



**The Thirteenth Annual
AHEPA MARROW National Invitational
Basketball Tournament**

“A Basketball Tournament That Saves Lives”

March 13, 14, 15, 16 & 17th 2024

Wednesday through Sunday Event

Goals:

- **Promote the AHEPA MARROW Program**
- **Promote Education**
- **Raise Awareness of the Marrow Transplant Process**
- **Recruit Eligible Donors**
- **Serve as a National Fundraising Event**

Entry Fees:

- **Open Men’s Division \$375 (Guaranteed four games)**
- **Junior Men’s Division 40yo & over \$375**
- **Senior Men’s Division 50yo & over \$350**
- **Open Women’s Division \$325**
- **Girl’s High School Division \$325**
- **Boy’s High School Division \$325**
- **Boy’s H.S. (Fr. & So.) Division \$325**
- **Grade School \$250**
- **Biddy \$250**

GYMNASIUM LOCATIONS

- **Fairview Junior High School**
7040 Laramie Avenue Skokie, Illinois, 60077
- **Saint Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church**
2727 W Winona St. Chicago, Illinois 60625
- **Saint Peter & Paul Greek Orthodox Church**
1401 Wagner Rd. Glenview, Illinois 60025
- **Lincoln Hall Middle School**
6855 North Crawford Avenue Lincolnwood, Illinois 60712
- **Mather High School**
5835 North Lincoln Avenue Chicago, Illinois, 60659
- **Northeastern Illinois University**
3600 West Foster Street Chicago, Illinois 60625
- **Northside College Preparatory High School**
5501 North Kedzie Avenue Chicago, Illinois, 60625
- **North Park University Gymnasium**
3205 West Foster Street Chicago, Illinois, 60625

Hotel Accommodations:

Each team will be responsible for its own housing costs. The Double Tree Hotel and Convention Center will be the Hotel site for the AHEPA MARROW Tournament.

Doubletree Hotel: 9599 Skokie Blvd. Skokie, IL 60077

(847) 679-7000 or (800) 221-4701 Website: <http://www.skokieillinois.com>

Comfortably sleeps four individuals at an amazing prices suggest you inquire about

Double Occupancy Room with 2 Double Beds

Please mention the “Ahepa Marrow Basketball Tournament” to possibly receive discounted rate by **03/09/2024**

Airline Accommodations:

Any participant of the Ahepa Marrow tournament can obtain a discount on their travel by visiting the following web site @ www.ahepatravel.com

For airline flights, car rentals, or any other travel arrangements.



Tournament Highlights

- First of its kind **AHEPA MARROW Basketball Tournament Seeding Event**
- A Large national competitive multi-ethnic pan-Orthodox tournament
- Five state of the art facilities which have a combined eleven courts
- A five star hotel: Double Tree Hotel and Convention Center in Skokie, Illinois
- Next to hotel, visit Old Orchard Mall with great restaurants, shopping, and theaters
- Unique & attractive tournament format: **Guarantees Men's Teams FOUR Games!**
- Convenient Scheduling allowing teams to participate from out of town (option of late Late Friday night games of 8 & 10pm or 9 & 11pm for teams arriving Friday night)
- All players will receive the 2024 AHEPA MARROW apparel T-shirt with the AHEPA MARROW motto "A **Basketball Tournament That Saves Lives**"
- Individual Awards for categories: Most Valuable Player Award for each Group in Group Play, Gold & Silver All-Tournament Team, and the Most Valuable Player Award Gold & Silver Divisions
- The **STEVE PAPPAS AWARD** will be given to the coach selected for his or her ability during the tournament to exemplify the characteristics of great coaching (i.e. leadership, motivation, strategy, decision making, substitution decisions, team preparation, and ultimately getting the most out of his or her team)
- The top official of the tournament will also be selected and awarded the **Referee Award of Excellence** during the award ceremony immediately after the Gold Division Championship Men's Game
- Individual & Team awards will be distributed immediately after each Division's Championship game.
- The Champions of each division of play will receive an "AHEPA MARROW CHAMPIONS" sweatshirt for each player and coach
- The tournament activities will conclude on Sunday March 17th with the AHEPA MARROW AWARD CEREMONY immediately following the play of the Men's Gold Division Championship game.

If there are any questions, please feel free to contact us at Ahepamarrow@gmail.com



**Thirteenth Annual AHEPA MARROW
National Invitational Basketball Tournament
“Seeding Event” For Men’s Division
Saturday March 9th, 2024 at 6:30PM @ The Venetos Home
6520 Tower Circle Dr. Lincolnwood, Illinois 60712**

The AHEPA MARROW Seeding event will include an introduction of the individual committee members, teams, and coaches. The event will describe how the AHEPA MARROW Tournament possesses first-rate qualities making it:

“A Basketball Tournament of Excellence”

- There will be a brief presentation and discussion of the eligibility requirements, player registration, rules of tournament & game rules, format of tournament group play, followed by stratification into Gold & Silver Divisions
- Announcement of all teams in alphabetical order, with the use of telephone conference available for out of state teams and individuals who are unable to attend the event
- Each team representative speaks for a two minute limit to discuss the following items: Location, Parish, GM/Sponsors, Coaches, Key Players, Recent recruitment of players, Past Leagues/Tournament Performance,
- All Coaches and Tournament Seeding Committee Members will vote once (1st ranked team, 2nd ranked team, 3rd ranked team, etc. thereby selecting and ranking all 32 teams)
- Pizza dinner while Seeding Event Committee tabulates results
- Announcement of the seeding of all 32 teams and Placement in their respective Groups: 32nd Seed thru 1st Seed announced in that Order
- Announcement of the placement of all teams in their respective Groups A through H
- The full group play game matrix schedule & locations will be posted on the Ahepa Marrow website at www.AhepaMarrow.org, no later than 48 hours prior to the first game



MEN'S DIVISION

All Men's teams will be placed into groups containing four teams. For example, with 32 Men's teams there would be eight groups, which will be called Group A through H. Each team will play every team within its own group once during the 4 days of GROUP PLAY from Wednesday through Saturday morning. The GROUP PLAY will conclude by 12 noon on Saturday 03/16/2024.

Therefore, the **Men's Division Tournament** will begin and consist of **GROUP PLAY**, which will allow each team to play 3 games during the **GROUP PLAY**. These games will be played as follows:

- Option #1** 1 game Wed, 1 game Thursday & 1 game Friday (No Sat)
- Option #2*** 2 games Friday & 1 game Saturday AM (No Wed/Thurs)
- Option #3** 1 game Wed., 1 game Friday & 1 game Saturday AM (No Thurs)
- Option #4** 1 game Thursday, 1 game Friday & 1 game Saturday AM (No Wed)
- Option #5** 2 games Thursday & 1 game Friday (No Wed/Sat)
- Option #6** 1 game Thursday & 2 games Friday (No Wed/Sat)
- Option #7*** 1 game Friday & 2 games Saturday AM (No Wed/Thurs)

CHOICE 1: _____ **CHOICE 2:** _____ **CHOICE 3:** _____

Each team should fill out the above form regarding their **preference** of options of **GROUP PLAY & email it to ahepamarrow@gmail.com or send a picture via text to 847-975-1114 or bring it with to the seeding event on March 9th, 2024.**

Although the AHEPA MARROW committee will do its utmost to honor these preference requests, **there is no guarantee that they will be honored.** Out of town teams will be given top priority because of their travel arrangements.

***Option #2 & #7 are best suited for out of town teams** who arrive late on Friday. The standings of all the men's teams in their respective Groups will be posted by noon on 03/16/2024 on the AHEPA MARROW website at www.AhepaMarrow.org and posted at North Park University & Northeastern Illinois University.

The **MEN'S DIVISION GROUP STANDINGS** will be determined by the following order:

1. Best Record
2. Head to Head competition
3. Total of least points given up in 3 games of group play
4. Total of greatest point differential in 3 games of group play
5. As a last resort and unlikely to be used would be a "Coin Flip"

*If, for example, there is a three-way tie and head-to-head cannot solve it, and two teams have allowed equal amount of points within group play, then head to head between the two teams is used first before moving on to greatest point differential within group play.

The 1st place teams of each of the eight groups will be designated by
A 1st, B 1st, C 1st, D 1st, E 1st, F 1st, G 1st, H 1st

The 2nd place teams of each of the eight groups will be designated by
A 2nd, B 2nd, C 2nd, D 2nd, E 2nd, F 2nd, G 2nd, H 2nd

The above teams represent the top two teams of each group & they will advance to compete in the **Gold Division Tournament** (*Gold Division Bracket is located on our website*) **Sweet 16 Single Elimination Tournament.**

The Gold Division may initiate play on Saturday 03/16/2024 at 1PM. The Gold Division Brackets have already been pre-determined before the start of the tournament. A team will not play a team within its own group again unless both teams advance to the Gold Division Championship Game.

The 3rd place teams of each of the eight groups will be designated by
A 3rd, B 3rd, C 3rd, D 3rd, E 3rd, F 3rd, G 3rd, H 3rd

The 4th place teams of each of the eight groups will be designated by
A 4th, B 4th, C 4th, D 4th, E 4th, F 4th, G 4th, H 4th

The above teams represent the bottom two teams of each group & they will advance to compete in the **Silver Division Tournament** (*Silver Division Bracket is located on our website*) **Sweet 16 Single Elimination Tournament.**

The Silver Division may initiate play on Saturday 03/16/2024 at 1PM. The Silver Division Brackets have already been pre-determined at the start of the tournament. A team will not play a team within its own group again unless both teams advance to the Silver Division Championship Game.



Divisions: Men's, Women's, Sr. Men's, Jr. Men's, Girls HS, Boys HS, Boys H.S. (Fr. & So.), Grade School, Bidy:

- The Men's & Men's Jr. (40yo over) Division entrance fees \$375
- Sr. Men's (50yo over) Division entrance fees \$350
- The Women's Division, Girls High School, Boys High School, Boys H.S. (Fr. & So.) entrance fees \$325
- Grade School, & Bidy Division entrance fees are \$250
- **All entrance fees are due by Saturday, March 9th 2024.**
- **An additional late fee of \$50 should be added after March 4th 2024.**
- The absolute deadline to enter any team will be Saturday March 9th, 2024 (prior to the start of the tournament seeding event).
- All entrance fees are 100% refundable if requested prior to March 9th, 2024.

Age Eligibility Requirements:

- **Men's Division:** No age requirement
- **Women's Division:** No age requirement
- **Senior Men's Division:** Player must be 50 years or older on 03/13/1974
Player's birthday must be on or before 03/13/1974
- **Junior Men's Division:** Player must be 40 years or older on 03/13/1984
Player's birthday must be on or before 03/13/1984
- **Girl's High School:** Player has to be attending High School & must present a valid High School photo Identification Card
- **Boys High School:** Player has to be attending High School & must present a valid High School photo Identification Card
- **Boys H.S. (Fr. & So.):** Player must be a Sophomore, Freshman, or Grade School & must present a valid High School photo Identification Card if in HS
- **Grade School:** Player has to be attending a Grade School (8th or 7th grade) & player's birthday needs to be on or after 09/01/2009
- **Bidy Division:** Player must be in 6th, 5th, or 4th grade, and player's birthday needs to be on or after 09/01/2011

The Women's, Men's Sr. (50yo & over), Men's Jr. (40yo and over), Girl's High School, Boys High School, Boys High School (Fr. & So.), Grade School, and Bidy Divisions will play in a conventional tournament, which will consist of a winner's bracket and a consolation bracket. The teams in these Divisions will be guaranteed a minimum of (2) games.

AHEPA MARROW TOURNAMENT RULES

1. AHEPA MARROW TEAM REGISTRATION FORM (DUE 03/09/2024)

- All teams must fully complete and submit the **AHEPA MARROW TEAM REGISTRATION FORM** on or before Saturday March 9th, 2024, with the appropriate fee.
- **Please add \$50 late fee if postmarked after March 4, 2024.**
- The absolute deadline to enter a team & submit the **AHEPA MARROW TEAM REGISTRATION FORM** is on or before March 9th, 2024 (Seeding Event).
- **The AHEPA MARROW Team Roster can be submitted by March 9th 2024, on the Saturday Seeding Event. The roster can be modified up to the start of your first game of the tournament.**
- The **AHEPA MARROW Player Release Form** for each player and **COPY of the eligibility documentation** are due by **03/09/2024**.
- Once you have decided to enter a team please send a completed **AHEPA MARROW Team Registration** form with the **appropriate entry Fee as soon as possible** to secure your spot for the tournament and seeding event.

Send the Team Registration form and make checks payable to:

**Ahepa Bone Marrow Donor Registry
c/o John Venetos M.D,
Ahepa Marrow Chairman
6520 Tower Circle Drive
Lincolnwood, IL 60712**

Entrance Fee
Non-for-Profit 501 (c) (3) Organization

2. The AHEPA MARROW TEAM ROSTER is due by March 9, 2024

- The AHEPA MARROW TEAM ROSTER can be submitted in person at the Tournament Seeding Event that will take place on Saturday 03/09/2024 at 6:30 PM or submitted via email to Ahepamarrow@gmail.com
- Teams are allowed to modify their team rosters up to game time of their 1st game of the tournament.
- No team will be allowed to add any new player(s) to their roster after the start of their first game.
- **Each AHEPA MARROW Player's Release Form should be submitted with the team roster** which can be mailed or emailed to ahepamarrow@gmail.com
- **A COPY of each Player's eligibility documentation should be submitted with the team roster.**
- Any new player(s) that is added to the team roster prior to their 1st game must still complete the **AHEPA MARROW Player Release Form**, and submit it at the Player Registration process prior to their first game.
- Any new player(s) that is added to the team roster prior to their 1st game must still provide a **COPY** of the **eligibility documentation**, and submit it at the Player Registration process prior to their first game.

3. AHEPA MARROW PLAYER RELEASE FORM DUE March 9, 2024

- **The AHEPA MARROW Player Release Form must be completed and signed by each participant.**
- **It is mandatory that each player completes this form.**
- **If you are 18 years of age or younger the waiver must be signed by a parent or legal guardian.**
- **If you are playing in more than one division, a player release form is required for each division.**
- It will be assumed that the player release form has been read and understood prior to the signature being affixed.
- The **Player Release Form** of each player must be completed, and sent in with the Team Roster which are both due by Saturday 03/09/2024.

- For players that were added to the roster after the due date of 03/09/2024 they will need to provide a completed **Player Release Form** at the time of the Player Registration process, which will occur prior to their first game at each gymnasium.

4. AHEPA MARROW ELIGIBILITY RULES AND CATEGORIES COPY OF ELIGIBILITY DOCUMENTATION (DUE 03/09/2024)

All qualified players will be required to provide a COPY of the document supporting their eligibility that falls into at least one of the following categories A thru D (see below).

- A.** Be of Hellenic descent by birth or ancestry (proof by providing a copy of birth certificate, driver's license, or passport)
 - B.** Be of Eastern Orthodox faith (proof by providing a copy of Baptismal certificate or current membership card at an Eastern Orthodox Church)
 - C.** A legal spouse of a person of Hellenic ancestry (proof by providing a copy of marriage certificate acquired in a Greek Orthodox Church)
 - D.** Each team can only have a maximum of one AHEPAN Phil-Hellene of Non-Hellenic descent, who is a member of AHEPA for the last 2 years (proof by providing a copy of 2023 & 2024 AHEPA membership prior to the tournament or donation to Ahepa Marrow of \$75 in 2023 & 2024 & this only applies to the Men's & Sr. Men's Divisions & Jr. Men's Divisions)
- **A COPY of each player's eligibility documentation should accompany the team roster, and is due by Saturday 03/09/2024.**
 - For players that were added to the roster after the due date of 03/09/2024, he/she will need to provide a COPY of the documentation at the time of the Player Registration process, which will occur prior to their first game.
 - Once a player submits a copy of their eligibility documentation supporting their eligibility, **they may not be required to re-submit this documentation again in future** AHEPA MARROW Tournaments.

5. PLAYER REGISTRATION (Prior to the FIRST GAME)

- All players and coaches are required to register with AHEPA MARROW Tournament Officials at the start of the tournament at the site of the first game at each gymnasium.
- **Players and coaches are required to arrive at least 60 minutes prior to their first game of the tournament to ensure a smooth Player Registration process.**

- In order to ensure a smooth and efficient Player Registration process, it is required that the Team Roster be submitted with all the **Player Release forms** as well as **COPIES** of all eligibility documentation for all the players.
- All players in the Men's, Sr. Men's, Jr. Men's, Woman's, Girls High School, Boys High School, and Boys High School (So. & Fr.) division will be **required to show a valid Photo I.D.** (driver's license, state I.D., high school photo I.D card).
- Any player, who did not submit their **Player Release form and a COPY of Eligibility documentation** with their Team Roster which was due on Saturday 03/09/2024, will be required to do so at the Player Registration time.
- Players participating in the High School division are eligible **ONLY** if they are a current high school student as proven by current, valid high school photo I.D.
- A valid current high school photo ID is required of all high school participants (all H.S. divisions) in order to register. NO EXCEPTIONS.
- All players in Grade School, and Bidy Divisions will need to provide a **COPY of their Birth Certificate**
- All players in Grade School Division have a date of birth that is on or after **09/01/2009**
- All players in Bidy Division have a date of birth that is on or after **09/01/2011**
- Each player and team coach will also receive a **2024 AHEPA MARROW Apparel (T-shirt)** during the registration process.

IMPORTANT PLEASE NOTE:

- **Any player that cannot provide a Player Release form and a COPY of the Eligibility Documentation will not be allowed to register, and therefore unable to play.**
- **Any player that cannot provide a Photo I.D. (i.e. driver's license, state I. D., passport, or high school photo I.D.) will not be allowed to register, and therefore unable to play.**
- **Any grade school or Bidy player that cannot provide a Birth Certificate will not be allowed to register, and therefore unable to play.**

- **These AHEPA MARROW Tournament rules will be strictly enforced by the AHEPA MARROW COMMITTEE.**
- **Failure to comply could result in forfeit of the team's entrance fee, forfeit of games, and removal from the tournament, and future suspension from the AHEPA MARROW tournament.**

6. EACH TEAM'S COACH WILL READ, CONSENT AND SIGN THE AHEPA MARROW COACH'S ELIGIBILITY PLEDGE FORM:

I understand that as a team coach, it is my responsibility to assure that all members of my team meet the eligibility requirements. I am accountable and responsible to provide and ensure that the players of our team provide a COPY of the documentation proving their eligibility. The Ahepa Marrow Committee will file a copy of this eligibility documentation on record. I understand that all players will be required to also register and check in during the player registration process. Each player will be required to (1) demonstrate a valid photo I.D. (i.e. Driver's License, Passport, State I.D., or High School photo I.D.), (2) provide a player release form, and (3) provide a COPY of the appropriate eligibility documentation that makes him or her eligible to play in the tournament (i.e. Birth certificate, Driver's License, Passport, State I.D., High School photo I.D., Baptismal certificate, current church membership of an Eastern Orthodox parish, Marriage certificate of a Greek Orthodox church or for Philo-Hellenes of Non-Hellenic descent an Ahepa Membership card for the last 2 years, 2023 & 2024 or a donation of \$75 to Ahepa Marrow for 2023 & 2024). Once players have submitted a COPY of the documentation proving their eligibility, the AHEPA MARROW Tournament committee will keep it on file, and they may not be required re-submit it again in future years. I am also responsible for the conduct of my team throughout the AHEPA Marrow tournament. I agree to abide by and be governed by all the tournament rules and decisions of the tournament and eligibility committees. I fully understand and accept that any violation of AHEPA MARROW eligibility rules could result in an immediate disqualification of the team, forfeit of the entrance fee, and future suspension of our team from the Ahepa Marrow Basketball tournament. The AHEPA MARROW Tournament Eligibility Committee will over see this entire process, and will make all final decisions, and handle all appeals.

7. Individuals are eligible to play for ONE TEAM ONLY IN THEIR RESPECTIVE DIVISION. However, a player can play in more than one division, but needs to have release forms for each division signed by his parent or guardian. In this event, the player and his teams should understand that unavoidable game conflicts may occur.

- 8. There are no age requirements for the Men's & Women's Division.**
- 9. Each team will be limited to twelve players, one coach, and one manager. All others on the bench must be in uniform.**
- 10. Teams will designate one player as captain; only the captain will be allowed to talk to officials during games.**
- 11. All teams must wear matching jerseys with numbers.**
- 12. The AHEPA MARROW Tournament Committee reserves the right to deny entry of any team to play in the tournament.**
- 13. The AHEPA MARROW Tournament Committee reserves the right to limit the number of entries. Entries will be accepted on the basis of earliest postmark & payment to secure their spot in the seeding event.**
- 14. All participants, coaches, and managers are governed by the AHEPA MARROW "Players and Coaches Code of Conduct".**
- 15. The AHEPA MARROW Tournament Committee will handle all game protests.**
- 16. All Gold Division games and the Silver Division semi-final games and championship will have a 30 second shot clock violation rule.**



AHEPA MARROW Playing Rules

All Games will be played under Illinois High School Association (IHSA) rules except as noted otherwise below by the Ahepa Marrow Tournament Committee

1. **Men's Division Group games & Senior Men's Division games** will consist of two (2), Twenty (20) minute halves. Clock will stop on only timeouts. The last two (2) minutes of each half, the clock will stop on all whistles. If there is a 15-point lead or greater in the last two (2) minutes of the game the clock can continue to run **only during group play**.
2. **Men's Gold & Silver Division games** will consist two (2), Sixteen (16) minute halves. Clock will stop on all free throws and timeouts. The last two (2) minutes of each half, the clock will stop on all whistles. In the Gold Division, Silver Division, and Senior Men's Division Semi-finals and in all Division championships, the clock will stop on all whistles. **There will be a 30-second shot clock for all Gold Division games, the Silver Semi-finals, and Silver Division Championship.**
3. **Women's Division games** will consist two (2), Sixteen (16) minute halves. Clock will stop on all free throws and timeouts. The last two (2) minutes of each half, the clock will stop on all whistles. In the Women's Championship, the clock will stop on all whistles.
4. **Boys High School Division games & Boys HS (Fr. & So.) Division games** will consist two (2) Sixteen (16) minute halves. Clock will stop on all free throws and timeouts. The last two (2) minutes of each half, the clock will stop on all whistles. In the High School & HS (Fr. & So.) Championship the clock will stop on all whistles.
5. **Grade School Division games** will consist two (2), Fourteen (14) minute halves. Clock will stop on all free throws and timeouts. The last two (2) minutes of each half, the clock will stop on all whistles. Only in the Grade School Championship game will the clock stop on all whistles.
6. **Biddy Division games** will consist two (2), Twelve (12) minute halves. Clock will stop on all free throws and timeouts. The last two (2) minutes of each half, the clock will stop on all whistles. Only in the Biddy Division Championship game will the clock stop on all whistles. **Press is allowed in the last two (2) minutes of each half.** However, the team pressing cannot have a eight (8) point lead or greater.
7. Three (3) full timeouts (60 seconds) per game, two (2) 30 second timeouts per game, and 1 full timeout (60 seconds) per overtime period for each team. Timeouts from regulation can carry over into overtime.
8. Halftime will be 4 minutes.
9. Overtime periods will be 4 minutes. During the overtime, the clock stops on all free throws and time-outs. During the last two minutes, the clock will stop on all whistles.

10. Bonus occurs on the 7th foul of each half; Super bonus on the 10th foul of each half.
11. Alternating possession rule applies. The possession arrows will be in effect, including the start of 2nd half.
12. A Player will foul out after **6 fouls** in the Men's, Sr. Men's, Jr. Men's, and Women's Division. In all other divisions, a player will foul out after **5 fouls**. **Technical fouls do not count as personal fouls or team fouls.**
13. All un-sportsmanship fouls are 2 free throws & the ball out of bounds. Two (2) technical fouls in one game constitute ejection from the game.
14. Two minutes after game time is forfeit time. Teams must have a **minimum of four players dressed** & in uniform on the floor ready to play when the official blows the whistle to begin the game.
15. A player, coach or manager removed from a game for **ANY** type of fight or other severe unsportsmanlike-like conduct may be unable to participate in any further tournament activities pending review from the Ahepa Marrow committee.
16. Dunking is allowed in gyms with breakaway rims, however hanging on the rims is an automatic technical foul.
17. A **30 second shot clock** is in effect for all Gold games, Silver Semi-finals & Championship games. **The shot clock shall be reset to 30 seconds anytime the following occurs: (1) Change of possession (2) Ball contacting the rim of the team which is in possession.**
18. The 30 second clock shall remain the same as when play was interrupted or reset to 15 seconds, whichever is greater, anytime the following occurs: **a defensive foul, defensive kicked ball, or jump balls retained by the offensive team** as the result of a held ball caused by the defense.
19. Only During the Gold and Silver Division games in the last one minute of each half, a team that rebounds the ball without advancing it or is inbounding the ball after a made basket/free throw that calls a time-out has the option of advancing the ball to half court.
20. During all Gold games and the Silver Semi-final and Championship game, in the last minute of the game the clock shall stop on made baskets until the ball is inbounded.
21. The AHEPA MARROW Tournament Committee reserves the right to rule on all controversies.



AHEPA MARROW National Invitational Tournament Registration 2024 Form

Please check the appropriate box & return promptly by March 9th 2024

DIVISION OF PLAY (please check):

- Men's Division \$375 (**Guaranteed minimum of four games**)
 Senior Men's Division (50yo & over) \$350
 Junior Men's Division (40yo & over) \$375
 Women's Division \$325
 Girl's High School Division \$325
 Boy's High School Division \$325
 Boy's H.S. (Freshmen & Sophomore) Division \$325
 Grade School Division \$250
 Biddy Division \$250
 Please Add \$50 Late Fee if submitted after 03/04/2024

TEAM NAME: _____

TEAM COACH: _____

PHONE NUMBER: (____) _____

EMAIL: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ **STATE:** _____ **ZIP:** _____

TEAM SPONSOR or CHURCH AFFILIATION: _____

**RETURN COMPLETED APPLICATION AND ENTRY FEE MAKE CHECKS
PAYABLE TO:**

**Ahepa Bone Marrow Donor Registry
c/o John Venetos M.D,
6520 Tower Circle Drive
Lincolnwood, Illinois 60712**

Entrance fee is 100% Tax Deductible Non-for-Profit Organization

- **Entrance Fee due on 03/04/2023**
- **Please Add \$50 Late Fee after 03/04/2024**
- **Absolute Final Deadline is Saturday 03/09/2024 6:30PM @ Seeding Event**



**AHEPA MARROW National
Invitational Tournament
Registration Form 2024 Three Point Contest
In Memory of Demetrios Itsines**

Please check the appropriate box & return promptly by Saturday March 9th 2024

Three Point Contest Divisions of Play (please check):

- Senior Men's (50yo and older) \$15
- Junior Men's (40yo and older) \$15
- Men's Division \$15
- Woman's Division \$10
- Girls High School \$10
- Boys High School Division \$10
- Boys H.S. (Fr. & So.) Division \$10
- Grade School Division \$10

Player's Name: _____

Phone Number: (____) _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____

RETURN COMPLETED APPLICATION, ENTRY FEE, AND MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

“Ahepa Bone Marrow Donor Registry”

The Three Point Contest fee is 100% Tax Deductible Non-for-Profit Organization

- **The Three Point Contest Fee is due by Saturday 03/09/2024**
- **Participants may sign up now or at Contest on Saturday 03/16/2024**
- **Mail the Registration form and make checks payable to:**

Ahepa Bone Marrow Donor Registry
c/o John Venetos M.D.,
6520 Tower Circle Drive, Lincolnwood, Illinois 60712



AHEPA MARROW Players Code of Conduct

1. **NO PLAYERS SHALL:** Have in his/her possession or is under the influence of alcohol or a non-medically prescribed medication while participating in a tournament-sponsored activity. The committee of the tournament sponsored activity shall have the authority to prohibit any individual thought to be in violation of this provision from participating in the sponsored activity. Additionally, it shall be the responsibility of the team representative/manager/coach and game officials to determine the condition of each participant in the tournament sponsored activity and if that participant is determined to be in violation of this provision the participant shall be prohibited from the activity. **PENALTY#1:** If an individual is determined to be in violation of the Codes of Conduct, the individual will not be allowed to participate in the activity. Additionally, the individual will be suspended from all other tournament activities until a meeting of the tournament committee is held to review the matter, and the appropriate penalty is issued.
2. **NO PLAYER SHALL:** Discuss with an official in any manner a decision reached by such official. The only individuals allowed to discuss a decision reached by an official are the manager or team captains who shall be introduced to the official prior to game time. **PENALTY:** The degree of infraction of this tenet of good sportsmanship shall in the official's judgment draw a minimum penalty of a warning or a maximum penalty of removal from the game. Should a maximum penalty be invoked that person shall automatically be suspended from the next regularly scheduled game.
3. **NO PLAYER SHALL:** At any time touch, push, shove, strike, or threaten to strike an official, manager, coach or any player or spectator of any opposing team. **PENALTY-** In the event of violation Code of Conduct Rule Number 3, the official in charge of the activity shall immediately suspend the player or players involved from further play and report such player or players to the tournament committee. Such a player or players shall remain suspended from all further play until such time as case may be reviewed by the tournament committee and the appropriate penalty is issued
4. **NO PLAYER SHALL:** Refuse to abide by an official's decision. **PENALTY:** Same as penalty # 1.
5. **NO PLAYER SHALL:** Demonstrate overt objectionable dissent of any official's decision (i.e., throwing a ball, kicking a chair, etc.) **PENALTY:** Same as penalty # 1.
6. **NO PLAYER SHALL:** Verbally abuse any official for a decision or judgment made by that official, or verbally abuse any player, manager, coach or spectator, before, during or after any game. **PENALTY:** Same as penalty #1.
7. **NO PLAYER SHALL:** Unnecessarily cause excessive physical contact or deliberately intend to cause physical harm to any participant during a tournament-sponsored activity. **PENALTY:** Same as penalty # 1.
8. **NO PLAYER SHALL:**, Use profane, obscene or vulgar language or gestures in any manner or engage in any intimidation or "trash talking" during a tournament-sponsored activity. **PENALTY:** Same as penalty #1.
9. **NO PLAYER SHALL:** Discuss in derogatory or abusive manner with spectators any play, decision or personal opinion of other players. **PENALTY:** Officials are to warn players guilty of this infraction and should players fail to comply with this warning, they will be subject to removal from the game.
10. In addition to the Provisions of the "Players' Code of Conduct", all players will be subject to the provisions and penalties set forth in the "Managers/Coaches Code of Conduct."

Managers & Coaches Code of Conduct

Managers/Coaches will ensure that their team arrives on time to games. Should they be unable to coach on any given game day, they will appoint a substitute who will be responsible for the team.

1. Managers/Coaches are required to fill-in his/her roster in the scorebook prior to game time, at which time he shall designate one player as team captain. Only the manager/coach and the other designated player will be eligible to confer with the officials in regards to specific plays or rules. **THIS RULE WILL BE STRICTLY ADHERED TO.**
2. A Manager/Coach shall always keep complete control of himself/herself, his/her ballplayers and his/her other coaches. He/she shall not allow himself/herself, his/her players or his/her coaches to argue with anyone, swear, trash-talk, fight or display any other actions unbecoming an athlete or an Orthodox Christian.
3. At no time will a Manager/Coach berate a game or scoring official, or allow any players or fans of the team to behave in such a manner. Such behavior will result in disciplinary action.
4. The Manager shall be governed by all rules of the tournament and by the rules of the "Player's Code of Conduct" in his/her personal actions. Managers should remember that they and their players are representatives of their parish and should behave in a manner becoming of an Orthodox Christian. Good sportsmanship should be practiced at all times.
5. Managers/Coaches will ensure that the bench area and locker-room are clean after their game is over.

Facility Rules

1. Facilities used for all AHEPA MARROW functions have been provided for the enjoyment of all. It will be everyone's responsibility to clean up after his or her own team following each game. This includes the bench area and the locker-room.
2. Each locker room should be kept as neat and clean as possible. Locks are to be removed from lockers after each use. Please make sure that showers are turned off after you are finished.
3. Smoking is prohibited in any tournament gymnasiums or locker rooms, and food or drinks are not allowed in any gymnasiums.
4. Only players with proper athletic shoes are allowed on the actual playing floor. Players are encouraged to bring their playing shoes and wear alternate shoes between gymnasiums so as not to track water and dirt onto the playing surfaces.
5. Violation of any of the aforementioned rules could result in cancellation of the privilege of using the facilities.



AHEPA MARROW National Invitational Basketball Tournament Release 2024 Form

This form must be completed and signed by each participant and must be submitted prior to participating in the 2024 Thirteenth Annual AHEPA MARROW National Invitational Basketball Tournament. Participants will be ineligible to compete if their name does not appear on the form with appropriate release signatures.

Name of player: _____

Team: _____ Division: _____

In consideration of the AHEPA MARROW National Invitational Basketball Tournament Committee (A.M.N.I.B.T.C) permitting the below named person to participate in the 2024 AHEPA MARROW National Invitational Basketball Tournament (A.M.N.I.B.T), I hereby release AHEPA, AHEPA MARROW National Invitational Basketball Tournament, AHEPA MARROW National Invitational Basketball Committee (A.M.N.I.B.T.C.), North Park University, Northside College Preparatory H.S., Mather H.S., Saint Demetrios, Chicago, Saint Peter & Paul Glenview, Fairview Junior High, Lincoln Hall Middle School, Lincolnwood & any other facility utilized for AHEPA MARROW National Invitational Basketball Tournament activities, their employees, representatives, agents, officers, successors and assigns from responsibility for any claims arising from injury or death as a result of my participation in the AHEPA MARROW National Invitational Basketball Tournament. I understand that basketball can be a physical game and there are certain risks inherent in the game. I also release the above-mentioned entities, persons and groups from these types of injuries. I further release the above-mentioned entities, persons and groups from any intentional or grossly negligent acts with respect to the gymnasiums and other facilities, maintenance, condition, placement of equipment, design and other safety features. I hereby indemnify AHEPA, AHEPA MARROW National Invitational Basketball Tournament, AHEPA MARROW National Invitational Basketball Tournament Committee, North Park University, Northside College Preparatory H. S., Mather H.S., Saint Demetrios, Chicago, Saint Peter & Paul Glenview, Fairview Junior High, Lincoln Hall Middle School, Lincolnwood, & any other facility utilized for AHEPA MARROW National Invitational Basketball Tournament activities for any damages or costs as a result of any injury or death covered by this release. I acknowledge and understand that medical insurance is the sole responsibility of event participants. I also certify that the below named participant is in good physical health and is able to participate in the AHEPA MARROW National Invitational Basketball Tournament. **In the event the below named participant is a minor, I hereby certify that I am his parent or legal guardian.** In that capacity I hereby release AHEPA, AHEPA MARROW National Invitational Basketball Tournament, AHEPA MARROW National Invitational Basketball Tournament Committee, Northeastern Illinois University, North Park University, Northside College Prep H.S., Mather H.S., Saint Demetrios, Chicago, Saint Peter & Paul Glenview., Fairview Junior High, Lincoln Hall Middle School, Lincolnwood, & other facility utilized for AHEPA MARROW National Invitational Basketball Tournament activities, their employees, agents, representatives, officers, successors and assigns from responsibility for any claims arising from injury or death as a result from participation in the AHEPA MARROW National Invitational Basketball Tournament. Such release is also effective for any claims of the below named participant’s parents, guardians, trustees, administrators, heirs or executors. I understand that in the event any of these paragraphs are held to be not valid by a court of law, the remainder of the contract is still valid. After reading the release above, the following information must be completed for each participant. All participants 18 & older are required to sign in the space provided. Participants below age 18 are required to have a parent’s or legal guardian’s signature.

Print Player Name	Date of Birth	Signature of Parent/Guardian (If Minor)
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Signature of Player if older than or equal to 18 years old

PLAYER RELEASE FORM IS DUE BY SATURDAY 03/09/2024



Thirteenth ANNUAL AHEPA MARROW National Invitational Basketball Tournament TEAM ROSTER & Eligibility 2024 Form

Name of Team: _____

Division: _____

Name of Coach: _____

The eligibility criteria should be specified by circling only one of the appropriate categories A thru D which applies to each player:

- A. Be of Hellenic descent by birth or ancestry (proof by birth certificate, Driver’s license or passport)
- B. Be of Eastern Orthodox faith (proof by Baptismal certificate or current membership of an Eastern Orthodox Church)
- C. A legal spouse of a person of Hellenic ancestry (proof of marriage certificate in a Greek Orthodox Church)
- D. Each team can only have a maximum of one AHEPAN Phil-Hellene of Non-Hellenic descent who is a current member of AHEPA for the last 2 years (proof of 2023 & 2024 AHEPA membership prior to the tournament & or \$75 donation for 2023 & 2024 to Ahepa Marrow- this only applies only to the Men’s & Sr. Men’s & Men’s Jr. Divisions)

Although a player may fulfill more than 1 category, **please circle only one category**, and then **please provide a COPY of the documentation of that one category which was circled.**

Please attach a COPY of each player’s Eligibility Document with the Team Roster.

	<u>Name</u>	<u>DOB</u>	<u>E-Mail</u>	<u>Eligibility</u>
1.	_____	_____	_____	A B C D
2.	_____	_____	_____	A B C D
3.	_____	_____	_____	A B C D
4.	_____	_____	_____	A B C D
5.	_____	_____	_____	A B C D
6.	_____	_____	_____	A B C D
7.	_____	_____	_____	A B C D
8.	_____	_____	_____	A B C D
9.	_____	_____	_____	A B C D
10.	_____	_____	_____	A B C D
11.	_____	_____	_____	A B C D
12.	_____	_____	_____	A B C D

TEAM ROSTER & COPY OF ELIGIBILITY DOCUMENTATION IS DUE BY 03/09/2024



COACH'S ELIGIBILITY CONSENT & PLEDGE FORM:

I understand that as a team coach, it is my responsibility to assure that all members of my team meet the eligibility requirements. I am accountable and responsible to provide and ensure that the players of our team provide a copy of the documentation proving their eligibility. A copy of this eligibility documentation will be filed on record by the Ahepa Marrow Committee. I understand that all players will be required to also register and check in during the Player Registration process. Each player will be required to demonstrate a valid photo I.D. (i.e. Driver's License, or a High School I.D), provide a signed player release form, and provide a **COPY** of the appropriate eligibility documentation that makes him or her eligible to play (i.e. Birth certificate, Driver's License, Passport, Baptismal certificate, Marriage certificate, current membership in an Eastern Orthodox parish, or is a Philo-Hellene proof of membership of Ahepa for 2 years 2023 & 2024 or a donation of \$75 to Ahepa Marrow in 2023 & 2024). Once players have submitted a **COPY** of the documentation proving their eligibility, which the AHEPA MARROW Committee will keep on file, players may not be required to re-submit it again in future years. I am also responsible for the conduct of my team throughout the AHEPA Marrow tournament. I agree to abide by and be governed by all the tournament rules and decisions of the tournament and eligibility committees. I fully understand and accept that any violation of AHEPA MARROW eligibility rules could result in an immediate disqualification of the team, forfeit of the entrance fee, and future suspension of our team from the Ahepa Marrow Basketball tournament. The AHEPA MARROW Tournament Eligibility Committee will over see this process, and will make all final decisions, and handle all appeals.

Printed name of coach: _____

Signature of coach: _____

Address: _____

City and State: _____ **Zip:** _____

Telephone number: _____ **E-Mail:** _____

RETURN COMPLETED APPLICATION, ENTRY FEE, & MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

Ahepa Bone Marrow Donor Registry
c/o John Venetos M.D.
6520 Tower Circle Drive Lincolnwood, Illinois 60712
Telephone: Cell (847) 975-1114 or FAX (847) 679-1113

Entrance fee is 100% Tax Deductible Non-for-Profit Organization

- **Entrance Fee due on 03/04/2024**
- **Please Add \$50 Late Fee after 03/04/2024**
- **Absolute Final Deadline is Saturday 03/09/2024 6:30PM @ Seeding Event**

COACH'S ELIGIBILITY CONSENT & PLEDGE FORM IS DUE SATURDAY 03/09/2024