



All-Ohio Summer Basketball Program

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Dear Coach,

We are proud to announce the dates for the 28th Annual Nike Grassroots Midwest Future Stars Showdown and Shootout Basketball Tournament have been set for Friday, May 26, 2017, through Sunday, May 28, 2017 in Columbus, Ohio. The entry fee of \$400.00 will be due in full between March 1, 2017 and May 16, 2017 to ensure your team's participation. There are many good teams who want to attend. We will take the first forty teams paid in each group.

There will be teams coming from all over the country. We have invited all the top national publications to attend this event. In the past scouts have seen players like Kobe Bryant, LeBron James, Earl Boykins, Kosta Koufas, Steve Blake, Caron Butler, Mike Dunleavy, Michael Redd, Ron Artest, O.J. Mayo, Chris Bosh, C.J. McCollum, Jared Sullinger, Trey Burke, Joe Johnson, Shaun Livingston, DeAngelo Russell, and Brian Roberts. **Over 85 current or former NBA players have participated in this tournament. This tournament has the richest tradition in the country on Memorial Day weekend.**

All teams are guaranteed a minimum of three games. We will use pool play format with four teams per pool. There will be two 16-minute halves and a three-minute overtime period, if necessary. The clock will stop on all blown whistles. All games will be played under the National Federation High School Rules. The only exceptions to the federation rules are we are allowing six fouls before a player is eliminated and each team has two timeouts per half. In the 8-and-under through 13-and-under age divisions, there will be two (2) 20-minute halves with the clock stopping the last 2 minutes of each half.

The top 2 teams from each pool will advance to play for the Gold championship bracket. Bottom 2 teams from each pool will advance to the Silver championship bracket. Trophies will be given to the first and second place teams in each age group. There will be individual awards for each member of the first and second place teams in each age group. The outstanding player in each group will receive an MVP award. There will also be an All-Tournament team for each age group.

Enclosed you will find a listing of past tourney participants, motel/lodging information, tournament flyer information, and the Team Roster form so scouting services will know who your players are.

We look forward to seeing your team participate in this great event.

Yours in Basketball,

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Enclosures

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