs tied team
4. Points allowed vs tied team
5. Point differential in club conference games (total)
6. Points allowed in club conference games (total, if both teams have played same number of games)
7. Record against next highest ranked team in division
8. Coin flip

Ties involving three or more teams

1. Record in head-to-head matchups between tied teams
2. Point differential vs tied teams
3. Points allowed vs tied teams
4. Point differential in all conference games
5. Points allowed in all conference games (if all tied teams play an equal number of games)
6. Record against next highest ranked team in division
7. Coin Flip

PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

Players must be enrolled for the minimum number of hours (listed below) for at least 45 days prior to the beginning of the championship event.

Undergraduates - minimum of half full-time enrollment status

Graduate - minimum of six credit hours

If a player is a graduating senior, and taking less than the required hours to fulfill their graduation requirements, submit a letter from the registrar along with the registration materials stating that the player will be graduating the same term of the event.

For NIRSA Championship Series events that occur during an academic break, the preceding term will be used to determine eligibility.

Participants from schools on the quarter system must meet the eligibility requirements of the half time enrollment for both the current and the preceding quarter.

Players are limited to six appearances in NIRSA Championship Series National events or appearing on a varsity roster per sport. These appearances can be nonconsecutive, but after any six appearances on a roster in the same sport eligibility is exhausted.

Beginning in the fall of 2010, anyone participating as a first-time participant has six years of eligibility per sport at NIRSA events. Players that have appeared on a NIRSA Championship Series roster in the same sport between the fall of 2005 and spring 2010 also have six appearances that can also be nonconsecutive. Any players that appeared on a NIRSA Championship Series event roster or varsity squad list prior to the fall of 2005 are no longer eligible to participate in NIRSA Championship Series events. If a player has appeared on a "varsity squad list" at any two-year or four-year college varsity team in the same sport, this also constitutes a year(s) of used eligibility. If a student played on varsity sport for two years, they still have four appearances left at NIRSA events (so long as their team doesn't exceed the maximum number of varsity players).

Players must not be listed on the varsity roster (or "Squad List") in the same or related sport for the current academic year. Exceptions may be granted to any player that was listed on the roster for less than three weeks. If a former varsity player has been listed on a varsity roster or "squad list" for four or five academic years, that player is not eligible for NIRSA Championship Series competition until after one full academic year has lapsed from the final academic year they were listed on a school's varsity squad list.

Players have never been declared a professional athlete in the same or related sport. A professional athlete is one who receives any kind of payment, directly or indirectly, for athletic participation, or who has participated in competition with a professional team. A professional athletics team is any organized team that provides any of its players more than actual and necessary expenses for participation on the team and/or declares itself to be professional.

The following matrix will be used to clarify eligibility and classification:

On a Varsity Squad List for (the):	Current Academic Year (AY): Less than or equal to 3 weeks	Current AY: Greater than 3 weeks	1 Academic Year	2 Academic Years	3 Academic Years	4 Academic Years	5 Academic Years	6 Academic Years
Eligible to Compete	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes*	Yes*	No
Label as Former Varsity	Yes	-	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	-
# years of NIRSA Championships Series Eligibility Remaining	6	-	5	4	3	2	1	0

* must be removed one full academic year from last year on squad list

TEAM ELIGIBILITY

All team players must attend the same institution from any two or four year degree-granting college or university.

Teams representing military installations are eligible to compete, so long as all members of those teams are assigned to the same military installation.

Team rosters are limited to a maximum of 16 players. Club teams must request for players to be substituted off the roster once a regular season game has been played. Substitutions will only be considered for injury or ineligibility reasons.

No women are allowed to compete on a men's team, and no men are allowed to compete on a women's team. Refer to the NIRSA Championship Series for transgendered participation policies.

Teams are limited to one former varsity athlete on a roster. A former varsity player is defined as a student who has been listed on a "school's varsity squad list" for any 2-year or 4-year college/university team for more than one academic year in the sport of basketball.

TEAM JERSEYS

Teams must bring both light and dark uniforms. Host site should provide a back-up neutral set of jerseys for teams to check out in case of color conflict.

Jerseys shall have affixed numbers, preferably only utilizing the digits of 0-5. Player numbers must be unique to each individual. Teams are prohibited from taping numbers to the jersey.

RULES SUMMARY

National Federation of State High School Association (NFHS) rules will be utilized for NIRSA Basketball Club Conference play, with the following modifications:

Playing time shall be two twenty (20) minutes halves with an eight (8) minute half time. The clock will stop on all whistles in the final two minutes of each half. Each team will receive 3 timeouts per game. They will receive one additional timeout for each overtime period. All other timeouts do not carry over into overtime. Overtime shall be a three minute period, with the clock stopping on all whistles in the last minute.

No shot clock will be utilized.

Two point field goals and three point field goals will be used.

When available, the high school three-point line will be utilized.

SPORTSMANSHIP

All play will be governed by the NIRSA Championship Series 'Code of Conduct'. Each club is responsible for agreeing to the statement prior to the start of the season. Completed forms must be provided to the league commissioner.

Two unsporting technical fouls on the same player in the same game will result in ejection. An ejected player will be disqualified for the next contest that the ejected player would be eligible for otherwise. If the ejection falls on the last game of the season, the ejected player would be ineligible for the first contest of the following regular season that the player or club participates in with the NIRSA Club Basketball Conference. Any player accumulating three (3) or more unsporting technical fouls during a weekend tournament will be barred from further participation on the weekend and must speak with the Competition Management Committee to determine the player's eligibility for the remainder of the season. Any player accumulating four (4) or more unsporting technical fouls during the course of the season will be barred from further participation in the NIRSA Club Basketball Conference regular season. Any player ejected from two (2) contests in a season will be ineligible for the remainder of the NIRSA Club Basketball Conference regular season. All ejected players are required to leave the visual confines of the court immediately upon disqualification. NIRSA reserves the right to suspend an ejected player from NIRSA Regional and National Tournament play if the actions of the individual are deemed a serious enough offense to warrant such a suspension. Players would appeal this suspension to the Standards of Competition work team within the NIRSA Championship Series.

OFFICIALS INFORMATION

The integrity of the current student development format will continue and be upheld.

Student officials only will be utilized for regional and national tournaments.

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Exceptions may apply where assignors find they cannot find enough students to officiate all of the conference games.

Crews of three will be used at all NIRSA Club Basketball Conference games.

STUDENT OFFICIALS ELIGIBILITY

Student Officials must meet the same enrollment eligibility criteria as players throughout the NIRSA Championship Series event: half-time for undergraduates and at least six hours for graduates at their representing institution.

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