



***Thank you for your interest in our National Championship Series. This document was created to help provide information on both of our National Championships that we offer. Feel free to reach out should we not address any questions in this document – Evolution Staff***

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***February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at the Rec Plex, Pleasant Prairie, WI***

**Qualification:** We host seven Fall & Winter National Qualifiers from November 2022 to February 2023. Every Divisional Champion earns their right to compete at the Evo Winter National Championships.

**Team Fee & Games:** The cost is \$100 per team for 1 – 3 games.

**Format:** We will host a 10 Team Single Elimination National Championship Bracket composed of only divisional champions as described above. This is a one-day event with a max of three games, once a team loses, they are out of the tournament.

**Make Up of Teams:** School, Feeder & Travel based teams will all compete in one bracket for the Winter National Championship.

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**Grade Based Eligibility:** Players are eligible to play for their team based on what grade they are currently in. For example, if they are currently in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade for the 2022-2023 school year, they must play in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade division or higher. They are not eligible to play in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade division or lower. Please note, the head coach for each team is responsible for having the required documents on hand in case of a protest. If they are unable to provide this, they will forfeit their game and be out of the tournament. The required documents are a copy of birth certificate and current report card. Players are only allowed to play on one team during a tournament, no exceptions.

**Seeding:** We will host a live streamed drawing for seeding teams in the National Championship on our Facebook page & Instagram page on 2/06/2023 at 8pm. Divisional Champions will be drawn randomly to establish the seeding for the Single Elimination National Championship Bracket.

**Entry to Nationals:** On Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023 we will release the schedule, rules and additional information along with the cost for fans to enter the National Championship. We do accept Cash, Venmo & CashApp.

**Streaming:** We are partnered with Be The Beast and all games will be streamed on their platform. Please visit their site to pay for your subscription: <https://www.bethebeast.com/>

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**MVP System:** We have a unique MVP system where the losing coach votes for the MVP on the winning team. As the tournament progresses, we tally the votes and the player with the most votes on the championship team will receive the National MVP Belt. We also post all the MVP pics and the National MVP pics on all of our social media platforms – FB: @EvolutionBball and Twitter: @Evo\_Hoops & IG: \_Evolution\_Basketball\_

**Hotels:** We use our hotel partner, Lucid Travel, since they provide a great platform of discounted hotel rooms for all of our events. These hotels are cheaper than what you will find searching the internet. Please visit our hotel partner's website to take advantage at: <https://www.lucidtravel.us/team/events/7768>

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**July 27<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at the Rec Plex, Pleasant Prairie, WI**

**Qualification:** We host seven Spring & Summer National Qualifiers from April 2023 to July 2023. Every National Qualifier participant earns their right to compete at the Evo Summer National Championships. **Our National Champions are also open to the public.**

**Team Fee & Games:** The cost is \$475 per team for 6 – 9 games. There is a Loyalty Discount available which is \$100 off every team entry for any program that has 5 teams or more attend our Nationals.

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**Format:** Teams that compete in any of our 7 National Qualifiers automatically qualify for the 2023 Evo Summer Nationals, their results will place them in one of two divisions: Platinum Division (Top Half of Division Finishers) and Gold Division (Bottom Half of Division Finishers).

Teams that do not compete in any of our 7 Nationals Qualifiers can sign up for Nationals and will be placed in either the Platinum Division (strong teams) or Gold Division (developing teams).

Each division will be made up of 12 teams and two pools of 6 teams. Thursday (7/27/23) & Friday (7/28/23) teams will play a total of 5 pool games in which will seed them for the Single Elimination National Championship Bracket made up of all 12 teams which tips off Saturday (7/29/23). Sunday (7/30/23) will be made up of only Final 4 & National Championship games.

**Age & Grade Based Eligibility:** Players are eligible to play by receiving verification through our partner – National Sports ID. The Head Coach will create an account, then create their team and add their team to the 2023 Evo Summer Nationals. Upon completion, the Head Coach can share the link with the parents of the players so they can get their child approved to play by paying \$10 and providing three items: Picture of the player, copy of the birth certificate and most recent report card. Player Age Eligibility Date is 7/31/2023, meaning what's the age of a player on this date? This is the age division they are eligible to play in. Exceptions: Each team is allowed 3 total Exceptions which is for players that turn a year older between 3/1/2023 – 7/30/2023. For example, if a player on a 14u team 15 years old between 3/1/2023 - 7/30/2023

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they are eligible to play in the 14u division by using an Exception. Additionally, we do offer 1 Super Exception where if the same player turns 15 between 9/1/2022 – 2/28/2023 BUT MUST still be in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade, if that is the case, they would be eligible to play on the 14u team as a Super Exception. A Super Exception counts as one of the three exceptions a team is allowed.

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