

## **2008 Nikkei Games 4-on-4 Co-ed Basketball Tournament**

### **Overview**

This year's Nikkei Games 4-on-4 Co-ed basketball tournament is being held on Saturday and Sunday, August 9-10, 2008 at the American Sports Center (ASC) in Anaheim. The ASC is the largest indoor sports complex in the country. And this is one of the largest single-location 3-on-3 and 4-on-4 co-ed basketball tournaments in the country (approximately 1,400 participants last year). There may be four divisions, Gold, Silver, Bronze and perhaps Copper depending on the number of teams within an age group. The divisions are based on skill level and experience.

The format is the team on the court must have two women, nine minute run-time games, half-court, and winning team after the nine minutes. Loser's out after each made basket and every change of possession requires the ball to be cleared to the 3-point line. In addition, games are played with a women's ball (28.5") and men cannot shoot inside 15 feet nor can they attempt to block a woman's shot. Minimum of four games; all on the same day - either Saturday or Sunday. First three teams in each division receive medals (gold, silver and bronze like the Olympics). All players receive a T-shirt and a Nikkei Games program book.

It is a different style and game than 5-on-5 full-court. All players get in the game; no "hiding" on the court. Emphasis is on man-to-man defense, give and go, and pick and rolls. The participants that played in the past have had a great time in the tournament and have fun playing this unique format. It's a great experience. We have yet to hear of anyone who disliked the format or did not have a great time, regardless of his or her team's tournament performance.

All applications are due July 1, 2008. We are pushing to get the applications in earlier. This year, we expect to firm the number of teams by age and division around late June, if not sooner. Last year, almost all divisions were closed by mid-July. Finally, there is a mandatory coaches meeting Friday, August 8, 7:00pm at Rancho Alamitos High School (11351 Dale St., Garden Grove, 92841) to review game rules, get t-shirts, coach pass, etc.

Remember our motto: "The Nikkei Games: Games for the Generations". We hope you will join us in sharing this dream and making the Nikkei Games something our grandchildren will be able to enjoy.

We know we can count on you in helping make the 2008 Nikkei Games the best ever.

Thank you for your support!

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