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Dear Coach,

I am writing to extend this invitation for your team to compete in the 21st Annual Mr. Basketball Invitational, July 5-8, 2012. The national tournament will feature 48 all-star teams from coast-to-coast. Teams from 31 different states and Canada have ventured to Mr. Basketball and alumni have gone on to play in every major NCAA Division I conference, as well as in the NBA and NFL.

Teams are guaranteed five or more games in one of the premier summer facilities anywhere! Games are played in the **6,500 seat - air conditioned main arena** of the University of Nebraska at Kearney Health & Sports Center and the new Kearney Catholic Cope Coliseum. Kearney is located in Central Nebraska on Interstate 80, about three hours west of Omaha, or five hours east of Denver.

We offer two divisions, the traditional Open division will feature 32 teams comprised of juniors and seniors-to-be, along with a 16-team Gold division for freshmen, sophomores & juniors-to-be.

Coaches and players love the Mr. Basketball "atmosphere." From the air conditioned facilities, to the thumping sound system during warmups and timeouts, to the computerized stats that are posted after every game, to our extensive website, to the unbeatable media coverage, Mr. Basketball has an atmosphere that is **unmatched** in summer ball!

The entry fee is \$525 per team. By submitting a \$125 nonrefundable deposit, we will hold a spot for your team until March when the nonrefundable balance of \$400 will be due. Some spots may be available in April, but generally the event is sold out and schedules posted on May 1. Many spots are already filled by programs that participate each year, therefore, limited spots remain open. Register your team early!!

Visit **[misterbasketball.com](http://misterbasketball.com)** for tons of tournament history & pictures of the UNK facility. I hope that your program will chose to play where the nation plays when the best prep basketball players in the country visit the Mr. Basketball Invitational.

Sincerely,

Doug S. Koster  
President



# MR. BASKETBALL

*Where the Nation Plays!*

**The 21st Annual Mr. Basketball Invitational, set for July 5-8, 2012, will feature 48 prep all-star teams from about 15 states!!**

**ELIGIBILITY:** Players must have one year or more of high school eligibility remaining after the conclusion of the Mr. Basketball Invitational (current juniors or younger) to compete in the open division. Players who will be 9th, 10th or 11th graders during the 2012-13 school year will be eligible for the gold division.

**EVENT FORMAT:** All teams are guaranteed five or more games. Teams will compete in pool play on July 5-6, and then all teams will be seeded in the championship bracket to be played July 7-8. Most teams will play two games a day. Games consist of two-16 minute halves with the clock stopping on all whistles. We do not use a shot clock and there are no restrictions on defenses.

**COLLEGE EXPOSURE:** The Mr. Basketball Invitational is designed to allow outstanding high school players an opportunity to showcase their talents where college coaches can observe their play. Don't miss this opportunity to showcase your talents to college coaches from across the United States. College coaches are e-mailed information regarding the participants in Mr. Basketball so they can make advance plans to attend. Mr. Basketball also provides every coach in attendance with an in-depth Player Info Guide, with player profile sheets filled out by every player. Post tournament reviews are distributed to college coaches and scouting services across the country.

**ENTRY FEE:** The nonrefundable entry fee is \$525 per team. Teams are not considered entered until the entry fee is paid in full. By submitting a \$125 nonrefundable deposit, we will hold a spot for your team until March when the nonrefundable balance of \$400 will be due. Register your team today!!

**HOSPITALITY:** The citizens and businesses of Kearney get behind the Mr. Basketball Invitational big-time. From front page news coverage, to live television news broadcasts on site, to special food and motel discounts, to great fan support, your team is a special guest during Mr. Basketball. You won't find a more involved community anywhere!

**MISTERBASKETBALL.COM:** Visit our website for tons of Mr. Basketball history and other info. We post all schedules and lists of top college prospects on our website prior to the event, along with an extensive post tournament package with scores, stats leaders and All-Tournament picks.

**MOTELS ONLY 5 MINUTES FROM THE GYM:** Each summer Mr. Basketball secures room blocks for teams competing in the Mr. Basketball Invitational. A number of very nice motels provide rooms for \$70-\$100 per night with 4 per room. Most have indoor pools, some have free breakfast, and all are located within five minutes of the arena.

**COMPUTERIZED STATS:** We post computerized scoresheets minutes after each game for the parents, players, team coaches and college coaches. We also post leading performers (totals and averages) in various stat categories throughout the tournament.

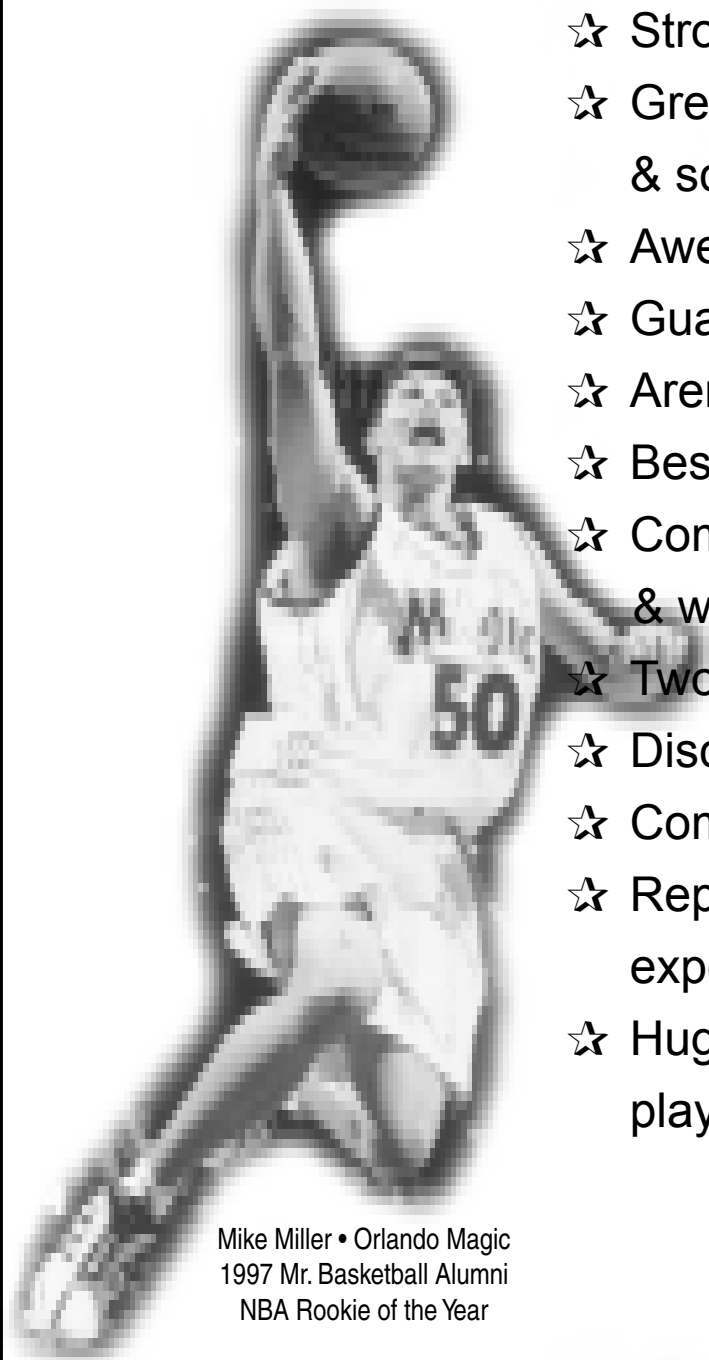
**KEARNEY, NEBRASKA:** Kearney is a fast growing community of about 30,000 people located on Interstate 80 in Central Nebraska. Coaches love coming to Kearney. All games are at one site, just five minutes from the motels, and Kearney is a safe and enjoyable community for the kids. Teams can fly directly into Kearney through Denver, or fly into Lincoln or Omaha and make the short drive.



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**No tournament can match our mix of competition, facilities, college exposure, organization and hospitality. Here is why your team should put Kearney on your 2012 schedule:**



- ☆ Strong national competition!
- ☆ Great exposure to college coaches & scouting services!
- ☆ Awesome air conditioned facilities!
- ☆ Guaranteed 5 to 8 games!
- ☆ Arena just 5 minutes from motels!
- ☆ Best organized event anywhere!
- ☆ Computerized stats posted at gym & website within minutes of game!
- ☆ Two games most days!
- ☆ Discounted motel and food rates!
- ☆ Competitive entry fee!
- ☆ Reputable staff with 21 years of experience!
- ☆ Huge tourney program with rosters, player profiles, schedules & more!

Mike Miller • Orlando Magic  
1997 Mr. Basketball Alumni  
NBA Rookie of the Year



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## **DOUG KOSTER: TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR**

Doug Koster hosted the first Mr. Basketball Invitational in Kearney, Nebraska, in 1992 with a field of 12 teams from five states. The lone Mr. Basketball tournament in 1992, has grown into a full-time basketball promotion business, Mr. Basketball, Inc. In 2012, Koster's events will include 1,000 teams from 20 states.

Alumni of the Mr. Basketball tournaments are now playing in the NBA, NFL and have played for the top NCAA programs, including Arizona, Duke, Kansas, Louisville, Standford, Wisconsin and many more.

Doug Koster graduated from Kearney (Neb.) High School in 1991. He was the first to enroll in the sport administration program at the University of Nebraska-Kearney. In 1994, Koster served an internship with the Indiana Pacers front office in media and community relations. He graduated with a degree in Sport Administration in 1995.

During his prep career, Koster led the Kearney Bearcats to the state tournament in 1990 and the state semi-finals in 1991. As a senior, he averaged 23 points and 12 boards while leading the 'Cats to a 15-5 record. He was a member of the 1990 Valentino's Nebraska All-Star Team that advanced to the Final 8 of the Las Vegas Invitational, before being ousted by future NBA players Greg Ostertag, Mario Bennett and Jimmy King. Doug's Valentino's teammate, Erick Strickland, played a number of years in the NBA with Dallas, Milwaukee, New York and Boston.

Koster is a member of the Kearney Chamber of Commerce Sport and Rec Committee and the Kearney Bearcat Booster Club.

Doug, 38, and his wife, Beth, have an 16-year old daughter, Keona, and a 11-year old son, Kanon.

*"When you play in a Mr. Basketball tournament, I guarantee it will be the best organized event you play in. I work full-time on making sure that every detail is covered before, during and after the event. When you spend thousands of dollars to travel and compete, do you want to play in an event organized by a full-time professional, or someone whose priorities are less than making sure you have a great experience?" - Doug Koster.*

Coaches comments are available at [misterbasketball.com](http://misterbasketball.com).



## ***Past Champs & MVP's***

**2011 • Hickory (Nebraska)**

MVP • Connor Beranek Ravenna, NE

**2010 • Colorado Shining Stars Black**

MVP • Danny Difolco Littleton, CO (Dakota Ridge)

**2009 • Going Vertical**

MVP • Weston Foxhoven Crofton, NE

**2008 • Wisconsin Playground Warriors**

MVP • Kameron Cerroni Milwaukee, WI (Hamilton)

**2007 • MSB Roadrunners**

MVP • Johnnie Sanders Apple Valley, MN (Eastview)

**2006 • South Dakota Storm**

MVP • Mike Pajor Sioux Falls, SD (Lincoln)

**2005 • Nebraska High 5**

MVP • Kendall Frantz Lincoln, NE (East)

**2004 • North Wisconsin Saints**

MVP • Matt Miller Hudson, WI

**2003 • Omaha Crusaders**

MVP • Josh Dotzler Bellevue, NE (West)

**2002 • Fox Valley Skillz**

MVP • Brian Butch Appleton, WI (West)

**2001 • Tournament Gold**

MVP • Jason Dourisseau Omaha, NE (Burke)

**2000 • West Central Gunners**

MVP • Steve Turner Peoria, IL (Richwoods)

**1999 • Valentino's Nebraska Red All-Stars**

MVP • Richard Ross Lincoln, NE (High)

**1998 • Valentino's Nebraska Red All-Stars**

MVP • Tanner Engel Kearney, NE

**1997 • Omaha Godfather's**

MVP • Mike Hahn Lincoln, NE (Northeast)

**1996 • Birmingham Magic**

MVP • Tyrus Boswell Mountain Brook, AL

**1995 • Team Illinois**

MVP • Jimmy Sanders Chicago, IL (Westinghouse)

**1994 • Tiffany's AAU (Indiana)**

MVP • Jaraan Cornell South Bend, IN (Clay)

**1993 • Chicago Demons**

MVP • Taderal Pratt Chicago, IL

**1992 • Grand Island, Nebraska**

co-MVP • Andy Markowski Ord, NE

co-MVP • Derek Hood Kansas City, MO (Central)



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## 2012 TEAM ENTRY FORM

To secure a spot for your team in the Mr. Basketball Invitational, complete this form and return along with a cashier's check or money order for the \$125 nonrefundable deposit. The nonrefundable balance of \$400 will be due in March 2012 to officially enter your team in the tournament. (Some spots may be open in April, but generally the event is sold out and schedules posted by May 1.)

DIVISION (circle):    OPEN DIVISION                      GOLD DIVISION

TEAM NAME \_\_\_\_\_

COACH \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

DAY PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

EVENING PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

CELL PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

If you have an additional contact person, other than the coach, please list below.

TITLE \_\_\_\_\_ NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

DAY PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

EVENING PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

CELL PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

### **RETURN ENTRY FORM & FEE TO:**

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# Mr. Basketball Invitational & Miss Basketball Big Show

## • 2012 Motel Information •

I have secured room blocks at several motels for teams and parents during the Mr. Basketball Invitational & Miss Basketball Big Show. Teams should plan on arriving in Kearney the night before the tournament, Wednesday, July 4. All teams will begin pool play on Thursday, July 5. All of the motels are in the same general vicinity, only 5-10 minutes from the UNK Health & Sports Center and Kearney Catholic High School. They are within walking distance of restaurants and entertainment.

Coaches are encouraged to copy this form for parents who will be attending the tournament. Kearney motels will be very close to being completely sold out this week, please make reservations upon receipt of this letter. These room blocks will be released in early June, although I am sure they will be booked solid by that time!! If you have any problems making reservations, don't hesitate to contact Doug Koster at [doug@misterbasketball.com](mailto:doug@misterbasketball.com) for assistance. We believe all information below to be accurate but please confirm with each property. Rates are subject to change until reservation is confirmed with motel.

**RAMADA INN 308-237-3141** provides rooms for \$99 per night with four persons per room, plus tax. All new duvet bedding in all rooms. They have a very nice "fundome" with indoor pool, hot tub, and more. Make sure you tell them you are with the Mr. Basketball room block.

**COUNTRY INN & SUITES 308-236-7500** has rooms for \$106.00 per night with four persons per room, plus tax. This is a nice motel with indoor pool, hot tub, complimentary hot breakfast and managers reception M-Th 5-7 pm complimentary appetizers, pop, Bud Light and wine.. Mention you are with Miss Basketball to access rooms.

**BEST WESTERN MID-NEBRASKA INN & SUITES 308-234-2541** completely remodeled in 2009, this property is on the south side of I-80 next. They have a new indoor pool, hot tub, fitness room and complimentary breakfast. Call the Sales Manager, Kelly Krier at 308.440.5488 during regular business hours to setup a room block for your team. If booking a single room in a block, please contact the front desk. Rooms are \$119.99 per night plus tax.

**BEST WESTERN INN OF KEARNEY 308-237-5185** provides rooms for \$99.99 per night with four persons per room, plus tax. This is a nice motel with an indoor pool, fitness room, hot tub and more. Rate includes free full hot breakfast each day. Make sure you tell them you are with the Mr. Basketball room block.

**RODEWAY INN 308-698-2810** has rooms with two queen beds for \$89.99 per night plus tax. It was completely remodeled in 2007. All rooms have fridge & microwave. Free coffee, pastries & wireless internet connection. Exercise room. Call the Sales Manager, Kelly Krier at 308.440.5488 during regular business hours to setup a room block for your team. If booking a single room in a block, please contact the front desk at 308.698.2810.

**MICROTEL INNS & SUITES 308-698-3003** new motel opened in late 2008. Continental breakfast with hot waffles. Singles are \$70, double rooms \$80 and suites are \$90.

**COMFORT INN 308-237-5858** has continental breakfast, have an indoor hot tub & fitness room. Rate is \$69.95 plus tax.

**MOTEL 6 308-338-0705** clean and modern rooms with free wireless internet access in all rooms. \$54.99 for 2 adults, kids under 18 free. Additional adults \$3 each. Be sure to specify that you are with the Mr. Basketball room block.

**ECONO LODGE 308-237-2671** this property was completely remodeled in 2008 and is now in the Econo Lodge chain. Call the Sales Manager, Kelly Krier at 308.440.5488 during regular business hours to setup a room block for your team. If booking a single room in a block, please contact the front desk at 308.237.2671. Rooms are \$79.99 per night.

**AMERICINN LODGE & SUITES 308-234-7800** rooms are \$119.90 per night, plus tax. They have an indoor pool, hot tub, continental breakfast and more. Make sure you tell them you are with the Mr. Basketball / Miss Basketball block.

**QUALITY INN 308-237-0838** provides rooms for \$109.99 per night with four persons per room, plus tax. This is a nice motel with indoor pool, hot tub and more. Make sure you tell them you are with the Mr. Basketball room block.

**SUPER 8 308-234-5513** has rooms available for \$79.99 per night. Complimentary coffee, juice, pastries. This property is under new ownership and undergoing extensive renovations that will be completed by February. Call the Sales Manager, Kelly Krier at 308.440.5488 during regular business hours to setup a room block for your team. If booking a single room in a block, please contact the front desk.

**HOLIDAY INN 308-237-5971** provides rooms for \$119.95 per night with four persons per room, plus tax. They have an indoor waterslide, pool, hot tub and more.

**HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS 308-234-8100** provides rooms for \$119.95 per night with four persons per room, plus tax. They have an indoor pool, hot tub and more.

**WINGATE INN 308-237-4400** provides rooms for \$109.95 per night with four persons per room, plus tax. They have an indoor pool, hot tub, fitness center and more.

**HAMPTON INN 308-234-3400** provides rooms for \$119.95 per night with four persons per room, plus tax. They have an indoor pool, hot tub and more. Ten rooms held.

**FAIRFIELD INN 308-236-4200** provides rooms for \$119.95 per night with four persons per room, plus tax.

Additional motels are also available at Grand Island (east of Kearney) and Lexington (west of Kearney) exits about 35-40 minutes from Kearney. We strongly recommend our participants do not stay at the Kearney Days Inn.