*Washington County Home School Athletics*

February 23, 2019

To: *Nationals Players and families*

From: *WCHSA Board*

*Friends :*

We are glad that you are planning to attend the National Basketball Tournament this year. We are anticipating a great time filled with fun and lasting memories. In order to ensure a successful trip, there are a few things that we are asking everyone to keep in mind and help with.

We are going as a large group of people with different Christian backgrounds and family dynamics and therefore need to be considerate and sensitive to each other in the way we interact with one another in - and outside of - our group. Our goal as an organization is to honor and glorify Jesus Christ at all times and in all places; to "...love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind..." and to "...love your neighbor as yourself.” We expect that each person will show respect to teammates, families, coaches, referees , opponents and anyone else that we encounter. In the same way, please pray with us that we would "Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you." We want this time we spend together to be an uplifting time of fellowship where Godly friendships are formed and fortified by the trials and the fun that will occur as a group.

It will be the responsibility of each individual player that is a part of our group to submit to the authority of coaches and chaperones.

For both the families and players traveling with us, and for those who are entrusting their children to us, here are the established guidelines you should discuss with your families and young men and women before the trip:

* + Our aim is to “honor our Lord Jesus Christ” Col 3:17-23.
  + Room guidelines will be set for each room by the room chaperone. Players will be expected to follow their guidance. Consider Psalm 101:3 "I will not set before my eyes anything that is worthless."
  + Young men or young women will not be allowed in each other's rooms at any time, *ever.*
  + There will be no "pranking" allowed. We would encourage everyone to find ways of serving one other.
  + The rooms of families that are traveling and staying together, apart from the team, are considered "family rooms" and should not be visited by other players from rooms that are shared by a chaperone.
  + There will be no destructive horsing around allowed.

## We will follow a strict curfew that will be set *daily* depending on scheduled game times.

* There will not be any pairing up of young men and young women during this week.
* We will have worship and daily devotion s as a group, as families and team members are available. The plan will be to start each morning and end each evening with worship and prayer, pending logistics of scheduled games.
* All players who do not have parents present on this trip must submit to the authority of their coach and adult chaperone .
* For each person 's protection, people should travel in groups only. No one should ever travel alone - *ever.* This includes our time both at games and at the hotel. It also includes spontaneous shopping ventures to nearby stores. Players must communicate with the adult in charge when they leave the room or leave on an errand.
* As time allows, we will rest, but we will also find unique ways to honor the Lord as a group. Eph 5: 16 "...making the best use of the time, because the days are evil."
* In short, all of us must consider one another with regard to our actions, attitude, and attire at all times. Jesus Christ is Lord of all, and we are to strive to honor and worship him by drawing attention to his beauty, rather than ourselves. We understand that this is an area of the heart and therefore, weare not always able to accurately discern intentions. Nonetheless, for the glory of Christ, we will strive to promptly and appropriately address behavior and attitudes that the coaches and leaders in attendance find questionable or unacceptable.

As those who have been to Nationals in the past already know, each day will vary quite a bit and will typically not be able to be set for activities until the evening before . Our daily schedule (including group time, worship time, and night time curfew) will be set by the coaches (Dan Schulist and Kevin Riemer), in collaboration with the other adults present . For those with special needs or requests, please contact one of these individuals for assistance.

Thank you for participating in Nationals with us. We are looking forward to a great time of Christian, God-honoring fellowship together .

I understand that (players name) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is to abide by the guidelines stated above. I also agree that if the guidelines are violated , parents will be contacted and will be required to travel to Nationals to pick up their respective player.

Print Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Print Player Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Player Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_