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**WORLD CLUB BASKETBALL**

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## WORLD CLUB BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT – LONDON – ENGLAND 2019

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 7<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September. The WCBT is the Number One international tournament staged in the United Kingdom, and we would be privileged to your team represented.

The award winning tournament hosted by the World Club Basketball Association & the 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 will not be accepted.

### **Background**

The objective of tournament is to provide players of 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, Germany, Poland and the Philippines. In addition the tournament will also be filmed for a documentary and overseas TV plus other social media outlets, the matches will be streamed live via YouTube and British Basketball League, English Basketball League & European coaches will be invited to attend to select players for the 2019/20 season.

### **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 previous 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.

**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 8<sup>th</sup> September will be played on two courts for each group, Day 2 Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> 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 is situated 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:

- 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
- Coghurst Hall, Holiday Park Hastings - <http://www.parkholidays.com/> 5 miles from venue
- Host Families in Bexhill On Sea – Contact organiser for details.
- Astra Lodge, Hastings – Multi rooms 6/8 per room - <http://www.astralodge.com/> 1 mile from venue
- Pier 61 Hastings <https://www.pier61.co.uk/en-GB> 1 mile from venue

Where required Team Managers can book transportation at their own cost to and from their accommodation to the tournament venue, using our preferred companies with the discounted rates.

The WCBT committee are happy to liaise with the teams and transport companies to organise the transportation on your behalf.

### **Tournament Format**

The tournament format will consist of two groups of four or 5 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 playoffs.

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 7<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2019, 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.

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

### **Entry Fee**

The entry fee is £400 GBP (\$525 including admin fee) per team and once payment has been received the team will have their place in the tournament guaranteed. 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 BAC to:

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

Closing Dates for entries is 30 July 2019 and will be teams will be confirmed once the full entry fee has been received. Spaces are limited and will be allocated on receipt of payment.

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
- Crawley BC- Lithuania Select
- Argyle Kings – England
- Howard Hoops – Germany
- Team Beastmode – Germany
- Ball in The UK –United Kingdom
- New York Court Kings – USA
- London Patriots- Poland
- Wales National Squad
- Las Vegas Unknown
- Sussex Lions - England
- Chicago Legends

We can also organise this or any tournaments, or exhibition matches to meet your requirements at any date suitable to your needs.

Please feel free to contact me for further details or we can arrange a Skype call if required.

Kind Regards

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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 WHERE	
ARRIVAL - DEPARTURE DATES	



**Sam Toluwase – Professional player from the British Basketball team London City Royals  
competed in WCBT2015 & WCBT2018**



**Jasonn Hannibal – Professional player from NBA Summer League team Washington Wizards competed in WCBT2016 & WCBT2017**



**John Barber Jnr – Professional player from the British Basketball Plymouth Raiders & Sheffield Sharks competed in WCBT2016**



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