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*(Please give this information to the appropriate person in your church.)*

### **IT WILL SOON BE TOURNAMENT TIME AGAIN!!**

The 2012 WDC **basketball tournament** has been scheduled for **March 15-17** at Bethel College. (There will NOT be **volleyball tournament** due to lack of interest.) We invite the South Central Conference churches to participate. This is a tournament for persons over 18 years of age.

The entry fee for the tournament is **\$125 per team**. Enclosed are the guidelines, rules, entry forms and roster forms. **Please return the entry form with the entry fee to us by March 5**. Your roster sheet may be returned to us a little later (**by March 12**) to give you time to get your team together. Note the registration fee is non-refundable.

The tournament will again have the two-division and pool-play format.

A church may have three teams in the tournament if they have enough players. However, two teams from the same church must be in different divisions unless numbers are a factor.

Each church can decide in what division they wish to participate; with the understanding that the Tournament Committee reserves the right to move a team to another division should this become necessary. The team will be notified if this occurs. Churches may also join with another church to make a team. Please read the enclosed guidelines and rules so you're aware of any changes that have been made.

Contact people and coaches: please make note of some of the logos and advertisements that your players wear on their shirts. Alcoholic beverages, bars, cigarettes, and other such advertisements are not conducive to the nature of our tournament.

The committee is looking forward to having another successful tournament and hope that you will begin making plans to participate. The purpose of the tournament is: 1) To have a good time with other adults; 2) To become involved with your church members and fellow conference members; 3) To play with a fun, yet competitive, attitude. If you have any questions or concerns, contact: Lynn Eichelberger, 620-345-2214, [leich@mtelco.net](mailto:leich@mtelco.net)

Attachments: Tournament Guidelines, Rules, Entry Forms, Rosters

## WESTERN DISTRICT TOURNAMENT GUIDELINES

The following statements have been established and approved by the Western District Tournament Committee. They have been set forth to guide the churches in the formation of their teams. Final interpretation of the rules are made by the Tournament Committee. By entering the tournament each team agrees to abide by the guidelines. However, insuring their compliance can only be done by participating teams. It is ultimately, then, an honor system which has as much value to the tournament as individual churches have integrity in following them. The committee is confident that no church will betray the tournament goals and objectives, which is to have a fair and competitive tournament among the churches of the Western District Conference.

1. We do expect participants to be responsible, mature individuals. The tournament, we believe, can be more than just a physical interaction. It can also provide a social and spiritual experience for the participants and spectators. Please remember that players and spectators are representatives of their respective churches. Let us be able to leave the tournament with a positive regard for each other.
2. Churches of close proximity may go together to form a team. Each church, however, is limited to one entry per men per division and one entry for women per division.
3. Church membership is not the main criterion for eligibility; rather, attendance is. A player should have been attending church regularly for three months prior to the tournament or prior to departure for school or service. Each roster must be signed by the pastor to verify eligibility. **Late roster additions must be accompanied by a signed verification from your pastor.**
4. A church may have two teams per sport as long as they are in different divisions. Individuals can participate only on one team per sport.
5. Exception to rule three is that any person, who is away at college, or away in service, can participate for the home church, providing he or she was a regular attender before leaving for school or service.
6. All college students are eligible to participate. However, college students away from home cannot play for a church in the Newton community while they may be attending while at college. A college student originally from a church in the college community is eligible to play. Teams with current college volleyball or basketball players will automatically be in Division I. **Exception: This rule does not apply to women playing basketball.**
7. Participants must be 18 years of age.
8. Any number of players may participate on a basketball team, although a twelve-player limit is suggested to promote player participation. All players must be listed on the roster and wear a matching color shirt with a number. Only shirts with screened on, ironed on, stenciled on, or sewn on numbers will be allowed.
9. Any number of players may participate on a volleyball team, although a twelve player limit is suggested, with six on the floor at one time. All players must be listed on the roster. Numbered volleyball shirts are not required.
10. Volleyball is for women only. Women can play on a basketball team.
11. The Western District Conference, Newton Recreation Center, Bethel College, or Hesston College will not be liable for any injuries, accidents, or property damage.
12. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to move a team into another division (with the team's knowledge).

Established and approved by the Western District Tournament Committee  
Revised February 2009

## WESTERN DISTRICT BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT RULES

KSHSAA (Kansas State High School Activities Association) rules will be followed, except for the following exceptions:

- ~~1. You must be 35 or older to play in the "35 & Over" Division. You are allowed to play in other divisions as long as you play in this one. However, you may not play on two teams if you do not play in this division.~~
2. Participants must be 18 years of age.
3. Teams with current college players will automatically be Division I.
4. The games shall consist of two twenty-minute halves, with the clock not stopping for whistles except during the final two minutes of each half. Exception: During the last two minutes of the game, should the point differential reach 20 or more, the clock will continue to run and not stop for whistles.
5. There will be a five-minute half-time.
6. Each team will be allowed three time-outs during the course of the game, with no more than two to be taken in any one half.
7. After a time-out, the clock will not start until the ball is in play.
8. Games ending in a tie will be decided by a two-minute overtime, then one-minute overtimes until a winner is determined. Clock will stop for whistles. Each team is allowed one time out per overtime, no carryovers.
9. Foul shots will be taken beginning with the seventh team foul in each half. Two foul shots will be taken beginning with the 10<sup>th</sup> team foul each half.
10. Jump balls will follow KSHSAA rules of alternate possession after the initial tip-off. Overtime periods will start with a jump ball.
11. Technical fouls will be called when necessary. Any player getting two technical fouls in a game will be dismissed from that game.
12. Any kind of unsportsman-like behavior, such as slamming the ball against the floor or wall, threatening or starting a fight, or the use of profanity, will result in a technical and the player will be removed from the game. If the activity continues from the bench, the team will automatically forfeit the game.
13. Each team will designate a captain who will be the only one allowed to confer with the referees. Any actions taken to enforce this will be determined by the referee. Penalty could result in a technical foul assessed to the team and/or player involved.
14. Two referees will be provided for each game. Any rule interpretation by the referees will be final.
15. Games must start on time. Games will start 5 minutes after preceding game, but no earlier than 15 minutes before scheduled time. A game may be started with only four players but at no time during the game may a team play with less than that.
16. Each team will provide an ADULT to sit at the scorer's table to either run the scoreboard and clock, or to keep the scorebook and possession arrow.

Western District Tournament Committee (01/2006)

**Western District Conference  
2012 Basketball Tournament  
ENTRY FORM**

Division I (*Division I is a higher level of play than Division II.*)

Division II

Church(es): \_\_\_\_\_

Contact person(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**\$125 entry fee  
(non-refundable)  
required with this form**

**Return this form and payment by March 5 to:  
*WDC Tournament  
Box 306  
North Newton KS 67117***

