

Dear Coaches and Team Representatives,

July 31, 2009

Thank you for your entry into the Nikkei Games 3-on-3 and 4-on-4 Co-ed Basketball Tournament set for Saturday and Sunday, August 22-23, 2009 at the beautiful Pyramid on the campus of CSULB. The Pyramid is located one signal west of Palo Verde Ave on Atherton St. and Merriam Way in Long Beach. You can exit the 405 Fwy at Palo Verde Ave and head south. Enclosed are the game schedules by division and the 3-on-3 or 4-on-4 tournament rules, whichever applies to your team. You can go to [www.nikkeigames.org](http://www.nikkeigames.org) for more information on all the Games.

This year's Opening Ceremonies will be very special. We are asking all players to attend regardless of what time or which day they play. That is because all players and coaches will march in a "Parade of Athletes" where they will enter the Pyramid behind a placard (which we will provide) representing their respective organizations. There will also be Taiko and vocal performances as well as guest speakers and a ball handling exhibition. Opening Ceremonies are set for Saturday beginning at approximately 11:30am, after the 5-8 years olds have completed their games. All players and coaches not playing Saturday morning should begin staging for the Parade at 11:00am outside the "Blue" doors on the south side of the Pyramid. A Pyramid site layout is also enclosed to help you with logistics. We know you, your team and families and friends will want to be a part of this special event.

Please be aware of the mandatory meeting for the coach or a team representative on Friday, August 21 at 7:00 p.m. in the Rancho Alamitos High School cafeteria (next to the girls gym), 11351 Dale St., Garden Grove 92841. It is southeast of Katella Ave and Beach Blvd. At this meeting, you will check in your team and pick up your team packet, which will include Nikkei Games T-shirts and programs as well as the Pyramid wristband for the coach and detailed divisional game schedules and team rosters. It is important to note that these wristbands will be handed out only at this meeting and without them, coaches will not be allowed on the Pyramid floor. Players can enter the Pyramid floor by wearing their uniforms. Rules are enclosed, so please go over them and we will answer questions at the meeting. Please note no player substitutions are allowed in the last 30 seconds of the game. Also, any player or coach receiving two technical fouls in a game is suspended for a minimum one game and may be suspended for the remainder of the tournament. Please remember, these are the Nikkei Games where good sportsmanship is paramount.

Please also note that only players, coaches and volunteers are allowed on the Pyramid floor. All spectators are asked to remain in the stands or on the second level perimeter area around the courts. Thank you for your cooperation.

As in the past, we will have medal award ceremonies for completed divisions where the players' names are announced and they are asked to step up to a 3-tier stand similar to the Olympics Games. To lessen the congestion at the awards ceremonies, we have scheduled them almost continuously throughout the day. The medal awards schedules will be included in your team packet. These ceremonies will be held on the second level above the Pyramid floor directly behind the stadium seats. Bring your cameras and please be considerate of people taking pictures!

Please note the commissioners for each division are listed on the attached game schedules. If you have any questions regarding your team or the tournament, please feel free to contact them or myself.

This year, there is no entrance fee at the Pyramid. However, due to increasing costs from CSULB, we have to pass along the cost of parking. There are multiple yellow parking permit dispensing machines in Lot 13 (directly in front of the Gold entrance of the Pyramid) and Lot 14. The cost of an all-day parking permit is \$4.00. The machines takes cash and credit cards. Please allow a little extra time just in case the queue lines for the machines are long at the peak periods, which is about an hour before each session of games. We suspect the largest traffic flow will be for the 9:00am games. Please make sure all your players and parents know they have to pay for parking this year. There will also be signage outside the Pyramid to remind everyone of the need to purchase a parking permit. A parking ticket is about \$50 and we do not want anyone to get one and sour their Nikkei Games experience. Concessions will be open in the Pyramid for our convenience.

This year, we have 97 divisions with 388 teams and over 1,500 participants, making it the largest Nikkei Games basketball tournaments ever. The best part is over 75% of the players will receive medals/awards.

Remember our motto: "The Nikkei Games: Games for the Generations". We hope you will join us in sharing this vision and making the Nikkei Games something our grandchildren will be able to enjoy. Let's have some healthy competition and build some lasting friendships, which is the legacy of our forefathers.

Thank you for your participation and support and welcome to the 2009 Nikkei Games!

Sincerely, Wallace Chan, 2009 Nikkei Games Basketball Chairperson