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Breaking: Men's & 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 on Friday with the semi-finals and championship game moving to Hagerty Family Events Center for the third ever NCBBA-W live broadcast.

For Women's, the winners of each of the six regional playoff tournaments plus two 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 11th with the skills competition taking place on Saturday, April 12th. The tournaments will conclude with the National Championship Games on Sunday, April 13th.



Joann Mullen Gymnasium, 1,600 seat arena

"The NCBBA is extremely excited to bring our 2025 National Championship Tournament back to Hagerty Family Events Center and Owen McCormick Court. As always, Erie Sports Commission has been absolutely amazing in helping the NCBBA facilitate our National Championships since coming to Erie, PA. I'm ecstatic to have the qualifying teams back in Erie, PA for the fourth straight season. Since taking over a new position, a goal of mine was to have the NCBBA-W in the same facility as the NCBBA-M for the second and third day of the Tournament. Doing so will allow us to live-stream more NCBBA-W National Championship games. I'm excited that we are able to provide the NCBBA-W with more exposure this season" - **Matt Hazi, Director of Basketball Operations**



Mercyhurst's newly renovated gymnasium

The Hagerty Family Events Center is located in downtown Erie. Built in 2015, this multi-functional facility is known to regularly host numerous different sporting events. The Joann Mullen Gymnasium is 14,550 square feet and has previously hosted events such as the Burger King Classic and the NCAA Men's Basketball Atlantic Regional. The arena's capacity is 1,600 and is regularly filled to the brim, making it a thrilling place to play for all visiting teams.

The Mercyhurst Athletic Center, located on the campus of Mercyhurst University, features a seating capacity of 1,100 fans, a new scoreboard and additional amenities making it an excellent location for teams to compete. As Mercyhurst University transitions to a Division I school, the facility further enhances Erie's appeal as a host for premier athletic events.

"Erie is proud to host the National Club Basketball Association Men's and Women's Championships once again, continuing our strong partnership with CollClubSports" said Mark Jeanneret, executive director of the Erie Sports Commission. "The hospitality and support from our venue partners leave a memorable impression on athletes, administrators and tournament officials. Their efforts help create an experience that stands out and keeps organizations like CollClubSports returning to our community year after 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, plus a wide variety of dining options. You can explore beaches and historical landmarks at Presque Isle State Park located right on Lake Erie. The city offers three semi-pro teams to cheer for along with vibrant downtown activities featuring Five Iron Golf and Hazards Mini Golf Social Pub.



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 direct flights to and from Charlotte, Orlando and Tampa 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 2025 NCBBA National Championships can be directed to NCBBA Director of Basketball Operations, Matt Hazi at Matt.Hazi@CollClubSports.com or 412-321-8440 x103.

