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SERC MLK BASKETBALL
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JANUARY 12-14, 2024

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Registration Packet

Presented by the Opelika Housing Authority

General Rules for Participation

The following is a list of instructions and forms that you must complete to register your team in this year's tournament. *All forms must be completed and received by 5:00 pm CST on Friday, December 1, 2023.* No late applications will be accepted.

1. **ELIGIBILITY AND VERIFICATION** – All participants must be verified as eligible to participate as listed in this section. Every participant must be legally listed on the dwelling lease of a low-income public housing property, multifamily property, Housing Choice Voucher Program, or a member of a Boys and Girls Club. The Housing Authority or Boys and Girls Club Executive Director is required to verify resident/membership status by signing the Certification form.

Age—The athlete's age determination date is the first day of the tournament, January 15, 2024. **A copy of each athlete's birth certificate or Insurance/Medicaid card must be submitted with the team's entry application.** Athletes without proper proof of age are ineligible.

AGE CLASSIFICATION:

18 & under Born after 1/15/2006
15 & under Born after 1/15/ 2009
12 & under Born after 1/15/2012

Education Activities/School Grades—Participants must abide by the following rules:

- Each athlete/student must be enrolled in school or in an approved GED program.
- Each participant is required to maintain an overall "C" average. If an overall "C" average is not maintained, participant is required to enroll in a tutorial program. The tutorial program may be administered by the school, local Housing Authority or other agency.
- Each team is responsible for having its team members involved in educational activities. Each team must submit a written summary of what it is doing to meet the above requirement. Failure to provide this information will make the team ineligible to participate.

High School Athletic Eligibility—Athletes listed on their school's basketball/cheer team during the current school year are prohibited from participating in this tournament.

2. **Code of Ethics/Conduct**—Participants are expected to display good sportsmanship at all times. The HUD Youth Sports Code of Ethics will be enforced. This form is to be signed by each athlete, coach, chaperone, and coordinator.
3. **Waiver and Release Liability Form**—Each athlete and coach are required to complete a Waiver Form for insurance purposes. Any athlete or coach without a completed and signed Waiver Form will be ineligible to participate.

4. **Educational Component**—Teams registered in the 30th Anniversary SERC Martin Luther King Jr. Basketball Tournament and Cheer Competition, are **required** to participate in the educational component of the weekend. This component is designed to not only provide entertainment for participating athletes, but also to educate the participants. *Failure to attend the educational component will result in a team's forfeiture of their first game played.*
5. **Basketball/Cheer Team Roster**—Complete a roster for each team participating.
6. **Team Name**—Each team should have a unique team name. For example: The Wizards, The Eagles, Bobcats. Teams should avoid the following: OHA Blazers 18 & Under, OHA Blazers 15 & Under, etc.
7. **Entry Fee**—The entry fee is \$450 per basketball team and \$200 per cheer team. Make checks payable to the Opelika Housing Authority with SERC MLK in the memo line. Registration forms and checks may be mailed to P.O. Box 786, Opelika, AL 36803, Attn: Jessica Ford, Resident Services Director.
8. **Hotel Curfew**—Each team should establish a curfew time for athletes to be in bed. At the mandatory coaches meeting, the coaches will indicate the designated curfew time for their team(s).
9. **Chaperones**—Each team is required to have two (2) adults present at all times.
10. **Rules**—All age divisions may compete in an older age classification; however, older participants may not compete in a younger age classification. An athlete can only be listed on one roster. All age divisions will play 15-minute halves running the clock, and will stop only for time outs. Each team has two 30-second time-outs per half, and three full 60-second time-outs per game. Overtime will consist of five minutes running clock, each team has one full time-out. All teams will play with a 29.5" size ball. A mercy rule will be in effect. A running clock will begin once a team is ahead by 30 points or more. The clock will continuously run until the points difference is less than 20.
11. **Forfeits**—Any team that leaves the tournament early or misses a game may forfeit all of their remaining games, and may be fined \$100.00 per game missed.
12. **Awards**—All athletes will receive an official 2024 SERC MLK Basketball Tournament & Cheer Competition t-shirt. A team trophy will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners in each age classification. Each athlete on the 1st place team will receive individual medals and all participating athletes will receive a commemorative gift.
13. **Uniforms**—Uniformity on the court will be enforced. Each team athlete must wear the same color shirts, shorts, and socks. Failure to do so will result in a technical foul for the first offense and forfeiture of the game for future offenses.

14. **Dress Code**—No visible jewelry, open-toe shoes or hats during play on athletes, coaches and/or chaperones. Coaches and chaperones must wear a team t-shirt or a collared shirt during play. Banquet attire will be a collared shirt and tie for males and dress or dress slacks for females. If one fails to comply, they will not be allowed to attend the banquet or play their first game. In the case of a coach or chaperone, the entire team will forfeit the next game.

15. **Photos/Videography Consent**—Those participating in the tournament allow permission for footage captured during the SERC MLK Weekend through video, photo and digital camera, to be used solely for the purposes of promotional material and publications, and waive any rights of compensation or ownership thereto.

16. **Confirmation Packet**—A confirmation packet and the tournament brackets will be emailed and/or mailed approximately the week of January 1, 2024 to the head coach/director listed on the Official Registration Form.

**For questions or concerns, please contact Jessica Ford, Resident Services Director
Opelika Housing Authority, (334) 749-5468 or jford@opelikaha.org**



Cheer Competition Rules



1. **Eligibility**—The Cheer Competition is open to all boys and girls that fall in the two (2) age brackets below. Eligibility is determined by the grade of the contestants as of January 1, 2024. Proof of grade will be established prior to the competition.
2. **Age Brackets**—Two (2) brackets will compete in the 2024 SERC Martin Luther King, Jr. Cheer Competition: 8th Grade & Under and 9th Grade & Up. Each member must be competing in their appropriate grade bracket.
3. **Entries**—All contestants must register using the official 2024 SERC Martin Luther King, Jr. Basketball Tournament & Cheer Competition entry form. Completed entry forms should be submitted with tournament registration forms no later than 5:00 p.m. CST on Friday, December 1, 2023. Each registered team may submit only two (2) competing cheer/dance teams (one per age bracket).
4. **Regulations**
 - All teams, gyms, coaches and directors must have an emergency response plan in the event of an injury.
 - All height increasing apparatus used to propel an athlete is **not allowed**.
 - **No tumbling mats will be provided.**
 - Required spotters for all skills must be your own team's members, and be trained in proper spotting techniques.
 - Routine performance may not exceed five minutes. Timing will begin with the first movement, voice, or note of music, whichever comes first. Timing will end with the last movement, last voice, or note of music, whichever comes last.
5. Athletes must have at least one foot, hand or body part (other than hair) on the performing surface when the routine begins.
6. The competitors who begin a routine must remain the same throughout the course of a routine. A performer is not permitted to be “replaced” by another performer during a routine.
7. An athlete must not have gum, candy, cough drops or other such edible or non-edible items, which may cause choking in his/her mouth during practice and/or performance.
8. All cheers and music must be positive in nature. **No profane, explicit, or questionable language or music may be used in any cheer.** *Music selection must be submitted by January 5, 2024.*
9. Any dance moves should be in good taste and never be suggestive in any way, shape, or form.

REGISTRATION FORM BASKETBALL/CHEER TEAM ROSTER

Please print clearly—Only one team per form. If you are entering more than one team, please photocopy this form and all tournament participants listed below must complete and sign a Basketball/Cheer Individual Waiver.

TEAM INFORMATION—Choose a unique team name for each team.

Housing Authority/Boys & Girls Club: _____

Team Name: _____

HEAD COACH/COORDINATOR

Name: _____ Work Number: _____

Address: _____ Cell Number: _____

City/State/Zip: _____ T-Shirt Size: _____

Email Address: _____

(1) Assistant Coach: _____ T-Shirt Size: _____

(2) Assistant Coach: _____ T-Shirt Size: _____

AGE DIVISION (Please check only one.)

Basketball: Boys/Girls 18 & Under Boys/Girls 15 & Under Boys/Girls 12 & Under

Cheer: Boy/Girls 8th Grade & Under Boys/Girls 9th Grade & Up

Enter Athlete's Information Here:

Last Name, First Name	Birthday	Age on 1/12/24	LIPH/Multifamily/HCV/BGC	T-Shirt Size (Adult size only)
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CERTIFICATION OF ACADEMIC/ATHLETIC/RESIDENT ELIGIBILITY

I do hereby certify that the _____(Authority Name/Boys & Girls Club) has taken the necessary steps to ensure academic eligibility for each athlete participating in the 2024 SERC MLK Basketball Tournament and Cheer Competition. I am prepared to verify that participants have maintained at least a “C” average this school year or are enrolled in a tutorial program. Additionally, I acknowledge that athletes participating in basketball for their high school team are prohibited from in this tournament. I verify each participant is legally listed on the dwelling lease of the LIPH, multifamily, HCVP, or a member of a Boys and Girls Club. I further support HUD Youth Sports in the belief that education comes first and sports secondary in this Youth Sports Program.

Executive Director Signature: _____

Date: _____

Executive Director T-Shirt Size: _____

HUD YOUTH SPORTS CODE OF ETHICS
All Athletes, Coaches, Coordinators, and Chaperones MUST Sign
(Please make copies for each person.)

For Athletes

I hereby pledge to live up to the following Code of Ethics and understand that failure to do so may result in game suspensions, disqualifications and/or loss of participation.

- ✓ I will encourage good sportsmanship from fellow athletes, coaches, officials, and parents at every game and practice demonstrating good sportsmanship myself.
- ✓ I will attend every practice and game that I can and notify my coach prior to practice or a game if I cannot attend.
- ✓ I will expect to receive a fair and equal amount of playing time.
- ✓ I will do my very best to listen and learn from my coaches.
- ✓ I will treat my coaches, opponents, officials and fans with the utmost respect regardless of their gender, religion, race, looks, habits or abilities, and I will expect to be treated accordingly.
- ✓ I deserve to play in a fun environment that is free of drugs, tobacco, alcohol, and profanity, and will refrain from personal usage.
- ✓ I promise to use the same energy and ability I use in sports in the classroom because I deserve a quality education.
- ✓ I will encourage my parents/guardians to be involved with my team in some capacity because it is important to me.
- ✓ I will remember that sports are an opportunity to learn and have fun.
- ✓ I understand that the willful violation of Public Housing/Multifamily Authority Youth Sports rules will disqualify me and may disqualify my entire team from further participation in future events.
- ✓ I certify that I was not listed on my school's basketball/cheer team roster during the current session.

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Team Name/Age Group: _____

HUD YOUTH SPORTS CODE OF ETHICS
All Athletes, Coaches, Coordinators, and Chaperones MUST Sign
(Please make copies for each person.)

For Coaches/Coordinators/Chaperones

I hereby pledge to live up to the following code of ethics and understand that failure to do so may result in game suspensions, disqualifications and/or possible loss of employment.

- ✓ I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my athletes ahead of a personal desire to win.
- ✓ I will treat each athlete as an individual, remembering the large range of emotional and physical development within the same age group.
- ✓ I will do my best to provide a safe playing environment for my athletes.
- ✓ I will review and practice the basic first aid principles needed to treat injuries of my athletes.
- ✓ I will do my best to organize practices that are fun and challenging for all my athletes.
- ✓ I will lead by example in demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship to all my athletes.
- ✓ I will maintain a fun environment that is free of drugs, tobacco, alcohol, and profanity and will refrain from their use.
- ✓ I will be knowledgeable in the rules of each sport that I coach, and the rules of the Public Housing/Multifamily Youth Sports Program, and I will teach these rules to my athletes.
- ✓ I will use coaching techniques appropriate for each of the skills that I teach.
- ✓ I will remember that I am a youth sports coach and that the game is for children-not adults.
- ✓ I certify that my roster contains no one listed on their school's basketball/cheer team during the current season.

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Team Name/Age Group: _____

BASKETBALL/CHEER INDIVIDUAL WAIVER

Individual Information:

Name: _____

Home Number: _____ Cell Number: _____

Address: _____

Birthdate: _____

Emergency Contact Information:

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Cell Number: _____ Work Number: _____

In consideration of the participant being allowed to participate in this athletic/sports program and related events and activities, the undersigned:

1. ACKNOWLEDGES and FULLY UNDERSTANDS that the participant will be engaging in activities that involve risk or serious injury, including permanent disability and death, and severe social and economic loses which might result not only from their own actions, inactions or negligence, but the actions, inactions and negligence of others, the rules of play or the condition of the premises or of any equipment used. Further, that there may be other risks not known or reasonably foreseen at this time.
2. ASSUMES all the foregoing risks, known and unknown, and accepts personal responsibility for damages following such injury, permanent disability, or death.
3. RELEASES, WAIVES, DISCHARGES, HOLDS HARMLESS, INDEMNIFIES AND COVENANTS NOT TO SUE HUD or sponsors of the basketball tournament, its affiliated clubs, the promoters, other participants, operators, officials, any person in a restricted area, sponsors, advertisers, owners and lessees of the premises used to conduct the event and each of them, their officers and employees, all of which are hereinafter referred to as "releases", from any and all liability to each of the undersigned, his or her heirs, executors, administrators, successors, assigns and next of kin for any and all claims, demands, losses or damages on account of injury.
4. AUTHORIZES in the event that the participant sustains injury or illness while competing/ participating in the basketball tournament or cheer competition, any emergency first aid, medication, medical treatment or surgery, deemed necessary by licensed medical personnel, and give permission for attending medical personnel to execute on the behalf of the participant permission forms or other necessary medical documents and to act on his or her behalf if he or she is not immediately available to do so.
5. CONSENTS to allow the participant's picture and/or likeness or voice to appear in any official documentary, promotions (including any and all advertisements) television, radio or film coverage of the basketball tournament or cheer competition in any manner incidental to his or her participation in the basketball tournament or cheer competition, without compensation.

THE UNDERSIGNED HAS READ THE ABOVE WAIVER, RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND AUTHORIZATION OF MEDICAL TREATMENT, GIVES UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT AND ACKNOWLEDGES IT IS SIGNED VOLUNTARILY. THIS AGREEMENT CANNOT BE ORALLY MODIFIED BY ANY PARTY.

Participant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature (if under 19): _____ Date: _____

Parent Guardian Name (Please Print): _____ Relationship to Minor: _____

HOTEL INFORMATION

All participants will be responsible for booking their own rooms for teams, staff, and parents. The below list of hotels has been provided at a discounted rate. Please mention “Opelika Housing Authority MLK Basketball Tournament” when booking your rooms.

Area Hotels	Address	Price
1. Holiday Inn Express & Suites	1801 Capps Landing, Opelika, AL 36804 (334) 749-5250	\$129
2. LaQuinta Inn & Suites by Wyndham	3151 Capps Way, Opelika, AL 36804 (334) 748-9000	\$129
3. Hampton Inn & Suites	3000 Capps Way, Opelika, AL 36804 (334) 778-7048	\$109
4. Microtel Inn & Suites by Wyndham	1651 Parker Way, Opelika, AL 36801 (334) 528-0716	\$119

DOCUMENT CHECKLIST

- Official Registration Form—Basketball/Cheer Team Roster (One per team.)
- Each Executive Director of the Housing Authority or Boys and Girls Club must sign the Certification of Academic/Athletic/Resident Eligibility
- A photocopy of each athlete's birth certificate or Insurance/Medicaid card
- HUD Youth Sports Code of Ethics (Signed by each athlete and each coach, assistant coach, coordinator, and chaperone.)
- Basketball/Cheer Individual Waiver (Each athlete must sign, along with parent or guardian.)
- Entry Fee— The entry fee is \$450 per basketball team and \$200 per cheer team. Make checks payable to the Opelika Housing Authority with SERC MLK in the memo line. Registration forms and checks may be mailed to P.O. Box 786, Opelika, AL 36803, Attn: Jessica Ford, Resident Services Director.

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