



Tour Sanctioning

USA Basketball's procedures for:

- ❖ Tours of Foreign Teams within the United States
- ❖ Tours of United States Teams to Foreign Countries
- ❖ Non-Sanctioned Tours

PROCEDURE 1

Tours of Foreign Teams within the United States

Section 1: Preliminary Information

- 1 Any foreign team desiring to tour the United States and play basketball must secure a USA Sponsor for the tour
 - a Sponsor may be an individual or an organization
 - b Sponsor shall serve as the contact between USA Basketball, the host institution, and the foreign team
- 2 In the event that the Sponsor is not affiliated with USA Basketball through active, associate or affiliate membership, a performance bond in the amount of \$250.00 for each touring team shall be required **30 days prior** to the arrival of the foreign team
 - a Funds must be in the form of a cashier's check or credit card payment
 - b The bond will be returned to the Sponsor when all the procedures concerning such events are completed by the Sponsor.
 - c If the Sponsor is placed on probation and fails to complete all procedures within one year (after the completion of the actual tour), USA Basketball shall retain the performance bond posted by the tour Sponsor
- 3 Game(s) may be played under any rules
- 4 Only registered FIBA/USA Basketball Referees shall be used to officiate the games
 - a A list of officials can be obtained from the USA Basketball Office

Section 2: Conditional Sanctioning

The Sponsor shall be responsible for submitting the following to USA Basketball **30 days prior to the team's arrival:**

- 1 Request to invite a foreign team to tour
 - a Application for International Basketball Competition in the USA
- 2 Written approval from the foreign national federation
- 3 A copy of the game schedule
- 4 Fees:
 - a \$1,000.00 per game for NCAA Division 1 and all other professional teams, to include NBA, CBA, NBDL, ABA, USBL, WNBA, IBL, etc.
 - b \$15.00 per game for all High School teams
 - c \$100.00 per game for NCAA Division 2, 3, and all other games not specified above.

*****Fees are charged per game/per team*****

Note: If the host team and foreign team play a preliminary or secondary game on the same day, at the same site, it shall be considered one game.

Section 3: Complete Sanctioning

The Sponsor shall be responsible for submitting the following to USA Basketball within **30 days after the team's departure:**

- 1 Names of the FIBA/USA Basketball Referees assigned to officiate the games
- 2 Tour resume
 - a game scores
 - b Photograph(s)
 - c Roster of the foreign team

Section 4: Penalties

Sponsors will be penalized for the following:

- 1 Not using a FIBA/USA Basketball Registered Official(s)
 - a Fees
 - i \$25 per official, per game
- 2 Unpaid sanctioning fees
 - a Fees
 - i Fee per game multiplied by the number of games that were not paid for upfront

*** All fees will be deducted from the Performance Bond**

PROCEDURE 2

Tours of US Teams to Foreign Countries

Section 1: Preliminary Information

- 1 Any domestic team desiring to tour outside of the United States and play basketball needs to obtain a Tour Coordinator
 - a The Coordinator may be an individual within the touring team, or a member of a separate company hired by the touring team.
 - b The Coordinator shall serve as the contact between the touring team and USA Basketball

Section 2: Conditional Sanctioning

The Tour Coordinator shall be responsible for submitting the following to USA Basketball **30 days prior to the team's departure:**

- 1 Request permission for the tour from USA Basketball
 - a Application for International Basketball Competition outside the United States
- 2 A copy of a waiver or letter of permission from the National Parent Organization
 - a Parent organization may include, but are not limited to NCAA, NAIA, NJCAA, AAU, NFSHSA, etc.
- 3 Written approval from the foreign national federation
- 4 A copy of the Team Roster (tentative)
 - a All-star teams must be specific with reference to the team composition as they may be a consideration when sanctioning
 - i All-star teams are subject to FIBA rules pertaining to letters of clearance
 - ii A letter of permission from the director of athletics of any team member on an "All Star" team, with remaining eligibility, is required before sanction can be issued
- 5 Fees:
 - a \$300.00 flat rate for NCAA Division 1 and all other professional teams, to include NBA, CBA, NBDL, ABA, USBL, WNBA, IBL, etc
 - b \$15.00 per game for all High School teams
 - c \$25.00 per game (not to exceed \$300.00) for NCAA Division 2, 3, and all other games not specified above

*****Fees are charged per game/per team*****

Note: If a preliminary or secondary game is played by the same host team, and foreign team, on the same day, at the same site, it shall be considered one game.

Section 3: Complete Sanction

The Sponsor shall be responsible for submitting the following to USA Basketball within **30 days after the team's return:**

- 1 Game Schedule
- 2 Itinerary
- 3 Photograph(s)
- 4 Roster (definite)
- 5 Critique of the Tour

PROCEDURE 3 Non-Sanctioned Tours

Should any tour (Foreign or Domestic) not receive sanction from USA Basketball by the specified procedures listed above, the following probationary action will be taken:

- 1 USA Basketball will notify the Tour Sponsor or Coordinator of the non-sanctioned tour.
 - a The Sponsor/Coordinator will be given **60 days** to complete delinquent procedures to obtain retroactive sanctioning.
 - i If the procedures remain delinquent, the Tour Sponsor/Coordinator, USA Institution and Team Staff will be subject to probation.
- 2 **Probation:**
 - a Probation period is a minimum of **1 year**
 - i If procedures are not completed within that year, probation will continue until procedures are completed
 - b During Probation:
 - i **The tour coordinator/sponsor/institution may not pursue coordination of any international competition**
 - ii **Staff member(s) of the probationary team may not play in or coach any international games**

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