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Dear Coaches and Team Reps,

We are pleased to inform you we were able to move the tournament dates and the revised applications for the 2017 Nikkei Games 3-on-3 and 4-on-4 Basketball tournament are now available. We have attached them for your convenience. You can also print them from our website at www.nikkeigames.org.

We are pleased to announce the tournament will still be held at the beautiful CSULB Pyramid on August 12-13, 2017. The player fee will remain at \$30 and as in previous years we are able to continue with no entrance fee. Hopefully, the parking permit will remain at \$5.00 per day.

The due date for applications this year is July 1, 2017. As a reminder, even though the tournament is two days, almost all divisions were closed in early July last year and we still had to turn away over 30 teams. We are expecting to close all divisions in late June, so please get your applications in early.

Last year, we had 480 teams, more than 1,900 participants and presented over 1,500 medals and awards. We are expecting this year's tournament to be even bigger and better as we continue to be the largest single-location Nikkei basketball tournament in the country.

Like last year, the Nikkei Games Opening Ceremonies will be part of the Budo Tournament on August 6, 2017 at the Pyramid. It is a nice change and allows our gracious sponsors to experience another sporting event. The Budo tournament is very unique and is the only Martial Arts tournament in the world where three different disciplines (Karate, Judo and Kendo) compete on the floor at the same time. We encourage all the Nikkei Games participants to come see this very special tournament and unique format. Opening Ceremonies is scheduled to start at approximately 9:00am.

As always, thank you so much for your continued participation and support. We are able to have the tournament because of you and are celebrating our 83rd year of the "Nikkei Games," dating back to 1928 and the original "Junior Olympics" and its successor in 1952, the "Nisei Relays".

Thank you for your patience and understanding regarding the tournament date change. And please join us in continuing the legacy of our forefathers, "*enjoying healthy competition and building life-long friendships*".

Remember our motto, "The Nikkei Games: Games for the Generations!"

Last year the players ranged from 4 to 64 years old, truly representing the "*Games for the Generations*." You can also go to our website for last year's results and over 600 pictures from the tournament.

Looking forward to you joining us again this year and embracing the Spirit of the Nikkei Games!

Sincerely,

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