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Dear Coach,

Believe it or not, you will be arriving soon, in Phoenix, for the Cactus Jam. I am sure you have some questions regarding the tournament and your travel plans. The following will provide the final information you need for your trip. If you have further questions you may of course call our office.

### **General Tournament Game Information:**

- Be sure to bring **BOTH** sets of uniforms. Home team (white/light) is indicated on each bracket.
- **PRACTICE TIMES WILL NOT BE PROVIDED**
- Tournament site officials will be responsible for keeping the official score book.
- Coaches need to be at the entry door upon your team's arrival to acknowledge who their team members are (i.e. players, manager, trainer). Parents and friends who paid for the tournament package will receive a tournament bracelet, good for all tournament games/transportation. Others will need to pay.
- **Shower facilities ARE NOT available at the gym site.**
- Several basketballs will be available for warm-up prior to your games and practice. You do not need to bring basketballs.
- ***You will be required to bring your own tape and medical equipment.*** There will be someone on site to handle medical emergencies and tape ankles if necessary. ***We recommend you bring your own trainer.***
- You will NOT be allowed into your meeting room until **after half time** of the game in progress. As a result, after half time of your game your meeting room must be vacated. Once your game is over, please vacate the bench area immediately for the next game. Also, please leave the bench area clean for the next team playing.
- It is a good idea to bring your own water bottles for bench water. Also, bench towels will NOT be provided.

**Tournament Sites:** All games will be *streamed on Baller TV* (see streaming link on our website) and played at Sunnyslope High School, Scottsdale Christian Academy and Notre Dame Prep. They are all approximately 25-30 minutes from the Tempe Mission Palms. Directions are available on our website. ***Game film will NOT be provided. Filming will be on your own.***

**Tournament Rules and Sanctioning:** All games are approved by the National and Arizona State High School Associations (sanctioning posted on our website). All referees are sanctioned. ***\*\* NO SHOT CLOCK FOR BOYS OR GIRLS.***

### **Ground Transportation:**

- **Airport Arrival:** For groups flying into Phoenix, you will be met at airport baggage claim by a Tour West America Representative, ***(Be sure you inform Jason of any flight or itinerary changes so we are sure to meet your team.)***
- **Departure:** Schedules for your departure time to the airport on December 30 or 31 will be emailed to you no later than the morning of the 29<sup>th</sup>. And copies will be available at our tournament booth.
- **Game Days:** Schedules for shuttles to and from game venues can be found posted on our website and will be posted in the lobby of the Tempe Mission Palms.

## The Tempe Mission Palms Hotel:

60 East Fifth Street  
Tempe, Arizona 85281  
Phone: 480-894-1400  
Fax: 480-968-7677  
www.missionpalms.com

- **Arriving at the Hotel:** Upon your arrival at the hotel, **you first need to go to the front desk**, register your team and pick up room keys for your group. The groups have been divided into rooms per the rooming lists submitted by your team leader. ***You will also need to sign a damage waiver and set up a \$500.00*** (refundable) credit card deposit for any damages that may occur in your team's room block. In addition, a credit card will be required if you will use the phones or in-room movies. After checking in at the hotel, go directly to the Cactus Jam Information Booth.
- **Damage Waiver:** **At check in, each coach will be required to sign a damage waiver and put down a \$500.00 credit card damage deposit, which will hold the coach responsible for any damage the members of the traveling party may cause anywhere on the hotel property. Should excessive noise and/or damage occur, the hotel has the right to evict your team from the hotel with no refunds given.**
- **Incidentals:** As a reminder, GSE is responsible for hotel room and tax only. ***All rooms will be double double rooms, unless otherwise specified by rooming list or Invoice.*** All other expenses (phone, room service, laundry, in-room movies, extra rollaway beds, tipping bell staff etc.) are the responsibility of the team. You will also need to take a major credit card so it can be imprinted by the hotel should you wish to establish credit with the hotel for these extra services. All telephones and in-room movies will be shut off until credit has been established with the front desk.
- **Curfew: We will have an 11:00pm curfew.** We trust your players will act responsibly in respecting the rest needs of the other tournament participants. Thank you for your assistance with this.
- **Hotel Amenities: Laundry: No washers and dryers are available at the hotel.** There is a pick up laundry service. We will have information re: laundry at our tournament booth. Lost & Found- located at the Cactus Jam Information Booth at the hotel. Exercise Area- Includes one outdoor pool, whirlpool and sauna, Lifecycles, Life rower, Life step, treadmill, and Universal and free weight sets, open 6:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.
- **Cactus Jam Information Booth:** The hotel tournament information table will have general information. The hotel booth will be open from early morning until late evening daily to assist you.

**Food & Restaurants:** See ***“Things to Do” header on our website.***

**Bracelets:** Each person ***coming on the package*** will receive a “bracelet”. This will provide you access to game sites/tournament transportation/breakfast ... These must be worn by **EVERYONE** to identify that you're a participant of the Cactus Jam. **YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO REPLACE THESE!!!**

**Breakfast:** Each person coming down on the package will receive **Four (4)** breakfasts for the daily buffet breakfast (6:30a – 10a). Breakfast is daily (27, 28, 29 and 30). ***Breakfast includes: all you can eat- eggs, bacon, sausage, breads, fruit, dry cereal, milk , juice, yogurt, pastries, etc. Your Cactus Jam bracelet will be your entry into breakfast.***

**Coaches Room:** 2 rooms for team meetings will be available for checkout at the information booth (in half hour increments).

**Outdoor Court Practice:** There will be two hoops set up outdoors at the hotel. **COACHES ONLY** may sign up for walkthrough times at the Cactus Jam Information desk. Balls will be available (to coaches only) as well.

**Tempe Marketplace Shuttle:** There will be a free shuttle running to the Tempe Marketplace Mall daily:

9:30am until 9:30pm every hour. [www.tempemarketplace.com](http://www.tempemarketplace.com)

**Other Sightseeing options:** See the “Things to Do” header posted on our website.

Well, that should cover most of your immediate questions. Thank you for choosing the Cactus Jam. I am excited to meet you in person soon. Should you have any further questions, please contact me and I will be happy to help you.

**IF Arrival Flight is Cancelled:**

We obviously hope this does not happen, however in recent years flight cancellations have been much more common. IF you are unable to arrive on the 26<sup>th</sup> or prior to your 1<sup>st</sup> game on the 27<sup>th</sup>, we will do our very best to refund as much as possible. As a general “refund” policy, we will retain \$150 per person to cover expenses and attempt to refund the remainder to you, via check, in early January.

Have a Happy Holiday!

Jason Sarkies  
Cactus Jam Director