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TEAM ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED WITH FULL PAYMENT BY THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON APRIL 18, 2017 NO POSTMARKS

Pairings Drawing: Wednesday, May 3, 2017 4:00 p.m. SNF Home Office

Please Submit Completed Entry Forms with a check payable to the SNF Athletic Fund to:

Serb National Federation: 615 Iron City Dr., Ste. 302, Pittsburgh, PA 15205

Phone: 412-458-5227 Fax: 412-875-5924 E-mail: snf@snflife.org To pay by credit card (American Express, Discover, Master Card, Visa), please call the Home Office.

Rules and Regulations:

- 1. Any Serb National Federation member may participate in the tournament, provided that participants are enrolled by the membership deadline (Friday, January 27, 2017). This includes all coaches and managers. All new members who have joined the SNF in 2017 must have paid two years of premiums or have a sufficient annuity to be eligible to participate. All current SNF members must be in good standing through July 14, 2017 in order to be eligible to participate. The Serb National Federation may disqualify any member player, if its officials decide that such member player's participation will adversely affect the success of the organization or injure the morale of the event.
- 2. A player must play for the team of his or her place of residence or the next nearest place of residence.
- 3. A player cannot be transferred from one team to the next nearest team, if his or her lodge is represented in the tournament, unless he or she has the approval of his or her team manager and the rules and regulations committee.
- 4. Team rosters cannot be changed once the drawing has been made.
- The manager and coach of a team must assume full responsibility for the conduct of their team during their stay in the tournament city. Neither the SNF nor the local committee shall be responsible for any injuries sustained or any articles and equipment lost.
- 6. Each team shall assume the obligation for payment of its own hotel accommodations.

7. The entry fees are as follows: Over 40, Senior Men, and Women Divisions: \$200.00

Intermediate Division, Junior Boys & Girls: \$150.00

Pee Wee A & B Divisions: \$150.00

Wee Wee Division: \$35.00

- 8. Play will be governed according to the National Scholastic Athletic Association rules.
- 9. Teams must be on the floor ready to play ten minutes prior to the scheduled game time. A game will be forfeited if a team is not ready to play when ten minutes has elapsed after completion of the previous game or ten minutes after the scheduled start time of the game, whichever comes first.
- 10. Teams are limited to twelve (12) players, one (1) manager, and one (1) coach. Note: Wee Wee and Pee Wee teams may have an unlimited number of players on a roster. A minimum of five (5) players must be present at the start of the game or the game will be forfeited. Four (4) chaperones per team must accompany all teams for the intermediate division and below.

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- 11. A challenge to the eligibility of any player must be presented at least three (3) hours prior to a scheduled game. The decision rendered by the SNF will be final.
- 12. A player may play in only one division.
- 13. Eligibility: The eligibility cutoff date for ALL divisions is June 1, 2017. Therefore, a player must not be over the maximum age of a division before this date in order to play in that respective division.
 - a. 40 and Over Division: Must be age 40 by June 1, 2017.
 - b. Senior Men and Women Divisions: There is no age limit.
 - c. Intermediate Boys Division: A player is up to and including high school seniors EXCLUDING any player who is older than age 19 at the time of the tournament.
 - d. Junior Boys: A player must not be age 16 before June 1, 2017.
 - e. Junior Girls: A player must not be age 17 before June 1, 2017.
 - f. Pee Wee A: A player must be between the ages of 10 and 12 and must not reach age 13 before June 1, 2017.
 - g. Pee Wee B: A player must be between the ages of 7 and 9 and must not reach age 10 before June 1, 2017.
 - h. Wee Wee: A player must not reach the age of 7 before June 1, 2017.
- 14. Non-Citizen Eligibility: Students of Serbian heritage who are not citizens of the United States or Canada, and are attending school in the United States or Canada, may be eligible to play in the SNF Annual Basketball Tournament. A \$50.00 annual fee paid to the SNF is required along with 1) a valid passport from Serbia, Montenegro, Republika Srbska, or Bosnia and Herzegovina; 2) student Visa or I-20 form; 3) proof of health/accident insurance; 4) completed SNF Guest Application Form. The SNF Guest Application Form can be found on the SNF website at www.snflife.org, or by calling the SNF Home Office at 412-458-5227.
- 15. If a player, coach, or manager is discovered falsifying names or records in order to have a person participate in the tournament, they will be denied participation in any future SNF-sponsored event.
- 16. Any player, coach, or manager who receives two (2) technical fouls in a game or is ejected from a game must sit out the next game. Fighting or physical aggression by a player, coach, or manager will result in immediate suspension from the tournament and possible bar from participation in future SNF tournaments.
- 17. The SNF will comply with all local laws and ordinances involving underage consumption of alcohol. Underage consumption of alcohol will result in immediate individual and possible team suspension from the tournament and possible bar from participation in future SNF tournaments. Property damage at the hall, hotels, etc will result in immediate individual and possible team suspension from the tournament and possible bar from participation in future SNF tournaments. Incidents of property damage will be reported to local authorities and prosecuted.
- 18. All players aged twelve (12) and above (Junior Division and above) must have a current Photo ID at ALL GAMES to verify name and eligibility. Coaches' challenges will be decided before each game begins. Acceptable forms of identification include school IDs, health cards (Canada) or a state-issued driver's license. Players in all games are subject to random ID checks by SNF tournament officials. Coaches and managers must ensure that all players have their form of ID present at each game.
- 19. A game will not officially begin until all names and numbers for each player are placed in the official scorebook at the scorer's table. These names and numbers must be verified by the official scorekeeper. If a game does begin without complete names and numbers, a team technical foul will be assessed for each player not correctly placed in the official scorebook. Each team will be responsible for entering names and numbers in the official scorebook.

Thank you for your cooperation.