

NABI BASKETBALL FAQ

What are the benefits of NABI becoming a NCAA certified tournament?

Becoming a NCAA certified event, allows Division I & II college coaches to attend and scout our athletes. Though, NABI has been organizing this tournament since 2003, NABI has only been an NCAA tournament since 2007. NABI was instrumental in working with the NCAA to respect tribal sovereignty by making tribal tournaments exempt from the NCAA "same state rule".

Per NCAA website:

"It has been determined that because the intent of the adjoining-state legislation would not be violated, and that based on the restrictions imposed by the tribal membership itself, it is permissible to view a Native American tribe in its entirety as analogous to a state, regardless of the fact that its geographic location may encompass several states. Therefore, Native American athletes can participate on their tribal team regardless of their state of residence"

http://www.ncaa.org/wps/ncaa?key=/ncaa/ncaa/sports+and+championship/general+information/certified+basketball+events/policy_adjoining_state_rule_application

NABI's goal, with the help of the tribes, sponsors, teams and fans, is to continue to raise the awareness of Native American athletes, via our NCAA tournament, with the goal of seeing a bigger presence of our talented athletes in college and pro-sports.

Why do the teams have to pay for their uniforms and why can't NABI give away warm-up or jackets.

Per the NCAA Rules:

"AWARDS: A participant may receive an award, provided the cost of the award is included in the participant's entry fee. If participants do not directly pay an entry fee, no awards may be provided. If provided, the cost of the awards must be covered in the entry fee. Awards cannot be donated. Awards may be trophies, medals or plaques, or the award may be a T-shirt. A T-shirt may be provided as a prize in addition to the complimentary T-shirt that may be provided to all participants in the event/league. Items of apparel other than a short- or long-sleeved T-shirt (e.g., sweatshirts, jackets, jerseys, shoes), equipment (e.g., basketballs), and/or mementos (e.g., backpacks, watches, water bottles, etc.) may **not** be provided as prizes.

http://www.ncaa.org/wps/ncaa?key=/ncaa/ncaa/sports+and+championship/general+information/certified+basketball+events/event_operators_index

If I am coaching a team in the Youth tournament, why do I have to be NCAA certified before I submit an application?

This new rule was implemented in order to speed up our team-check in process and also to eliminate an ongoing problem of coaches waiting to the last minute to see if they were granted certification which, if not certified, their team cannot compete and it also jeopardizes our NCAA certification. The good news is, if you received certification last year, the NCAA certification is good for two years and you will not need to reapply for certification.

I noticed the Tournament days have been shortened to 5 days. Does this mean more than one game a day will be played??

Yes! To help keep travel cost down and to meet the requests of playing more than one game a day, there will be 2 days of pool play (3 games guaranteed) starting Wednesday July 7 through Thursday July 8 and 1 day of bracket play (single elimination) Friday July 9.

Will the Championship games be played at the US Airways Center?

All Final Four & Championship Games will be played at the USAC, Saturday July 10, 2010