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*"Shooting for Brighter Futures"*

Dear Coaches,

Welcome to the 26<sup>th</sup> edition of the Diamond State Classic! We are very excited to have you join us for this year's tournament, and we believe we have a number of competitive teams across all of the various brackets. This letter is to familiarize you with what is needed as the 2016 tournament draws closer. In addition, all of the information you will need can be found at our website ([www.DiamondStateClassic.org](http://www.DiamondStateClassic.org)) under the "Coaches" link. There you will find links for the tournament schedule, hotel information, local restaurants, and much more.

**Below are some points of emphasis:**

- The roster form can be submitted online and is due no later than December 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- The team profile is very important for us to publicize the tournament. This is due no later than November 1<sup>st</sup>. It will be published on our website and also made available to the media, so be sure to "boast" about your teams and your players. List any honors that the team/players have received.
- The rooming list is due no later than December 8<sup>th</sup>, and it should be submitted online. This allows the hotel to assign guests to each room properly. Please designate the rooms of coaches and assistants so that if there are any issues, a responsible adult can be contacted. This is a very important point, since the hotel will not hold team rooms after December 15<sup>th</sup> without a rooming list submitted.
- We will be able to provide some practice times at various local high school gyms (sites TBD). Paul Zoppi will be managing the practice schedule. **Paul can be reached after November 15<sup>th</sup> via cell phone (302-690-1222) or email (pzoppi109@cs.com).**
- A reminder that all teams must bring 20 T-shirts for the T-shirt exchange. We suggest you mix sizes among medium, large, and extra-large.
- All teams must be at the gym for opening ceremonies by 5:00 PM on December 27<sup>th</sup>. Credentials will be given at that time unless you played an earlier game. Some teams will be playing before the opening ceremonies, and we hope and encourage that you will stay or return for this important event.
- ***Credentials! These are very important. As you check in, you will be issued team credentials. These must be worn at all times at the St. Elizabeth E-Center. Entry will be denied if the credentials are not worn...even if you have a team uniform. This is a must, and no exceptions will be made!***
- The annual Pizza Party will take place after the opening ceremonies. There will be pizza saved for the teams playing during the party.
- Game schedules should be published and emailed to you after September 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Paul Zoppi will also be managing all teams that will be staying at the Christiana Hilton Hotel near Christiana Mall, just outside of Wilmington. Paul can be reached via cell phone (302-690-1222) or email (pzoppi109@cs.com) with any questions or concerns.

**If you have any questions or concerns, please contact John Gretchen (DSC Tournament Director) via phone (302-442-0302) or email (jwgretchen@gmail.com). Thank you!**