Dear Recreational Sports Director:

Please accept this correspondence as an official invitation for your educational institution to participate in the NIRSA Region V Basketball Tournament hosted by The University of Nebraska-Lincoln. The tournament will be held at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln, NE from March 4-6, 2016. We invite you to send any number of Men’s and Women’s teams to participate. Teams will be guaranteed at least two games. The format will be round robin play followed by a single elimination tournament.

Champions of the Men’s and Women’s divisions will receive a paid entry into the NIRSA National Basketball Tournament hosted by Ohio State University April 22–24, 2016. Champions will also receive a travel stipend to participate in the 2016 NIRSA National Tournament.

Registration and Eligibility

To register, have your teams complete the enclosed forms completely and remit the entry fee by Friday, February 26th to avoid a late fee. All registration forms can also be found on our website (www.crec.unl.edu/extramurals) Registration will completely close at noon (CST) on Wednesday, March 2nd. A mandatory manager’s/captain’s meeting will be held at the Campus Recreation Center, 841 N. 14th Street, Saturday, March 5, at 8:00 a.m. A team representative must attend this meeting in order to play.

Please let teams know that in order to play, a valid university/college photo ID must be shown by all players before each game. Roster changes must be completed before the first game and each player listed must complete the roster/waiver forms before participating. Medical insurance coverage will not be provided to participants by the tournament but it is required that each participant has health insurance. If you have questions/concerns feel free to please call me. Athletic trainers will be on duty during all games. Your assistance will be needed in making sure appropriate medical and travel insurance is secured for each participant.

Accommodations

The Country Inn and Suites located at 1301 West Bond Circle near the Lincoln airport has graciously offered a rate of $77 per room per night if you notify them that you are with the regional tournament. The Nebraska State Girls Basketball Tournament is the same weekend in Lincoln so I would recommend booking with this hotel which will have rooms blocked off for our tournament.
Scheduling and Gameplay

All scheduling will be done on IM leagues after we have received your registration forms and entry fee. Tournament schedules will also be posted to our website (www.crec.unl.edu/extramurals) by Thursday, March 3rd. NFHS basketball rules will be enforced with a few minor modifications. **We ask that all players wear jerseys of the same color with numbers on the front and back (2 sets preferred: one light, one dark).**

Again, we invite you to send your teams to NIRSA Region V Basketball Championship hosted by The University of Nebraska-Lincoln. If you need any additional information, contact me at the University of Nebraska, Campus Recreation at (402) 472-0959. Our fax number is (402) 472-8080. My e-mail address is benstrom2@unl.edu. For more detailed information please check our web site at www.crec.unl.edu/extramurals. We look forward to seeing your teams in early March!

Sincerely,

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2016 University of Nebraska-Lincoln Basketball Regional Tournament Director