



## Housing Policy

### Frequently Asked Questions

For the 2017 National Basketball Championship, participating teams are required to stay at one of the Host Hotels AND to book their rooms through the event's Housing Partner, *Traveling Teams*. Compliance with the terms and conditions of the Housing Policy is required for completing team Check-In, receiving coach and player credentials, and participating in the National Basketball Championship.

**Question: Why are teams required to stay in a Host Hotel?**

**Answer:** As the largest single venue national championship in the country, the PrimeTime Sports National Basketball Championship requires more than 60 courts at nearly 20 venues. In order to hold such a large event, the support of local communities is required. In return for access to courts, the communities require that we use local hotels and that we are able to document hotel stays. The blocking and booking of specific properties is the best method for providing the communities the information they require.

**Question: How does the support of the local communities benefit teams?**

**Answer:** The entry fee for similar national tournaments can be more than \$200 greater than the Prime Time Sports National Basketball Championship. By using community partnerships, we are able to continue to offer the great value we do. Without the community partnerships, we would be required to raise the entry fee and other costs of participation. We would also risk the loss of gyms which would require us to reduce the size of the tournament.

**Question: How does the Housing Policy improve room availability and rates?**

**Answer:** The use of Host Hotels is the best way for PrimeTime Sports to assure an adequate number of available rooms for ALL the teams participating in the Championship. Without the pre-blocking of the Host Hotels, rooms would be more expensive or not even available for participating teams.

**Question: What teams are required to stay in a Host Hotel?**

**Answer:** Unless your team is from Dallas, Collin, Tarrant, Denton, or Rockwall County, your team will be required to use one of the Host Hotels AND it is required that you book your rooms through Traveling Teams. It is not required that you limit your choices to the Host Hotels in your Pod, only that your team stay in a Host Hotel in one of the Pods.

**Question: How do we know where we will play?**

**Answer:** Each competitive division is assigned to a Pod. We have done this so that divisions can be grouped by gyms within a limited area. Host Hotels have been booked for each Pod. The Pod assignments and venues are listed on the PrimeTime Sports web site at [www.primetimesportz.com/basketball/national/](http://www.primetimesportz.com/basketball/national/).

**Question: How do we find hotel rooms for the National Basketball Championship?**

**Answer:** The first step is to click on the Host Hotel link on the Hotels page for the PrimeTime Sports National Basketball Championship, which will direct you to our Housing Partner, Traveling Teams. You can also access the Traveling Teams Host Hotel at: <http://tinyurl.com/NBC17-Hotels>. By booking your rooms through Traveling Teams, you will have access to over 35 Host Hotels where Traveling Teams has blocked rooms specifically for teams participating in the PrimeTime Sports National Basketball Championship.

**Question: What if we have questions or need help not available on-line?**

**Answer:** You can receive assistance with your housing needs by contacting Traveling Teams by calling Patrick Shrader, 866-468-3268 Extension 867, or emailing [patrick@travelingteams.com](mailto:patrick@travelingteams.com). If you need further assistance, contact PrimeTime Sports, 972-355-3788 X1, [nbc@primetimesportz.com](mailto:nbc@primetimesportz.com).

**Question: Can we book our room directly and not through Traveling Teams?**

**Answer:** No. In order for Traveling Teams and PrimeTime Sports to accurately track rooms and assure compliance with the Housing Policy, rooms must be booked through Traveling Teams. If you book a room with a Host Hotel outside of Traveling Teams, you will be required to pay the \$200 Housing Fee at Check-In and then submit a request for refund. Any amounts properly refundable will be processed after August 15.

**Question: What if our team does not stay in a Host Hotel?**

**Answer:** If none of the 35+ Host Hotels blocked for the National Basketball Championship meet your housing needs, you can opt out of our Host Hotels by paying a \$200 Housing Fee. This amount is due in addition to the Entry Fee and any other charges due for the team. The Housing Fee will be required of any team not staying at a Host Hotel (other than teams from Dallas, Collin, Tarrant, Denton, or Rockwall Counties). The Housing Fee, if applicable, will be due at Check-In and payment of the Housing Fee will be a condition of completing the Check-In, including the receipt of coaches' and players' credentials.

**Question: How does PrimeTime Sports know if we stayed in a Host Hotel?**

**Answer:** We receive a real time, on-line report from Traveling Teams, which shows each booking by each team at a Host Hotel. If you book your rooms through the Traveling Teams web site, your booking will be on this report. At Check-In, the Report will be checked on-line in real time to confirm you have booked with a Host Hotel and that the booking has not been cancelled.

**Question: Does everyone associated with the team have to stay at the Host Hotel?**

**Answer:** It is our hope that everyone associated with your team stays in a Host Hotel. For the reasons explained above, it is important that we support the communities and hotels that support our efforts to host this great event. For your team to be considered to be compliant with the Host Hotel requirements, your team must book at least 4 rooms with the Host Hotel for a minimum of 3 nights each. Any team booking less than this minimum will be subject to the \$200 Housing Fee at Check In.

**Question: What is the cancellation/advance policy for Host Hotels?**

**Answer:** In selecting your Host Hotel, it is important that you understand any deposit or cancellation requirements for the Hotel; this will vary by Host Hotel. You will find any special deposit or cancellation requirements in the Host Hotel description on the Traveling Teams booking web page or directly communicated to you by the Host Hotel. Traveling Teams will work with you to answer any questions you may have as to deposit and cancellation requirements.

**Question: What does PrimeTime Sports do with the Housing Fees collected?**

**Answer:** The Housing Fee is NOT intended to be a revenue source but rather it is intended to incentivize teams to book with Host Hotels as explained above. All Housing Fees are used to help fund PrimeTime Sports charitable and community efforts, as well as team entry fee sponsorships during the year.

**PrimeTime Sports is proud of the value we offer teams for a National Basketball Championship. An important key to our ability to continue to offer this value is through the support of local communities and sponsors, including the Host Hotels. For this reason, we appreciate your compliance with the Housing Policy and the Host Hotel requirement.**