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**7<sup>th</sup> EDITION**

**WORLD CLUB BASKETBALL  
TOURNAMENT 2023-REG FORM**

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**LONDON**

**London-Sussex-England**

**UK's No1 International Pro- Am Event**



## **WORLD CLUB BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT – LONDON – ENGLAND 2023**

Dear Team Manager,

Please find below details with regards to the World Club Basketball Tournament, which will be hosted in Hastings, East Sussex England on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

The WCBT is the No1 international tournament staged in the United Kingdom, and we would be privileged for your team represented.

The tournament hosted by Bexhill Giants Basketball Club, is open to senior male players from teams across the world, professional, semi pro or high standard amateurs. Players must be part of a team; individual players cannot be accepted at this time.

### **Background**

The objective of tournament is to provide players off all abilities the opportunity to compete against other international teams, and experience the fantastic architecture and history of , Sussex London and England.

The tournament has previously featured teams from countries including Canada, USA, Poland, Congo, Germany, France, Lithuania and the Philippines. In addition, the tournament has also been featured on the BBC, filmed for a documentary and overseas TV plus. We also have extensive social media outlets, with the matches being filmed for YouTube, Instagram and Facebook and viewed for a global audience.

### **Tournament Format**

The tournament format will consist of two groups of \*four teams with the top two of each group progressing to the A semi-finals then finals. Teams finishing third and fourth will progress to the B Semi Finals and subsequent finals, and then final overall placings.

\*If we receive a large number of teams registering, we may increase the entrants to 10 teams, resulting in two groups of 5 teams. With the 5<sup>th</sup> placed teams in the groups competing in a playoff

Each team will play a minimum of four or five matches 2 x 15 minutes halves stopping clock, the matches will be played over two days on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2023 Group matches on Day 1 & play offs and finals on Day 2.

Medals and trophies will be available for winners, runners up and tournament MVP, along with testimonials and Statistics compiled from the tournament organisers for all competing players.

Matches will be played from 11am until 6pm on the Saturday and from 10am until 6pm on the Sunday.

Scrimmage matches can also be arranged for teams against professional British Basketball League teams across the country at your request.

### **Media –Exposure**

There will be extensive media coverage of the tournament including live streaming of matches, exclusive tournament videos including player interviews, distribution on our extensive social media networks and our dedicated event website [www.worldclubbasketballtournament.com](http://www.worldclubbasketballtournament.com)

A number of players who have competed in the WCBT's have gone on to gain professional contracts overseas after being seen at the event, and also by including the tournament on their resume, and using the game footage.

**However, it should be noted this is not an exposure event to gain professional contracts overseas, but an international tournament to raise the profile of the sport across the UK.**

### **Tournament Location –**

The tournament will be played at the Summerfields Leisure Centre in Hastings East Sussex, Bohemia Road TN34 1AT.

Day One Saturday 9th September will be played on two courts for each group, Day 2 Sunday 10th September will be played on the show court for the playoffs and finals.

The tournament is endorsed by the countries governing body *Basketball England* and is covered by £5 million public liability insurance to cover injuries to Basketball England registered members.

The town of Hastings is in the South of England, East Sussex 30 miles from London Gatwick Airport, 5 and 25 miles from Brighton and approximately 90 minutes by train from London Victoria and London Bridge train stations. Heathrow airport also has very straightforward train links to Hastings via London underground train stations.

There are direct train links from Gatwick Airport to Hastings train station with regular taxi services available virtually 24/7.

Transportation can also be arranged to and from the **airport** if required by our preferred supplier Vic's Taxis, who will offer discounted rates to teams competing in the tournament.

Hotels and accommodation are located at various locations across East Sussex and should be organised by the teams however we will be happy to support on request. Recommended accommodation as follows:

**\*Most teams recently have book accommodation using Air B & B's as they have found this the best and most cost-effective option.** <https://www.airbnb.co.uk/hastings-united-kingdom/stays>

**Booking hotels via [www.Booking.com](http://www.Booking.com) is also the best option as there are a few deals available and rooms can be cancelled and refunded, with no issues.**

- Astra Lodge, Hastings – Multi rooms 4/6/8 per room - <http://www.astralodge.com/> 1 mile from venue
- Vive Hotel, Hastings – Havelock Road – Hastings
- The Big Sleep, Eastbourne - <http://www.thebigsleephotel.com/eastbourne/> 13 miles from venue
- Travelodge, Hastings - <https://www.travelodge.co.uk/hotels/302/Hastings-hotel> 0 miles from venue.
- Chatsworth Hotel Hastings - <http://www.chatsworthhotel.com/> 2 miles from venue

The accommodation arrangements are the responsibility of the teams and the hosts, however the WCBT committee must be made aware where the teams are staying. In addition all teams and their parties are ambassadors of WCBT, which competing in the event.

Where required transportation is available to shuttle teams from their accommodation to the tournament venue using our preferred supplier for overseas teams.

### **Entry Fee**

The entry fee is £750 (\$920) per team and once payment has been received your team will have their place in the tournament guaranteed. We are accepting a maximum of 8 to 10 teams, depending on the number of entry requests we receive.

**In the event the tournament organisers cancel the tournament the fee will be refunded in full.**

Entry fees should be paid by PayPal to [eric.douglin@btopenworld.com](mailto:eric.douglin@btopenworld.com) or BACs to:

Bexhill Giants Basketball.  
Sort Code: 16-14-29  
Account: 10910638

Closing Dates for entries and entry fees is 30 July 2023. Teams must initially complete the registration form asap to reserve their place at WCBT2023, then submit the entry fee by the closing date.

Previous teams that have competed in our tournaments include:

- Lake Michigan Admirals – USA
- ABA Toronto Knights – Canada
- U-Hoops – USA
- Team Kampi – Philippines
- United Nation Ballers Club- Europe Select
- Great Britain Police
- USA Select Basketball – USA
- USAF Lakenheath Eagles – USA
- Coventry Tornadoes – England
- Argyle Kings – England
- Howard Hoops – Germany
- Team Beastmode – Germany
- New York Court Kings – USA
- London Patriots- Poland
- Kingz of Kongo – Congo
- Wolfpack -Denmark
- Hoop Goon – USA
- Westminster Warriors – England
- Whitstable BC -England
- Oxford Hoops – England
- Toben – Canada
- Viesulas – Lithuania

Please feel free to contact me for further details or we can arrange a Skype call if required. Further updates and newsletters will be produced leading up to the event on SM & via email.

Kind Regards

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**REGISTRATION FORM TO BE COMPLETED BY THE ORGANISATION**

CATEGORY	DETAILS – PLEASE COMPLETE FULLY TO ASSIST US TO MEET ANY NEEDS
TEAM NAME	
MANAGER NAME	
REPRESENTATIVE COUNTRY	
EMAIL ADDRESS	
PHONE NUMBER	
ACCOMODATION PLEASE STATE PREFERENCE:	
HOW MANY IN YOUR PARTY INC SUPPORTERS ?	
ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE DATES	
EXHIBITION MATCHES REQUIRED Y/N	
ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION – NOTES.	

**PLEASE COMPLETE THE REGISTRATION FORM ASAP TO CONFIRM YOUR  
TEAM'S PLACE AT WCBT2023.**

