



NBC TRAVEL TEAMS MISSION

NBC Travel Teams have been sending out teams from our camps for over forty years, in over 20 countries. NBC Travel Teams aim to give athletes a transformative experience with good mentorship and friendships, new cultural experiences, and international competition. Travel teams strive to:

- Provide an environment for athletes to grow in life and leadership skills
- Improve athletic skills through a broad level of competition
- Promote international goodwill and perspective

2019 TRAVEL TEAM INFORMATION

TENTATIVE TEAMS, DESTINATIONS, AND DATES

Basketball tours have tentative destinations of Austria, United Kingdom, Germany, and Italy. Volleyball travel teams have a tentative destination to the United Kingdom. 2019 travel teams will travel in late June-early August, each tour lasting around 10 days. Please refer to a specific travel team for dates and destination by visiting the NBC Travel Team page at www.nbccamps.com/international/

AGES TO QUALIFY

15 - 19 years old (by April 1, 2019)

TRAVEL TEAM COST

The cost of travel teams ranges from \$4,000-\$5,445 USD depending on the destination and length of the trip. There is a \$500 deposit required with the submission of an athlete's application, and an additional \$500 required if the athlete is accepted for a travel team. This \$1,000 deposit is non-refundable and is included in the total cost of the tour. If an athlete is not accepted, the initial \$500 deposit will be refunded. The cost for the travel team includes:

Round trip team airfare	Daily sightseeing activities
All ground transportation	Travel Team backpack
Lodging	Two meals/day
Uniform/travel attire	Travel Team manual
Training Camp	Travel Team journal
Game expenses	In-country coordinator/guide

PASSPORT

Begin the process of applying or renewing the athlete's passport immediately after being accepted to a travel team if the athlete does not have a current/valid passport.

TRAINING CAMP

Training camp is at the start of tour and will take place at a site near the departure city, prior to traveling overseas. Training camp is an opportunity for the team to practice and prepare for their time playing together overseas. NBC staff and travel team coaches will

provide travel safety training and leadership training as well. The athlete/parents are responsible for the cost and coordination of transportation to training camp, as well as transportation home from the arrival airport at the end of tour. NBC is responsible for the team's transportation from the training camp site to the airport at the start of tour.

ARE YOU A CANDIDATE FOR NBC TRAVEL TEAMS?

Although there is a certain level of basketball skill and athleticism that may make you a better candidate for NBC Travel Teams, your personality is even more important. The following checklist will help you evaluate yourself and decide if you are the type of young adult that will most likely be happy with their travel team experience.

Good Candidate

People likely to enjoy the travel team experience find most the statements to be true:

- I am excited to learn and experience new cultures
- I enjoy making new friends
- In the face of difficulty, I remain positive
- I give gratitude in all circumstances
- I have a desire to become a better person everyday
- I am flexible when schedules are changed or canceled
- I do well on little sleep and long days
- I am confident being away from family and friends with little communication with them
- I remain openminded and curious when someone has a different worldview or opinion than mine
- I listen to instruction well and need little oversight to follow the rules

Poor Candidate

People likely to not enjoy the NBC Travel Team experience find most of the statements to be true;

- I find it difficult to rebound from disappointment
- I must communicate with friends and family daily
- I struggle in team environments to get along with all my teammates
- I avoid self-reflection and typically chose sarcasm or humor to express myself
- I don't enjoy trying new foods or experiences
- I get stressed out when things don't seem to happen the way I planned or expected
- I think better players should play more in games than weaker players
- I need a consistent sleep schedule and/or alone time
- I don't consistently follow the rules and often need reminders of the expected behavior

SELECTION PROCESS

Athletes are evaluated during their time at NBC Camps by their NBC coaches based on their skill level and character. Coaches send their 2019 travel team athlete recommendations to the NBC Central Office at the end of every camp. Athletes are then invited to apply for a travel team by mail or email. The application includes:

1. *Initial deposit of \$1,000 USD.* The first \$500 deposit is due with the completion of the application. The remaining \$500 is due when the athlete is officially accepted for a travel team. The deposit is applied toward the total tour fee and is nonrefundable unless the athlete is not chosen for a travel team.
2. *A letter of recommendation* from the parent/guardian of the athlete which should comment on the following qualities:

Responsibility	Reliability	Emotional Stability
Peer Relationships	Character	Attitude
3. *Two NBC Confidential Reference forms-* One from a coach, the other from a teacher/mentor/pastor
4. *2019 NBC Athlete Application* to be completed by the athlete
5. *Interviews* Once all pieces of the written application are finalized, athletes will arrange a time for a video (Skype) interview with a member of the Travel Team Selection Committee. These interviews will be 10-20 minutes long and will be conducted in early October 2018.

The application forms can be scanned and emailed to Breanna Lyons, travel team director, at travelteams@nbccamps.com, or they can be mailed to the NBC Central Office: 10003 N Division St., Suite 100, Spokane, WA 99218

Athlete's will be notified after the travel team committee reviews applications and interviews if they have been selected for a travel team. **Athlete's that are accepted** for an NBC travel team will be sent a travel team manual and provided with more information about their specific travel team.

All travel teams are subject to having enough members. NBC Camps, Inc. and NBC Travel Teams reserves the right to cancel or reschedule any tour at their discretion. If you are selected as a finalist, you will know the destination and price for your travel team before being asked to commit to a team.

For questions or information, please contact:
Breanna Lyons, NBC Travel Team Director
travelteams@nbccamps.com
800.406.3926 Ext 135

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

We are grateful for your support of your athlete applying for a 2019 NBC Travel Team. Travel Teams allow athletes to see new countries and cultures and gain a fresh perspective of the world. We recognize that travel teams are a family commitment and therefore we use this recommendation as a time to get to know your family and your athlete. Tours can be an amazing opportunity for families, and we would like to help navigate certain elements such as the financial commitment, communication while on tour, and schedule expectations. Please read through the following information as a family as a guide for conversation and preparation in the application process.

Financial Commitment

Group travel has become more and more expensive over the years, but we want NBC Travel Teams to be an option for any athlete that qualifies, regardless of the financial commitment. The best way to pay for tour is through fundraising. Every year, we have a few athletes that will raise all of their funds through creative and unique efforts. We are happy to share these ideas with you so that more athletes can be successful in their efforts! We also encourage setting up a payment plan with NBC in order to spread out payments and make sure you stay on track with payment deadlines.

Communication

While on tour, athletes are not allowed to use their cell phone during the day to communicate with family, friends, or to check social media. They can use their phones to take pictures. NBC is committed to creating a team environment where athletes are engaged and present with their teammates, not distracted by their cell phones. This allows for amazing friendships and lots of fun memories for the athletes. If there is time, athletes will be allowed to check in with family and friends in the evenings after team meetings. Coaches enforce a strict "lights out" policy to ensure athletes are getting enough sleep on tour, and therefore the time to catch up with your athlete may be limited. They keep a daily journal and will be so excited to share about their experience when they get back with all the details they don't communicate along the way!

Coaches will communicate injuries or emergencies that occur with your child. Coaches will also communicate about behavioral issues they are experiencing with your athlete if they feel the behaviors are not improving. Please expect to receive little communication from coaches while the tour is going on unless it is information they feel you need to know in regards to the emotional, relational, or physical safety of your child.

Scheduling

The schedule for tours is flexible. Games may be canceled if the scheduled teams can no longer play the travel team, or games may be added if more playing opportunities arise. Things like construction, weather, and timing may change sightseeing activities as well. We plan the schedule in advance, but there are almost always changes along the way. Please know that our coordinators and coaches will keep your child's safety as their top priority, and they do their best to provide opportunities for growth and fun for the team. Not all changes will be communicated with parents as the coaches and coordinators are focused on engaging with the team and often sorting through scheduling logistics.

NBC TRAVEL TEAM APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Use the following checklist as a guide to help you complete your travel team application. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call the NBC Central Office at 800-406-3926 or email the NBC Travel Team Director, Breanna Lyons, at travelteams@nbccamps.com.

- I have completed the 2019 Athlete Application Form

- I have provided two references (one teacher/mentor/pastor and one coach) with the NBC Confidential Reference Form and I have followed up with them to make sure they either email or mail in their completed form to NBC.

- My parents/guardians have completed their letter of recommendation stating their support of me going on tour.

- I have emailed or mailed the documents above to the NBC Central Office.
 - o Email: travelteams@nbccamps.com
 - o Mail: 10003 N Division St, Suite 100
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- I have contacted Breanna Lyons, Travel Team director, and arranged a time for a video interview.

- I have submitted my initial \$500 deposit. I can do so by going online to nbccamps.com/international or by mailing a \$500 check to the NBC Central Office, or I can call the NBC Central Office to make a \$500 payment with a credit card for my initial deposit.
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Thank you for completing your 2019 NBC Travel Team Application. We appreciate your time and hope to be able to travel with you this year!



2019 ATHLETE APPLICATION

Sport: Basketball Volleyball

Name (First & Last) _____ M F Age: ____ DOB: ____/____/____

Mailing Address: _____
Address City State/Prov Zip/Postal

Parent/Guardian Names: _____

Home Phone: _____ **Parent's Cell:** _____
Mother Father

Athlete's email: _____ **Parent's email:** _____

Height: _____ Weight: _____ Grade: _____ Position: _____

Anticipated 2019 Team: Varsity JV

Why do you want to go on tour?

What kind of activities are you involved in at school, church, or in your community?

Name one area of your life you feel is a weakness and has room for growth, and another area that you feel you are strong.

Briefly describe your faith background

Please list the contact information for your personal references:

Character Reference (Pastor/Mentor/Teacher)

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Athletic Reference (Coach)

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

NBC TRAVEL TEAMS CONFIDENTIAL REFERENCE

Name of Applicant: _____			
Last	First	Middle Initial	
Address: _____			
Street & Number	City/Town	Country	Zip/Postal Code
Tour for which applying _____ Year _____			
Basketball	Volleyball	Soccer	

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PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING INCLUDING COMMENTS:

	Superior	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Inferior	Please Comment for each choice
Initiative						
Social Adaptability						
Concern for others						
Ability to follow						
Leadership						
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Emotional Stability						
Health						
Personal Appearance						
Self-Discipline						

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| Punctuality | <input type="checkbox"/> Punctual | <input type="checkbox"/> Average | <input type="checkbox"/> Often Late |
| Financial Responsibility. | <input type="checkbox"/> Honors obligations | <input type="checkbox"/> Average | <input type="checkbox"/> Neglectful |

1. Does he/she display high moral standards? Yes No If no, explain:

2. Is he/she prejudiced against groups, races or nationalities? Yes No If Yes, explain:

3. With reference to his/her maturity, do you consider the applicant to be:
 Mature Average Growing Immature
Comments: _____

4. With reference to his/her activities, please check and list activities you personally know him/her to be involved. We understand you will not know all his/her activities.

Church Activities: _____

Community Service: _____

School Activities: _____

Other: _____

5. Do you know the applicant's family? Yes No If yes, how long? _____
Will they be supportive of his/her tour experience? Yes No
Please explain: _____

6. What makes this person unique? _____

7. Would you recommend the applicant for acceptance on a NBC International Tour Team? Please explain your answer:
 Yes With some hesitation No

I have known this applicant for _____ years and believe he/she possesses the qualities indicated above

Signature Date

Name: _____ Address: _____
City/State/Zip _____ Phone Number: _____
Relationship to Applicant: _____
(i.e. pastor, teacher, friend, etc.)

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