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Breaking: Men's and Women's National Championships Returning to Erie, PA

Pittsburgh, PA -- CollClubSports is excited to announce that both the Men's and Women's National Championship will be returning to beautiful Erie, Pennsylvania. The Men's Championship will be held at Hagerty Family Events Center, while the Women's National Championship tournament will take place at Mercyhurst University with the championship game moving to Hagerty Family Events Center for the first ever NCBBA-W live broadcast.

For Women's, the winners of each of the seven regional playoff tournaments plus one at-large bid will earn the right to participate in a single elimination tournament, and will battle it out to be crowned the National Champion. While on the Men's side the winners of the six regional playoff tournaments along with two at large bids will compete, hoping to be crowned a National Champion. All games begin on Friday, April 21st with the skills competition and All-Star Game taking place on Saturday, April 22nd. The tournaments will conclude with the National Championship Games on Sunday, April 23rd.



Joann Mullen Gymnasium, 1,600 seat arena

"Since taking over Director of Men's Basketball Operations and experiencing the 2022 National Championship at Gannon University, I knew that bringing the National Championship back to Erie, PA had to happen. Erie Sports Commission has been absolutely amazing in helping the NCBBA facilitate our National Championships over the last few years. I'm extremely excited to have the qualifying teams back in Erie but at a different venue this year. I have a feeling this year is going to be special." —**Matt Hazi, Director of Men's Basketball Operations**



Mercyhurst's newly renovated gymnasium

"The NCBBA-W is extremely excited to bring our 2023 National Championship Tournament back to Owen McCormick Court. This is a top-notch facility that we know the eight participating teams will love once again. I am very grateful to the Erie Sports Commission and Mercyhurst Facilities Staff for making this a possibility for the second year in a row." —**Alec Verhoff, Director of Women's Basketball Operations**

The Hagerty Family Events Center is located in downtown Erie. Built in 2015, this Multi-Functional Facility is regular hosts of numerous different sporting events. The Joann Mullen Gymnasium is 14,550 square feet and is equip to host Basketball and Volleyball. The arena's capacity is 1,600 and is regularly filled to the brim. Making it an extremely difficult place to play for all visiting teams.

The Mercyhurst Athletic Center is located on the campus of Mercyhurst University and has undergone extensive renovations. The arena now includes a new playing surface, upgraded seating and new video scoreboard. The arena can sit 1,100 fans.

"We are excited and honored to continue our relationship with CollClubSports and welcome the National Club Basketball Association Men's and Women's Championships back to Erie in April," said Mark Jeanneret, Executive Director of the Erie Sports Commission. "The level of play that we saw in 2022 was incredible and we are looking forward to crowning a Men's and Women's National Champion in Erie again this year."

Erie is a beautiful waterfront city with no shortage of things to do nearby. There is endless shopping, both local and retail chains, with no sales tax on clothes and shoes. You can explore beaches, shopping, food, and historical landmarks at beautiful Presque Isle State Park located right on Lake Erie. The city offers 3 semi-pro teams to cheer for along with Presque Isle Downs & Casino and Lake Erie Wine Country to offer more entertainment.



Erie, PA. Located on the shores of Lake Erie

Erie is easily accessible for all of our teams as it is the intersection of two major interstates: I-79 and I-90.

Erie International Airport offers flights to and from Charlotte, Chicago, and Washington D.C. as well as being within two hours of Pittsburgh, Cleveland, and Buffalo airports.

More information on this event will be released as it draws near on <https://ncbbabasketball.org/>. Questions regarding the 2023 NCBBA National Championships can be directed to NCBBA Director of Men's Basketball Operations, Matt Hazi at Matt.Hazi@CollClubSports.com or 412-321-8440 x103 or Director of Women's Basketball Operations, Alec Verhoff at Alec.Verhoff@CollClubSports.com or 412-321-8440 x 112

