



July 17, 2017

Dear Coaches and Team Representatives,

Thank you for your entry into the Nikkei Games 3-on-3 and 4-on-4 Co-ed Basketball Tournament on Saturday and Sunday, August 12-13, 2017 at the beautiful Pyramid on the campus of CSULB. The Pyramid is located one signal west of Palo Verde Ave on Atherton St. and Merriam Way in Long Beach. You can exit the 405 Fwy at Palo Verde Ave and head south. Enclosed are the block game times by division and the 3-on-3 and 4-on-4 tournament rules, whichever applies to your team. You can go to www.nikkeigames.org for more information on all the Games.

Please be aware of the mandatory meeting for the coach or a team representative on Friday, August 11 at 7:00 p.m. in the Orange County Budhhist Church gym, 909 S. Dale St., Anaheim 92804. It is northeast of Ball Rd. and Beach Blvd. Parking is also available directly across the street on Dale St. in the parking lots in front of Dale Middle School. For your safety, please cross the street at the signals.

At this meeting, you will check-in your team and pick up your team bag, which will include Nikkei Games t-shirts and programs as well as one Pyramid wristband for the coach and detailed divisional game schedules and team rosters. It is important to note these wristbands will be handed out only at this meeting and without them coaches will not be allowed on the Pyramid floor. Players may enter the Pyramid floor by wearing their uniforms. Rules are enclosed, so please go over them and we will answer any questions at the meeting. There are no significant rule changes this year. However, we are pushing for all 8 year old and older teams to be able to go light and dark with their jerseys. Even if you have "home-made friendship" jerseys, still need to have an opposite color in your bag to avoid jersey conflicts. Also, as a reminder any player or coach receiving two technical fouls in a game is suspended for a minimum one game and may be suspended for the remainder of the tournament. Please remember these are the Nikkei Games where good sportsmanship is paramount. Please be aware the 3-pt. line will be the college line at 20' 9" and not the high school line at 19' 9".

Also, please note only players, coaches and volunteers are allowed on the Pyramid floor. All spectators are asked to remain in the stands or on the second level perimeter area around the courts. Thank you for your cooperation and helping us get the word out to your players and families.

As a reminder, this year the Nikkei Games Opening Ceremonies will be part of the Budo (Martial Arts) Tournament at the Pyramid on Sunday, August 6. It is scheduled to start at 9:00am. You are encouraged to attend to walk in their "Parade of Athletes." For basketball, we will "just" have two days and 24 hours of games.

For 1st through 8th grade (Fall 2017) teams, we will have medal award ceremonies for completed divisions where the players' names are announced and they are asked to step up to a 3-tier stand similar to the Olympics Games to receive their medals. Note, all 8 year old / 3rd grade (Fall 2017) and younger players receive medals. 4th grade and older players earn medals for 1st, 2nd and 3rd

place. To lessen the congestion at the awards ceremonies, we have them almost continuously throughout the day. There is no specific awards schedule this year. We ask you to have your team at the medal awards ceremonies area about 15 min. after your last game. Our goal is to have your awards ceremony within 20-25 min. after your last game. These medal ceremonies will be held on the second level above the Pyramid floor directly behind the stadium seats. Bring your cameras and please be considerate of people taking pictures! For 9th grade (Fall 2017) and older teams, we have t-shirts for those division "medal" winners; black for gold and grey for silver and bronze.

Please note the commissioners for each division are listed on the attached block game schedules. They will be wearing Caribbean blue colored Nikkei Games t-shirts at the Pyramid for easy identification. If you have any questions regarding your team or the tournament, please feel free to contact them.

Like last year, there is no entrance fee for the Pyramid, however parking permits will need to be purchased and displayed on the dash of each car. There are multiple yellow parking permit dispensing machines in Lot 13 (directly in front of the Gold entrance of the Pyramid) and Lot 14. The cost of an all-day parking permit was \$5.00, could be higher this year. The machines take cash and credit cards. Please allow a little extra time just in case the queue lines for the machines are long at the peak periods, which is about an hour before each session of games. The largest traffic flow will be for the 8:24am games on Saturday and Sunday. Note, there is no parking in the parking structure for the Nikkei Games. Please make sure all your players and parents know they have to pay for parking. Concession stands will be open in the Pyramid for your convenience.

We do have a housekeeping request for all your players and families. Would you please ask your families to help keep the Pyramid and bleachers clean by disposing of their own trash. That would be very helpful as we are responsible for keeping the Pyramid clean. Thank you for our help!

This year we have 122 divisions with 488 teams and nearly 1,950 participants, making this the second largest Nikkei Games basketball tournament we have ever had. And we could not have achieved this without your continued support! The best part is over 75% of the players will receive medals / awards.

Remember our motto: "The Nikkei Games: Games for the Generations". We hope you will join us in sharing this vision and making the Nikkei Games something our grandchildren will be able to enjoy. Let's continue the legacy of our forefathers and enjoy some healthy competition and build some life-long friendships.

Lastly, when you get a chance please take a moment to thank the over 500 volunteers (including the referees) and dozens of sponsors whose energy, effort and gifts make this tournament possible. Please join us in embracing and sharing the Spirit of the Nikkei Games, the largest Nikkei Sports Festival in the country!

Thank you for your participation and support and welcome to the 2017 Nikkei Games!

Sincerely,

Wallace Chan
2017 Nikkei Games
Basketball Chairperson