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Official Newsletter of the Masters Basketball Association



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**May Madness  
May 7-12, 2018**

**Coral Springs  
Gymnasium**

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## MESSAGE FROM OUR TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR



The 2017 Masters Basketball Association National Tournament has come to an end and I must say masters basketball is alive and well. We had an increase in teams and participants over the past few years. I hope all of you who were able to come to Coral Springs this year had a wonderful experience.

I'm close to wrapping up some final work from this year and then it's onto planning for the 2018 tournament. The dates for the 2018 tournament are set for May 7-12.

I want to pass along a special thanks to Rick Pitino for being keynote speaker at the banquet. Everyone I spoke to immensely enjoyed his talk.

I also want to say a special thank you to all the Team Organizers. Without the Team Organizers there is no tournament. Thank you for all the work you do. Your efforts make the event special and I think that showed in this year's tournament.

Team Organizers and participants will be receiving our annual survey by email very soon. Once again we look forward to reading your feedback as we begin planning for next year's tournament.

We held our annual Board of Directors meeting during tournament week and one of the outcomes from the meeting was to form six committees - Banquet, Finance, MBA future planning, Operations, Sponsors and Team Recruitment. Each committee will be headed by a Board member. If you're a passionate MBA supporter, (current / past participant or friend of the MBA) I hope you'll consider helping us fill these committees spots. Paul Grady was one of the first people to step up and offer his help and he'll be on the recruiting committee working with me to secure more teams in 2018.

If you're interested in joining a committee or have questions, please contact me at [steve@mastershoops.org](mailto:steve@mastershoops.org).

Thank you all again for a great 2017 tournament and to an even better 2018 tournament.

**Steve Nelson**

Tournament Director

## JULIO DAVILA: 2017 SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR



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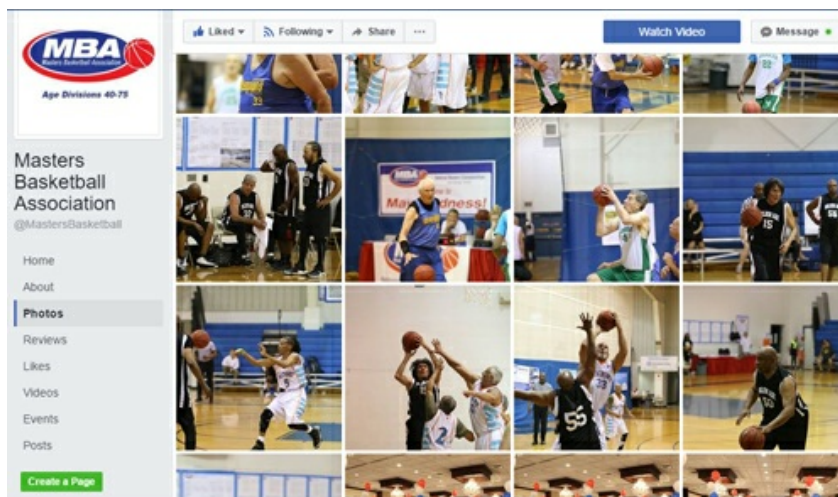
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Julio Davila was presented with the Sportsman of the Year award at this year's banquet. Past Sportsman of the Year recipients Stan White and Wali Jones joined MBA Board Member Mike Phelps on stage for the presentation.

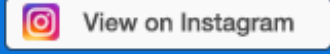
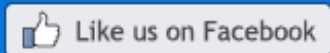
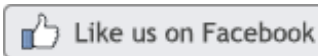


[CLICK HERE](#) to see the list of past Sportsman of the Year recipients.

**HUNDREDS OF TOURNAMENT IMAGES POSTED ONLINE**



Our team of photographers covered the banquet and many of the games throughout tournament week and we've added hundreds of photos to our [Facebook](#) page. We're expecting to add many more images over the upcoming weeks. Please click on the Facebook link below to go to our official page and if there's a picture of you on the page, we encourage you to SHARE it with your followers.



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[FOR THE 2017 TOURNAMENT RESULTS](#)

## DID YOU KNOW ...

The Fort Lauderdale Marriott Pompano Beach Resort & Spa has been named one of the top up-and-coming travel destinations in the country by TripAdvisor.



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## THANK YOU TO OUR CORPORATE PARTNERS

As we build for the future, it's vitally important for the MBA to maintain and grow our corporate partner base. We want to thank all of our new and long-time partners and we look forward to having you back in 2018.

We also want to thank those of you who were able to support our locally-based partners including our official hotels - The Fort Lauderdale Marriott Pompano Beach Resort & Spa and the the LaQuinta Inn & Suites Coral Springs.

The Cleveland Clinic Florida is an official partner and if you're dealing with any aches/pains they have an excellent team of physicians and physical therapists.

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Kevin J. McNamara



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## BRONZE MEDAL PARTNERS

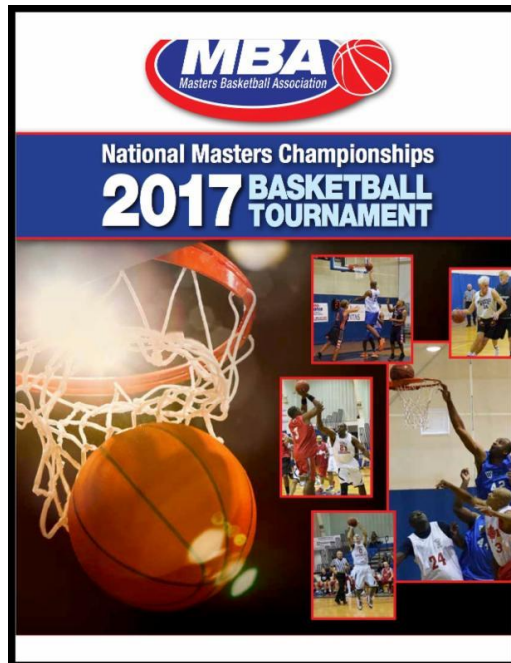
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## 2017 MBA TOURNAMENT PROGRAM

The 2017 MBA Tournament Program, along with many of our past event programs, are available to view online. [CLICK HERE](#) or on the image below to go to our MBA online program page.



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## BY THE NUMBERS

**38**

Players from 38 of 50 US States participated in this year's tournament.

**145**

Florida had the most participants.

**42**

California had the second most number of players.

**23**

New York had the third most number of players.

**27**

Canada provided the most international players.

**4,923**

Who had the longest trip to Coral Springs? Bill Watterson traveled from Anchorage, AK and google maps states that it's 4,936 miles from Anchorage to Coral Springs. Bill had a longer trip than those made by players from Ecuador, Canada and England.

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## 2018 TOURNAMENT KEY DATES

### ***Team Entry Opens***

December 1, 2017

### ***Early Entry Discount***

Ends on March 3, 2018

### ***Registration Deadline***

March 31, 2018

### ***2018 Tournament***

**May 7-12, 2018**

Coral Springs, FL

### ***Welcome Banquet***

Monday, May 7, 2018

### ***Mandatory Coaches Meeting***

**& Final Rosters Due**

Tuesday, May 8, 2018

Coral Springs Gymnasium



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