



## ***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, faith and leadership skills
- Improve athletic skills through a broad level of competition
- Promote international goodwill and perspective

## ***2021 TRAVEL TEAM INFORMATION***

### ***TENTATIVE TEAMS, DESTINATIONS, AND DATES***

Basketball tours have tentative destinations of the Philippines, United Kingdom, Germany, and Italy. Volleyball travel teams have a tentative destination to the United Kingdom. 2021 travel teams will travel June-August, each tour lasting around 12 days. Please refer to a specific travel team for dates and destination by visiting [www.nbccamps.com/international](http://www.nbccamps.com/international).

### ***AGES TO QUALIFY***

14 - 20 years old (by June 1, 2021)

### ***TRAVEL TEAM COST***

The cost of travel teams ranges from \$5,500-\$5,800 USD depending on the destination and length of the trip. There is a \$500 USD non-refundable deposit required with the submission of an athlete's application, and an additional \$500 USD required if the athlete is accepted for a travel team. This \$1,000 USD deposit is non-refundable and is included in the total cost of the tour. If an athlete is not accepted, the initial \$500 USD 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	Three 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 Black Diamond Camps in Auburn, WA. 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 Seattle Tacoma International 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 GOOD CANDIDATE FOR NBC TRAVEL TEAMS?***

Although there is a certain level of basketball or volleyball 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 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, one from a teacher/mentor
4. ***2021 NBC ATHLETE APPLICATION*** to be completed by the athlete
5. ***INTERVIEW*** Once all pieces of the written application are finalized, athletes will arrange a time for a phone interview with a member of the Travel Team Selection Committee. These interviews will be 10-20 minutes long and will begin in the fall.

The application forms can be scanned and emailed to the NBC Travel Team Director, at [travelteams@nbccamps.com](mailto:travelteams@nbccamps.com), or they can be mailed to the NBC central office:

10003 N Division St.  
Suite 100  
Spokane, WA 99218

Athletes will be notified after the selection committee reviews applications and interviews and team members are selected. Athletes that are accepted for an NBC travel team will be sent a travel team manual and given 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](mailto:travelteams@nbccamps.com)  
800.406.3926 Ext 135

# ***PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION***

We are grateful for your support of your athlete applying for an 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 a parent recommendation as an opportunity 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 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 and videos. 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 any 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.

# ***2021 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 at [travelteams@nbccamps.com](mailto:travelteams@nbccamps.com)

- I have completed the 2021 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.
  - Email: [travelteams@nbccamps.com](mailto:travelteams@nbccamps.com)
  - Mail: NBC Camps- Travel Teams  
10003 N Division St, Suite 100  
Spokane, WA 99218
- I have contacted the NBC Travel Team director and arranged a time for a phone interview.
- I have submitted my initial \$500 deposit. I can do so by going online to [nbccamps.com/international](http://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 NBC Travel Teams Application. We appreciate your time and hope to be able to travel with you this year.

# **NBC TRAVEL TEAMS**

## **2021 ATHLETE APPLICATION**

Sport:  Basketball  Volleyball

Name (First & Last) \_\_\_\_\_  M  F Age: \_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address City State/Prov Zip/Postal Code

Parent/Guardian Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Athlete's Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian Cell: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mother Father

Athlete's email: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian email: \_\_\_\_\_

Height: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_ Anticipated 2020 Team:  Varsity  JV

Why do you want to go on tour?

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

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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.

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Briefly describe your faith background.

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### **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	Basketball	Volleyball	Year <u>2021</u>

The individual above has applied for admission on an NBC Travel Team. NBC Travel Teams have been taking athletes to foreign countries for over 40 years. The purpose of the tours is four-fold:

1. **ATHLETIC COMPETITION AND GROWTH** -competing with teams in other countries in soccer, volleyball and basketball.
2. **CULTURAL EXPERIENCE AND MENTAL GROWTH** -an opportunity to experience life in foreign countries and spend time with players and their families.
3. **SPIRITUAL GROWTH** - an opportunity to discover, develop and grow in spiritual faith in a Christian environment that encourages each person to honor God by loving and respecting people.
4. **SERVANT LEADERSHIP** - providing an environment for athletes to grow as servant leaders.

**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						
Judgement						
Emotional Stability						
Health						
Self-Discipline						

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|-------------------------------|---|----------------------------------|--|
| Mental Ability.....           | <input type="checkbox"/> Quick to comprehend    | <input type="checkbox"/> Average | <input type="checkbox"/> Slow                  |
| Industry.....                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Hard worker            | <input type="checkbox"/> Average | <input type="checkbox"/> Lacks persistence     |
| Reliability.....              | <input type="checkbox"/> Meets obligations      | <input type="checkbox"/> Average | <input type="checkbox"/> Neglects obligations  |
| Cooperativeness.....          | <input type="checkbox"/> Works well with others | <input type="checkbox"/> Average | <input type="checkbox"/> Avoids group activity |
| Flexibility.....              | <input type="checkbox"/> Open to change         | <input type="checkbox"/> Average | <input type="checkbox"/> Unyielding            |
| Disposition.....              | <input type="checkbox"/> Cheerful               | <input type="checkbox"/> Average | <input type="checkbox"/> Moody                 |
| 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            |

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

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

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

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: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you know the applicant's family?  Yes  No If yes, how long? \_\_\_\_\_  
Will they be supportive of his/her Travel Team experience?  Yes  No  
Please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

What makes this person unique?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Would you recommend the applicant for acceptance on an NBC International Travel 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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