



# Newsletter – Volume 3

Greetings:

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It is very important for you to read this ENTIRE email and to follow the instructions completely if you want your request to be considered.

In preparation for writing the schedules for this year's Nike Mt Hood Challenge, we want to give all of you the opportunity to let us know about any special scheduling requests your team might have. One of the priorities for the Nike Mt Hood Challenge is to do everything possible to make sure your team has a great experience while attending the tournament.



Now, before I get to the details of how you respond to this email, here are some things to think about before responding:

- You do NOT have to make any special requests. The over-worked tournament director (me) loves teams with no special scheduling requests.
- In many cases, accommodating a special scheduling request could put your team at a competitive disadvantage in the preliminary round.
- With close to 500 teams attending, there will certainly be divisions/brackets where the special scheduling requests will be in conflict and I will not be able to accommodate both teams.

Okay, if you are still reading, here are the types of special requests we will try to accommodate:

- Coaches who coach multiple teams.
- Accommodation for special events your team might want to attend/participate in during the tournament.
- Requests from travel teams (those in a partner hotel) for late start on Friday (no games before noon for U9-U14; before 2pm for U15-U19).
- Requests that come with bribes (Note: Giving bribes to my staff when I am not there does not really qualify as a bribe. They steal them).

Special Requests we will most likely ignore:

- Requests regarding not being scheduled to play at certain times.
- Requests to not have early games on Saturday and Sunday.
- Requests for late start on Friday for LOCAL teams (teams not in a hotel)

Now, there is a whole lot of you (471 as of this afternoon) and only one of me, so here are the rules you will need to follow if you want me to pay attention to your request:

- **Any (and I mean ANY) special request that you have already sent has not been kept. At this moment, I have ZERO special requests, which really makes the scheduler (me) happy. If I do not get a special request from you in response to this email and on my form, then I will assume your team can play at all times on all three days.**
- **Your special request must be sent by email. No phone calls. Your request MUST come on the form below, no exceptions. For coaches with two teams, make sure you have included your Team Name, Age Group, Division and Gender for BOTH teams. Team managers and coaches, please talk to each other and just submit one form per team. (Make sure your team name CLEARLY identifies your team. Many teams have similar names.)**
- **When I receive the completed form, I will respond as follows: "Got it. Mike" If you do not get this response within four hours of sending your request, please resend. My computer does not like some of you and it will put your email in my spam box. If in doubt, do send again. If you get this response, all is good and you do not need to resend. I will likely be getting over 200 emails a day between now and the tournament, so please be patient.**
- **Special request forms must be received by Saturday, August 6th in order to be considered.**

Okay, that should be everything you need to know about special scheduling requests, so get them to me. We fully expect to end up with close to 500 teams in the tournament by Sunday night. Those are huge schedules to crank out next week (my brain gets tired just thinking about it), so please help us out by getting complete, accurate information to us as quickly as possible.

Please fill out the questionnaire completely that is attached. The simplest way to do that is to click on "REPLY", then fill in the form and click "send", and it will come flying back to me.

Thanks  
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Club Name (no initials): \_\_\_\_\_

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Many clubs have teams with similar names, so be very specific what team you are)

Gender: \_\_\_\_\_ Age Group: \_\_\_\_\_ Division: \_\_\_\_\_

If you are a travel team and flying to the tournament, what time does your flight leave on Sunday:

Is your head coach also the HEAD coach of another team? \_\_\_\_\_ If Yes, please provide the following:

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: \_\_\_\_\_ Age Group: \_\_\_\_\_ Division: \_\_\_\_\_

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Does your team have anon-tournament event that you want me to schedule around? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, please provide the information on the event and the date and time you need to be done playing:

Event \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Games done by \_\_\_\_\_

List anything else you think I should know:

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