

# FAST BREAK



Official Newsletter of the Masters Basketball Association



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**May Madness**  
**May 2-7, 2016**

**Coral Springs**  
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## TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

*It's time to get your team set & entered*



It's that time of year to get your squad together and entered into this year's tournament. I want to remind everyone that your early entry not only locks in your team for this year's tournament, but also allows you to save money with our discounted entry fee. The last day for early sign up discount is **February 29**.

The deadline for team entry is **April 2**.

I want to pass along special thanks to **Lloyd Loram**, **Julio Davila**, and **Scott Werner** for their support in helping promote the new Cleveland Clinic 40/45 age division in **West Palm Beach**, **Fort Lauderdale** and **Miami**. We've landed some competitive teams, but there's still a few more openings in this division. If you have any contact with leagues that have players in their 40s, we'd appreciate your help in spreading the news about our tournament or passing along contact information to me.

We've added some terrific collateral this year to help promote the tournament. Thanks to **Humberto Florez** and **Jen Hulett** we've got a new video and attractive flyer/poster. **Jack Heilig** from Trifecta Team has also begun pushing out news on a regular basis on our Facebook and Twitter pages.

If you have any questions, suggestions or comments concerning the tournament please contact me at [steve@mastershoops.org](mailto:steve@mastershoops.org).

Have a great day.

*Regards,*

**Steve Nelson**

Tournament Director

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## GET READY FOR MAY MADNESS

[CLICK HERE TO WATCH OUR NEW PROMO VIDEO](#)

### TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OUR EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT

Time is running out on the Early Bird Registration Discount. Register your team before the end of business on February 29 and save \$75! Beginning March 1, the registration fee changes to back to the standard entry fee of \$800.

If you have any other questions about the registration process, please visit our [website](#) or contact us by phone or email.

### PLAYERS LOOKING FOR A TEAM LIST GROWING

If you're a Team Organizer, we encourage you to check out our [Players Looking for a Team](#) website page. We're receiving interest from many new players each week.

*\*\*As of this weekend we have six players in the 40/45 age group looking for a team, so if you're able to recruit at least two of your own players you can field a team in this division. [Click Here](#) to see a [slam dunk video](#) one of the players shared with us!*

If you are a player in search of a team, please contact us via [email](#) ([info@mastershoops.org](mailto:info@mastershoops.org)) to be added to this page. Please include the following information: your first/last name, birth year, height, weight, playing experience, phone number and e-mail.

### CLEVELAND CLINIC FLORIDA 40/45 DIVISION SCHEDULE UPDATE

*First Round Games to Start on Wednesday Night*

Based on feedback we've received, we have changed the start day/time for the **Cleveland Clinic 40/45+ Division** from Tuesday to Wednesday evening with opening day games starting at 8:30 p.m.

The three preliminary games will be Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. The semifinals will be Saturday morning, with the winners of

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the semifinals coming back for the Championship game on Saturday afternoon. Each team will play their guaranteed four games.

## MBA SPOTLIGHT: JULIO DAVILA

Julio Davila has been playing in the MBA National Masters Championships for 15 years. In 2015, he played in the 55+ Division for Athletics Unlimited and the 60+ Division for White Brothers.



JULIO DAVILA  
6-5 Guard-Forward

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**In the 1970s, you played at Miami Jackson High School and were apart of the "Jackson Five." What do you remember most about those days from a basketball perspective?**

I did have the privilege of playing at Miami Jackson High School , probably the best High School team in the history of Florida and USA high school basketball history .My fondest moment was winning the Florida High School State tournament and being able to share the court with future NBA champions like Center Mychal Thompson (father of NBA champion Klay Thompson) and Harlem Globetrotter great Osborne Lockhart, they were great teammates.

**How was your experience playing college basketball at WKU?**

Having the great opportunity to play basketball at Western Ky. Univ. not only gave me the experience of competing at a Div. one level all over the country, but it allowed me the education which would benefit my life forever. Also allowed me the luxury of meeting players and people from all over the world

**What has been your personal favorite moment from playing in the MBA tournament over the years?**

Playing in the 55 division and winning the championship twice and receiving a ring each time as the MVP .

**What is your workout routine leading up to tournament?**

I maintain a 5 day a week routine of biking , spinning , weight lifting and treadmill work. I have two sons who played Div. one basketball and on the FIMBA pro circuit,. My son Jemel is 34 years of age and Joel is 32 years of age and I play with them on a open division city basketball league twice a week. My wife Maria is my work out partner who keeps me in shape in order to be able play at the Masters Basketball tourneys.

**Who were your basketball idols growing up and how have they sculpted the way you play basketball?**

Kareem Abdul Jabbar and Jerry West . I enjoy playing inside with the physical aspect as Kareem did , but i also enjoy taking a 18-20 or a 3 point outside shot like Jerry did . Even though they did not have the luxury of the 3 point shot then . Looking forward to this years MBA tournament in Coral Springs.

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**MBA THROWBACK PHOTO**



We found this picture in our archives. Please let us know if you can help us identify any of these past participants.

***SEND US YOUR PHOTOS***

*We want to see your throwback photos!*

*Please share with us photos from your early playing days - high school, college, pro & past MBA tournaments.*

