



NBC TRAVEL TEAMS MISSION

NBC Travel Teams have been sending out teams from our camps for over forty years, to 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

2024 TRAVEL TEAM INFORMATION

TENTATIVE TEAMS, DESTINATIONS, AND DATES

NBC will send basketball tour teams to the United Kingdom, Germany, and Italy and volleyball teams to the United Kingdom and Italy in the 2024 season. Dates for each tour can be found at nbccamps.com/international.

AGES TO QUALIFY

14-18 years old (by June 1, 2024)

TRAVEL TEAM COST

The 2024 tour tuition is \$6,500 USD. There is a \$1,500 USD non-refundable deposit due by December 1, 2023 that is required to accept a position on a travel team after completing the application, interview, and receiving an acceptance letter for a team. The \$1,500 USD deposit is non-refundable and is included in the total cost of the tour. The cost for the travel team includes:

Round trip team airfare	Sightseeing activities	All ground transportation
Travel Team backpack	Lodging	2 meals/day on tour
Uniform/travel attire	Travel Team manual	Training Camp
Travel Team journal	Game expenses	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. The expiration date must be at least 6 months after the date of travel, January 2025 or later, to be valid for this tour season.

TRAINING CAMP

Training camp is at the start of tour and will take place near Seattle, WA. There are no practices leading up to tour, therefore 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.

APPLICATION AND REGISTRATION 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 evaluations and recommendations to the NBC Central Office at the end of every camp. If an athlete has not attended an NBC Camp or was not evaluated by their coach at camp, they can also apply for an NBC Travel team. The application includes:

1. ***2024 NBC ATHLETE APPLICATION*** to be completed by the athlete
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*** to be completed by a teacher/mentor and a coach
4. ***INTERVIEW*** Once all pieces of the written application are finalized, athletes will arrange a time for a phone interview with the Travel Team Director. These interviews will be 10-15 minutes long and will begin in the fall. To sign up for an interview time, please include the best phone number to call for the interview using this link: calendly.com/nbctravelteams
5. ***DEPOSIT OF \$1,500 USD*** The \$1,500 USD non-refundable deposit is due by December 1, 2023, after an athlete is accepted onto one of the 2024 teams, and completed their application and interview first. The deposit is applied toward the total tour fee and is nonrefundable once submitted as it officially adds the athlete to an NBC tour roster.

The application forms can be scanned and emailed to the NBC Travel Team Director, at travelteams@nbccamps.com, or they can be mailed to the NBC Central Office:

NBC Camps-NBC Travel Teams
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, LLC 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 an NBC Travel Team. Tours 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 tour to be an option for any athlete that qualifies, regardless of the financial commitment. 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! NBC has scheduled payment deadlines in order to spread out payments and make sure you stay on track with payment deadlines (\$1,500 non-refundable deposit by December 1, 2023, \$2,500 by March 15, 2024, remaining \$2,500 by May 31, 2024)

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 friendships and lots of fun memories for the athletes. Athletes will be allowed to check in with family and friends in the evenings after team meetings. Coaches enforce a “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 and all the details they don’t communicate along the way when they get back.

Coaches and staff will communicate injuries or emergencies that occur with your child. Coaches will also communicate any behavioral issues they are experiencing with your child 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.

ARE YOU A GOOD CANDIDATE FOR NBC TRAVEL TEAMS?

Although there is a certain level of skill and athleticism that may make you a better candidate for NBC Travel Teams, your personality is also very important. The following checklist will help you evaluate yourself and decide if you are the type of young adult that will most likely enjoy 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 and I enjoy making new friends
- 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 multiple times a day
- I struggle in team environments to get along with all my teammates
- I get stressed out when things don't seem to happen the way I planned or expected
- 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

2024 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.

- I have completed the 2024 Athlete Application Form
- I have provided two references (teacher/mentor/pastor and a 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: NBC Camps- Travel Teams
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- I have selected a time and provided a phone number for a phone interview:
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- I understand that if accepted on a 2024 travel team, the \$1,500 USD non-refundable deposit is due in order to secure my spot on the team. No payment is due until I am accepted.

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2024 ATHLETE APPLICATION

Name (First & Last) _____ 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 23/24 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 is strong.

What are your goals for yourself personally and athletically this season?

CHARACTER REFERENCE (MENTOR/TEACHER/PASTOR)

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

ATHLETIC REFERENCE (COACH)

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

NBC TRAVEL TEAMS **CONFIDENTIAL REFERENCE**

Name of Applicant: _____			
Address: _____			
Number and Street	City	State/Prov	Zip/Postal Code
Tour for which applying _____		Year <u>2024</u>	
Basketball	Volleyball		

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Does the applicant display high moral standards? Yes No If no, explain:

Is the applicant prejudiced against groups, races or nationalities? Yes No If Yes, explain:

With reference to their maturity, do you consider the applicant to be:
 Mature Average Growing Immature

Comments: _____

With reference to their activities, please list activities you personally know them to be involved. We understand you will not know all of their 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 their 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 they possess the qualities indicated above.

Signature Date

Name: _____ Email : _____

Phone Number: _____ Relationship to Applicant: _____
(i.e. coach, teacher, mentor)

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