



2022 E16 & E15 Invitational Tournament Qualifications

The teams that will be eligible to be selected for the Nike Sweet 16 Invitational Tournament and E15 Challenge will include our 40 contracted Travel Teams along with our “Nike Friendly” programs only.

GENERAL RULES

- The team selection for the Nike Sweet 16 Invitational and Nike E15 Challenge will be based on each program’s performance during (4) Qualifying Tournaments.
- Each tournament will be exclusive to contracted Nike teams and Nike “Friendly” teams. No unapproved non “Nike” teams will be allowed to participate. ONLY these tournaments will be considered for Nike Sweet 16 Invitational and E15 Challenge eligibility. Any other tournament records or results will not be applicable.

TOURNAMENTS and OPERATORS

o Session 1 - April 8 – 10 – Orlando, FL. – Disney Complex - 42 E15 & 42 E16 Teams – Operator: Todd Hensley, toddh@gymratsbasketball.com, 260-341-8995

o Session 2 – April 22 – 24 – Indianapolis, IN. – PAC Facility – 36 E15 & 42 E16 Teams – Operator: Todd Hensley, toddh@gymratsbasketball.com, 260-341-8995

o Session 3 - May 28 – 30 – Louisville, KY. – Convention Center – 24 E15 & 24 E16 Teams – Operator: Antonio Curro, ny2lasports@gmail.com, 414-732-3245

o Session 4 - July 6 – 10 – Kansas City, MO. – HyVee Arena – 32 E15 & 32 E16 Teams – Operator: Matt Suther, msuther@zeckauto.com, 816-305-9581

Teams not participating in the main Nike portion of the above events can participate in the Open Division at each event, if applicable. These games will have no bearing on the E16 or E15 standings.



PARTICIPATION / QUALIFYING RULES

- Nike management will supervise the scheduling for each tournament.
- Each participating team must attend at least 2 of the 4 tournaments.
- Teams may choose to participate in more than 2 tournaments (first come, first served).
Tournament results from each team's best 2 Tournament performances will be used in determining Peach Jam qualifications.
- A 30 second Shot Clock will be used during these tournaments.
- All game rules (other than Quarters, 8 second Mid court violations, 3pt line and Illegal defense) will coincide with the EYBL rules.
- Qualifying will be determined by a point system which will differ for each tournament:

ORLANDO and INDIANAPOLIS

- o 10 four team pools (40 teams). 3 Pool play games
- o Teams get 1 point for each win in Pool play
- o Teams advance to bracket play based on their pool finish. They will be awarded points based on their pool finish. First place - Platinum (3 points), Second place - Gold (2 pts), Third place - Silver (1 point) and Fourth place - Bronze (0 points)
- o Each team will have 1 bracket game. Platinum winners get 4 additional points. Gold winners get 2 additional points. Silver winners get 1 additional point and bronze winners get 1 additional point.



LOUISVILLE and KANSAS CITY

- o Teams get 1 point for each win in Pool play
- o The team that wins each pool gets 2 additional points
- o First Gold Bracket play win = 5 points
- o Second Gold Bracket play win = 10 points.
- o Third Gold Bracket play win = 15 points.
- o The team finishes second in each pool gets 1 additional point
- o First Silver Bracket win counts for 1 point.
- o Second Silver Bracket win counts for 2 points.
- o Silver Bracket Champion gets 5 points.
- o Bronze bracket gets 1 point per win.

OVERALL RULES

- o Top 16 teams in points will be invited to the Nike Sweet E16 Invitational Tournament and the top 16 teams in points in the E15 division will be invited to the E15 Challenge, both in N. Augusta, S.C. 7/17-24.
- o Ties will be determined by (in order):
 - 1) head-to-head (if 2 teams)
 - 2) strength of schedule (points of defeated opponents)
 - 3) Number of wins in a team's 2 determining tournaments.
 - 4) Commissioners' discretion



- Players are allowed to move between 15U, 16U and 17U after each of the first 3 sessions of the EYBL season but cannot play in more than one age group during any Nike event. Players are not allowed to switch after the beginning of the first game of Session 4.
- Nike Sweet 16 Invitational Qualifying Teams will be allowed to add up to two (2) players to their roster for the Peach Jam after Session 4. These players CAN NOT come from other current Nike contracted or Friendly teams. These players can come from within the same program if they had previously been playing 17U during the EYBL season. Players are not allowed to play more than one age group at the Peach Jam. These players must be added to rosters and submitted to John Stovall (john.stovall@nike.com) no later than July 10th.
- Players should be grade appropriate. Grades are based on whatever class the player was in this past high school season. Not what class they may be in next fall. 2024 and younger for E16 and 2025 and younger for E15.
- Players changing Nike teams is strongly frowned upon after the first EYBL session. Any player who chooses to change Nike teams may be penalized for making the change by having to forfeit the right to play in the next EYBL event.
- Special cases of player movement will be handled by Nike upper management (Carlton Debose/John Stovall/Jamal James).

TARDINESS /FORFEIT

1. Teams will receive a 10-minute grace period from the scheduled start time. After which one technical will be awarded for every additional minute that the game is delayed up to 20-minutes.
2. If a game is delayed beyond 20-minutes the team will forfeit the game and receive a loss.

Excuses will be adjudicated by Nike management.



COACH / PLAYER CONDUCT

- Each bench is allowed one (1) standing coach and up to (4) coaches who are seated. All remaining coaches must sit in the designated fan areas and are not allowed to stand behind or near the benches.
- Any coach ejected from games may be suspended for that teams next game.
- Any coach who aggressively approaches any referees either during or after a game is automatically suspended two subsequent (2) games.
- Coaches dress code is as follows: Slacks/Kakis polo, shoes, clean sports shoes. No sweats or hats on the bench. Same as EYBL rules.

UNPAID FEES & FINES!

1. Teams that have fees that are unpaid by the given deadline will forfeit all subsequent games until fees are paid in full and overall team records will be at risk.
2. All unpaid fines and expenses will be withheld from the subsequent years travel team contract.

UNIFORM ETIQUETTE

1. Teams that arrive to a game with the wrong uniforms have until the scheduled tipoff to produce the correct uniform color or they will be assessed one (1) technical foul for each player...[It is best to bring both sets to the gym/venue. GAMES MUST START ON TIME!](#)
2. If the game is delayed more than 15 minutes past the scheduled tip an additional technical foul will be assessed.
3. Players are to wear Nike Inc. product only. Any violation of this rule would prohibit the player from participating at that event until the violation is corrected.

GEORGRAPHIC BOUNDARIES

1. Each team must adhere to their NCAA geographic boundary rules.
 - All other applicable EYBL rules apply