



**2022 - 2023 NIRSA CLUB BASKETBALL
CONFERENCE MANUAL**

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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 region. 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.

Non-Discrimination Policy

Standing against bigotry by holding fast to the basic principle of respect for human rights, in all matters both public and private, the NIRSA Championship Series and the NIRSA Services Corporation (NSC), a wholly owned for-profit subsidiary of NIRSA, strives to promote civil society and social justice. It is our stated position that the NSC upholds the tenets of the NIRSA Mission Statement to foster quality recreational programs, facilities, and services for diverse populations and that it demonstrates a commitment to excellence by utilizing resources that promote ethical standards. Accordingly, the NSC does not tolerate discrimination against persons based on race, gender, religious affiliation, age, marital or civil union status, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, ancestry, intellectual development, or physical ability.

Land Acknowledgement

We are gathered on the traditional, unceded land of the Chepenefa, Chemapho, and Kalapuya peoples. I ask you to join me in acknowledging the Chepenefa, Chemapho, and Kalapuya communities, their elders both past and present, as well as future generations. NIRSA also acknowledges that the land upon which this event is being held was founded upon exclusions and erasures of many Indigenous peoples. This acknowledgement demonstrates a commitment to beginning the process of working to dismantle the ongoing legacies of settler colonialism.

The guide below has been updated with the land acknowledgements for NIRSA HQ in Corvallis, and for New Orleans where NIRSA was founded. This guide was approved by the NIRSA Board in February 2021.

[Land Acknowledgement User Guide](#)

Use this link to search the digital map for the territories, languages, and treaties of your location: [Native Land Digital Map](#)

REGISTRATION

Registration will take place on the [NIRSA IMLeagues website](#). Scheduling, standings, and score reporting will also be managed on IMLeagues.

Registration will open July 11th and closes on October 14th. Club teams will need to make payment arrangements through IMLeagues or with Nicole Jackson at NIRSA Headquarters (HQ) by November 9th.

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: waiver (proof of medical insurance) and the NIRSA Code of Conduct through the online site.

CONFERENCE DUES

All club teams will be expected to pay \$1,150 in NIRSA Club Basketball Conference dues.

Dues cover:

- Liability Insurance for Host Sites.
- Entry into two (2) Club Conference Round Robin Events and one (1) NIRSA Regional Basketball Tournament of the club's choice.
- All officiating fees at each Club Conference Round Robin Event. Each conference game will be officiated using the three-person officiating system and student officials.
- All Athletic Training services at each Club Conference Round Robin Event. The host school will be providing these services to club teams. Some sites do not provide specialty supplies: KT Tape, Pre-Wrap etc.
- Entry for the Champion of each division, to the NIRSA National Basketball Championships.

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

Conference fees are non-refundable. After registration closes, a survey will be sent to each team asking for availability and every attempt will be made to schedule around availability, spring breaks, and NIRSA Regional Basketball Tournaments. Club teams that do not make themselves available for the designated Club Conference Round Robin Events will not be refunded, if unable to play.

Conference dues can be paid two ways:

1. Teams can pay the \$1,150 in advance via IMLeagues, check, or Purchase Order (PO) to NIRSA HQ.
 - a. If teams require an invoice for payment, please contact [Nicole Jackson](#) directly.
 - b. This payment will be due November 16th.
2. Teams can also pay in three installments of \$383.34 via check, PO, or over the phone with NIRSA HQ. You **CAN NOT** pay the installments online through IMLeagues.

- a. Contact [Nicole Jackson](#) directly if interested in paying in three installments.
- b. Teams will receive an invoice for all payments.
- c. Installments must be set up before November 9th with Nicole Jackson at NIRSA HQ.
- d. The payment schedule is as follows
 - i. First payment due November 16th
 - ii. Second payment due January 16th
 - iii. Third and final payment due February 16th

If you have any questions about payment, please contact: [Nicole Jackson](#) at NIRSA HQ.

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. Divisions will range in size from six (6) to eight (8) teams. Depending on division size, club teams are guaranteed the following number of conference games:

| Number of Teams | Number of Conference Games |
|-----------------|----------------------------|
| 6 | 10 |
| 8 | 10 |
| 10 | 12 |

**Total number of games is dictated by the total number of teams at the event.*

All conference games will be facilitated through a round robin format at the two (2) designated Club Conference Round Robin Events for each division. The host schools and dates for these conference events will be announced no later than January 2nd. Club teams that register for the NIRSA Club Basketball Conference will be expected to be available for the two designated Club Conference Round Robin Events for their division. Every attempt will be made to offer three Club Conference events for each division, but there is no guarantee that there will be more than two events 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 15-0 for division champion selection purposes.

The regular season will be during the Spring semester. All play will be concluded by the last week in March, so division champions can be determined, and National representatives can be selected. All attempts will be made to schedule Club Conference Round Robin Events around NIRSA Regional Basketball Tournaments in that division’s regional area.

DIVISION CHAMPION SELECTION

The club team in each division with the highest winning percentage after division play has concluded will be named the Division Champion. Division Champions will receive an automatic bid and paid entry 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. Point differential vs tied team
3. Points allowed vs tied team
4. Point differential in Club Conference Round Robin Events (total)
5. Points allowed in Club Conference Round Robin Event (total, if both teams have played the same number of games)
6. Record against next highest ranked team in division
7. 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 division games
5. Points allowed in all division games (if all tied teams play an equal number of games)
6. Record against next highest ranked team in division
7. Coin Flip

ELIGIBILITY

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 appearances on a varsity roster per sport. These appearances can be non-consecutive, 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 non-consecutive. Any players that appeared on a NIRSA

Championship Series event roster or varsity roster (or "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 roster 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 former varsity players).

Players must not be listed on the varsity roster 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 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 who have been declared a professional athlete in the same or related sport are ineligible. 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 can be used to clarify eligibility and classification:

| On a Varsity Squad List for (the): | Current Academic Year (AY): ≤3 weeks | Current AY: > 3 weeks | 1 AY | 2 AY | 3 A Y | 4 A Y | 5 A Y | 6 AY |
|---|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| 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 20 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. Please note that rosters for Club Conference play will need to stay the same for Regional and National Tournament(s).

Participants are eligible to play based on their expressed gender identity so long as they comply with all Player Eligibility Guidelines. Individuals are not eligible to play on multiple single-gender teams.

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.

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.

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 Club Basketball Conference play, with the following modifications:

- Playing time shall be two twenty (20) minute halves with a four (4) 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.

SPORTING BEHAVIOR POLICY

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 event 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 NIRSA Club Basketball Conference contests. 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 will be utilized for regional and national tournaments.
- Student officials will be utilized for the regular season play.
- 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.

NIRSA CLUB BASKETBALL CONFERENCE CONTACT INFORMATION

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