

Hello Coaches,

I first would like to thank all of you for registering your teams in the 2014 KIDSPORTS Invitational Powered by the Warsaw Sports Marketing Center. My staff and I have been working hard over the past several months to create a fun, entertaining and well-flowing basketball tournament for all of the teams involved as well as the audience. Below is an in-depth look at the event which includes: Bracket layout, game schedule, contests and events, food, raffle, and other notes.

As you know, the event is this Sunday, April 27th at Matthew Knight Arena. We have set up the tournament as a double elimination bracket with the first game of the day serving as a "warm-up" game. Meaning, the first game for each team will not count toward the tournament. These games will begin at 9:40 and end at 11:00am. The actual tournament play will begin right after this round of games with the last game ending around 5pm. We created the "warm-up" round and double elimination tournament so each team is guaranteed a minimum of 3 games with at least 1 game being on the main court of Matthew Knight Arena. Teams were placed in these brackets at random. Registration will open at 9am. Teams should feel free to show up early and take advantage of the practice courts to shoot-around and warm-up.

Attached are several documents. The first document is a list of game rules and regulations. The second document is a schedule for each team in the "warm-up" round. It has a list of times for each team's first game of the day as well as what court they will be playing on. The other documents are for the actual tournament play. Each grade has their own bracket except for 7th-8th grade girls, who will be playing in the same bracket. These brackets have a list of scenarios if the team wins or loses, including: estimated time of each game, location of the game and the opponent for that game.

In addition to the games, we will be having several contests going on throughout the day: A Shooting Contest Presented by The Duck Store and a Skills Challenge Presented by Shelton Turnbull. These events are open for everyone at Matthew Knight Arena. I especially encourage all members of the audience to participate with each other or with the players in the Shooting Contest. Below are the descriptions for each event:

Shooting Contest Presented by The Duck Store:

Participants will be racing against the clock to make baskets from designated areas of the court. Participants will be in teams of 2 with each shooter having sixty (:60) seconds to make as many baskets as possible. The best score will win the contest and a prize! This contest requires an entrance fee of \$2, \$1 per person.

Skills Challenge Presented by Shelton Turnbull:

This competition tests ball handling, passing and shooting abilities as each participant tries to complete the course in as little time as possible. The fastest time wins the contest and a prize as well! This challenge requires an entrance fee of \$1 per person.

Participants and the audience will also have the opportunity to play NBA 2K14, a basketball video-game for Xbox, which will be located on the concourse. These games will be on a first come first-serve, first-served basis.

Food will be provided throughout the day.

Qdoba will be FREE for all basketball players at the event. It will be served during the designated lunch time of 12pm-2pm. Track Town Pizza will also be available for purchase throughout the entirety of the day for anyone in attendance. This will only cost \$2 a slice. Also available for purchase will be Jamba Juice smoothies!

We will have several items to raffle off at the event. There will be a complete list of items in the Event Program, but some items include: Damian Lillard Trail Blazers Jersey, Portland Timbers Jersey, Ty Lawson autographed basketball, tickets to a Eugene Emeralds game, Sports Authority Gift Cards, and more!

We will be collecting raffle tickets throughout the day and will record your name and phone number. Raffles will be drawn at the end of the day. If you decide to leave early, you are still eligible to win prizes. We will contact the winners of each item.

Side Notes:

- Each participant will be given a gift bag upon entering the tournament. In the gift bag will be several items including a KIDSPORTS Invitational T-shirt.
- We are expecting student athletes to make an appearance and interact with the kids. There is also the possibility they might perform a slam dunk contest!
- Attendance for all individuals is FREE. So please bring as many people as you would like to enjoy the atmosphere of being at Matthew Knight Arena.
- We will be performing the National Anthem at 9:30am on the main court. If you are entering the arena around this time please be cognizant of this.
- We will be having a Trophy presentation for the champions of each bracket between 5:00-5:20. Please be aware of this if you are still at

the event or if your team has just participated in the championship game.

Proceeds of ALL money raised at the event will go to Emerald Kidsports and the Stephen Dember Memorial Scholarship Fund, which is given to one University of Oregon student each year. I encourage you to check out our website, kidsportsinvitational.com for more information about the event and the beneficiaries.

If you have any questions regarding anything about the event please let me know. I am excited for this Sunday and I hope you are as well, as it should be a positive and memorable experience for everyone involved!

Thank you,

Alex Muecke
Director
KIDSPORTS Invitational