



2012
JCC Maccabi Games
Memphis, TN
August 5 - 10, 2012

Registration Dates: December 15 – February 15

For questions, please contact
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Informational Meetings

Sunday, December 18
5:30 pm
Conference Room A

Or

Wednesday, January 4
7:30 pm
Conference Room A

2012 JCC Maccabi Games

Mission Statement:

The JCC Maccabi Games are an extraordinary Jewish experience for Jewish teens. It is a unique opportunity for them to establish long-term friendships, and create lifetime memories.

History of the JCC Maccabi Games

The JCC Maccabi Games is an Olympic-style sporting competition held each summer in North America and is the largest organized sports program for Jewish teenagers in the world. The Maccabi movement began in 1895 when the first all Jewish sports club was formed in Constantinople. The first world Maccabiah Games was held in Israel in 1932. Now, this two week competition takes place every four years and has featured many world class Jewish athletes including: Mark Spitz (swimming), Mitch Gaylord (gymnastics), Ernie Grunfeld and Danny Schayes (basketball) Brad Gilbert and Dick Savitt (tennis).

The first North American JCC Maccabi Games was held in 1982 with 300 athletes. Due to overwhelming interest, Regional Games were added in 1985 to augment the even-year Continental Games, while 1997 marked the first time that the JCC Maccabi Games were held simultaneously in six American cities with 4,400 participating athletes. Since their inception in 1982, the JCC Maccabi Games has grown from a small pilot project in one host community to an Olympic-style sporting competition held each summer in multiple sites throughout North America. The combined Games are the largest organized sports program for Jewish teenagers in the world.

Today, over 6,000 teens, ranging from 13 to 16 years of age participate in the JCC Maccabi Games each summer. The Games are co-sponsored by the Jewish Community Center Association of North America, Maccabi World Union, Maccabi Canada, and Maccabi USA/Sports for Israel.

Participant Eligibility

- Must be Jewish
- Must be 13-16 years old as of July 31, 2012
- Open to boys and girls
- CENTER membership required. Summer memberships will be available to families.

Team Kansas City has Spots Available for the Following Sports:

Individual Sports: Table Tennis, Tennis, Swimming, Dance and Track and Field

Individual sports offered for both boys and girls in 13 -14 and 15 -16 age divisions unless participation numbers require that divisions be combined.

Team Sports: Boys U14, Boys U16 and Girls U16 Basketball
Boys U14 Baseball
Boys U14, Boys U16 and Girls U16 Soccer (7v7)
Boys U16 Lacrosse

Athletes may try out for more than one sport, but will only be accepted to participate in one sport.

Guidelines for Selection Process and Coaching Philosophy

- Each delegation has been given a limited number of spots for the 2012 JCC Maccabi Games. Kansas City's allotment is 32. Within this number, each sport has its own limited number of spots. Priority for team sports will be given to complete teams first, then partial teams.
- If an athlete wishes to try out for one of the offered team sports, but there are not enough to form a KC team, then they can request to be placed with another delegations' team but will still represent Team Kansas City and count against the allotment of 32.
- Minimum standards for individual sports are based on information from past Games along with a review of the background and experience of each athlete.
- Tryouts are held for all team sports as needed. Boys and Girls Soccer tryouts will take place on Sunday, February 26 from 3-4:15 pm. Interested athletes should meet in the gym. Boys and Girls Basketball tryouts will take place on Sunday, February 26 from 4:30-5:45 pm in the gym. If there are more athletes than available slots, athletes are chosen by their level of skill. Tryouts for other team sports will be scheduled if needed. **Team selections will be announced by March 11.**
- Athletes can try out for more than one sport; however, they need to rank their order of preference on the application and they can only participate in one event.
- **No athlete will be selected for a team without an application and deposit on file.**
- Anyone who can not attend the scheduled tryout should contact Bob Hennecke in advance.
- Some individual sports may not require a tryout, but a tryout is possible. All those registered for an individual sport will be contacted the last week of February.

Athlete Expectations & Commitment

Team Sport Athletes:

- Practice sessions may begin as early as April 2012.
- Each team will set its own practice schedule and attempt to take into account each player's availability. However, athletes are expected to consider Maccabi competition to be a high priority and to attend as many practices as possible. Coaches will try to take in to account the spring and summer commitments of team members when constructing their practice schedules.
- Players are expected to be on time for practices, suited up, and appropriately equipped.
- Players that attend a Jewish summer camp or Israel program are still eligible as long as they make tryouts and can attend the Games.

Individual Sport Athletes:

- Many athletes competing in individual sports are currently under the auspices of their own coach, pro, or instructor. Athletes without coaches are encouraged to enlist the assistance of a sport professional or enroll in a qualified program to enhance skill development. CENTER staff can assist athletes with the selection of individual sport coaches, if necessary.
- The JCC Maccabi program will make every effort to provide a coach/chaperone for each individual sport during the week of the JCC Maccabi Games. However, some individual sports may not require a Kansas City coach/chaperone due to the format determined by the Host City.

Training and Conditioning:

- Athletes are encouraged to participate in a formal training and conditioning program and JCC staff will provide a group program if there is sufficient interest. In some cases there may be extra costs for such training.

Coaching Philosophy

Each team coach determines the playing time an athlete receives in a team sport. The athletic philosophy of the Kansas City JCC Maccabi program is to provide competitive teams. **Attendance at practices may influence playing time.** A competitive program philosophy may result in limited playing time for certain athletes. Any parent who has questions regarding the competitive philosophy of the program should contact Bob Hennecke or the team coach.

Athlete & Parent Informational Meeting

A **mandatory** informational meeting for all athletes and parents will be held **Monday, March 26 at 7:30 p.m in the JCC Dining Room.** Plan now to attend this meeting in order to receive important information about the JCC Maccabi Games in Memphis.

Financial Responsibility of Athlete

Participant Fee: \$950 (*Limited scholarships are available & based on a determined need*)

The participant fee includes all of the following:

- Entry fee into the JCC Maccabi Games from August 5-10, 2012 in Memphis, TN
- Round trip chartered bus transportation, Kansas City to Memphis
- Participation in JCC Maccabi Games sponsored athletic and social activities
- Host family accommodations
- Most, if not all meals
- Team Kansas City chaperones at 1:8 ratio
- Team Warm Up
- Team T-shirts and other delegation items, including pins with the KC delegation logo, for trading with other delegations
- Coaching for team sports
- Team practices and other local events/activities
- Kansas City delegation team sport uniforms for usage during the week of the Games

Items not included:

- Sports equipment (tennis racquets, swim caps, etc.)
- *Individual* sport uniforms
- Optional team picture, available at cost
- Visitor (“spectator”) passes, available prior to the games at a reduced price of \$30 per person when purchased prior to June 15 (\$50 after June 15).

FINANCIAL PAYMENTS/POLICIES		
DEADLINE	AMOUNT DUE	NOTES
February 15	\$50 Tryout deposit <i>(applied toward fee)</i>	Completed <u>Athlete Applications</u> due by this date. <i>(Full refund will be given to those who try out but are not accepted to participate)</i> Copy of <u>Birth Certificate</u> must accompany deposit
March 15	\$300 First payment	
March 30	Deadline for scholarship applications	Limited funds are available. Applications are obtained by contacting the JCC Office at 913-327-8000.
April 1		Last day that refunds will be given to athletes who withdraw from the Games after being accepted to play on a team.
April 15	\$300 Second payment	
May 1	\$300 Third payment Deadline for athlete packet	Completed <u>Registration Packets</u> due by this date. \$75 penalty for packets submitted after May 1 \$75 penalty if fees are not paid in full by May 1
June 15	\$30 Spectator fee	Deadline for online spectator registration and payment (\$50 after June 15)
July 1		<u>Medical forms & Insurance Cards</u> due by this time \$75 penalty for medical forms submitted after July 1
A 50% refund will be granted to athletes who withdraw from the Games due to documented medical reasons.		

2012 JCC MACCABI GAMES
Athlete Application

I would like to be a part of the Kansas City Delegation in the 2012 JCC Maccabi Games in Memphis, TN.

Athlete's Name _____

Birth Date _____ **Age on July 31, 2012** _____ Grade in school August, 2012 _____

*E-Mail Address _____
Mandatory – list all addresses you want info sent

Street Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Parents' Name _____

Home phone # _____ Work phone # _____

Synagogue/Temple Affiliation _____ Middle/High School _____

Sport(s) I plan to tryout for: (Important-rank in order of preference)	# of years competed in sport	Level of competition (Varsity, JV, State, National)
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Please return the following:

1. Athlete Application
2. Certified copy of your birth certificate (DO NOT SEND ORIGINAL)
3. \$50.00 refundable deposit

To:

Bob Hennecke, JCC Maccabi Games, 5801 West 115th Street, OP, Kansas 66211-1800

Athlete Application materials + deposit are due February 15

We are aware of the Maccabi eligibility requirements and the tryout policy.

_____ Athlete's Signature	_____ Parent's Signature	_____ Date
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I would like to make a tax deductible donation to the JCC Maccabi Games and Team Kansas City

____ \$36 ____ \$72 ____ \$144 ____ other

_____ Signature	_____ Date
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