



**12th PAN AMERICAN MACCABI GAMES APPLICATION
TEAM USA
DECEMBER 26, 2011 – JANUARY 2, 2012**

Dear Applicant:

Shalom and thank you for your interest in becoming a member of the United States Team that will compete at the Pan American Maccabi Games, to be held in São Paulo, Brazil from December 26, 2011 to January 2, 2012 in Juniors, Youth, Open and Masters Divisions. Team USA will depart on December 24, 2011 and return to the USA on January 3, 2012 (Dates of departure subject to change). The Pan American Maccabi Games are a celebration of Jewish Unity, Culture, and Heritage through world athletic competition.

MACCABI USA/SPORTS FOR ISRAEL

Maccabi USA/Sports for Israel, the sponsor of the USA Team, was founded in 1948, only weeks after the dream of a Jewish Homeland had finally been realized. Our purpose was two-fold: (1) to help Israel develop as a nation through physical education and sport; and (2) to promote fitness and athletics among Jewish youth in the U.S., Israel and the Diaspora. Through sports competitions, the organization strives to provide American athletes with a Jewish experience - to enrich their lives, to heighten their sense of Jewish Identity and to strengthen their feelings of Jewish Pride. As the official representative of Maccabi World Union in the United States, the organization oversees the USA delegations to International Maccabi Games worldwide.

CHAVERIM

In Hebrew, “Chaverim” means friends. For the USA Pan American Maccabi Games Team, Chaverim is a program that requires a shared commitment from all of us to fund the USA Team and to ensure the success of the Games. Every member of the USA Team must contribute an amount in support of the Pan American Maccabi Games and Maccabi USA. Chaverim funds are a contribution to Maccabi USA and are non-refundable. **The money need not be an out-of-pocket expense. It may be raised.** Maccabi USA has a variety of programs that may assist you in your fundraising efforts.

The required Chaverim commitment for the 2011 USA Team members is as follows: Juniors, Youth and Open Athletes - \$4,850; Masters athletes - \$5,500; Head Coaches, Assistant Coaches, and Staff - \$1800; and Trainers and Doctors - \$1800. **(ALL OF THESE CHAVERIM COMMITMENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.)**

The attached application **must** be completed in full, and the signature page **must** be returned if you are to be considered for the United States Team (Team selection may begin as early as Winter 2011). For staff positions, please complete the application and the separate sheet titled “Staff Application Addendum.” Any questions concerning the application or team selections should be directed to Ami Monson, Program Director **(215) 561-6900 Ext. 116 or amonson@maccabiusa.com.**

Working together with our Maccabi Family around the world, we will make this Pan American Maccabi Games the best ever. Please join us in São Paulo in December 2011!

B'Shalom,

*Fred Cohen, Chairman
United States Pan American Maccabi Games Organizing Committee*

All applicants for all positions must submit a non-refundable \$40 application fee with the completed application form.

A deposit of \$1,000 will be required by all Team members immediately after appointment to the USA Team, payable to “Maccabi USA”. (Check, Visa, MasterCard, and Amex are accepted.)

Travel Notes:

There will be a travel program designed specifically for families of USA Team participants and Masters athletes. The information concerning this “**SUPPORTERS PACKAGE**” will be shared with Team members and their families upon appointment to the Team.

Maccabi USA Policy Statements for the USA Pan American Maccabi Games Team include:

1. All USA citizens who are Jewish as defined by the USA Pan American Maccabi Games Committee are eligible for the USA Pan American Maccabi Games Team (even if they competed for another country before becoming a USA citizen). Any non-citizen in possession of a U.S. Green Card, may participate as a member of Team USA only if approved by the USA Pan American Maccabi Games Committee. Applicants in possession of a Green Card or in the process of applying for a Green Card will receive a supplementary form to complete. This form will be sent to the applicants after they have submitted their application. Appointment of Green Card applicants is subject to the discretion of the USA Pan American Maccabi Games Committee.
2. Please be aware that Maccabi USA will be conducting background checks for coaches, managers and medical staff.

General Notes:

1. The selection process may be determined by national ranking, verified times, tryouts, or other means. After applications are submitted, you will be notified about the selection process by the Chair of your sport. Any questions about the process should be directed to your chairman, coach or Ami Monson (215) 561-6900 Ext. 116, or amonson@maccabiusa.com.
2. Notwithstanding the selection process described in Section 1 above, the USA Pan American Maccabi Games Organizing Committee reserves the right to make final decisions on all appointments to the USA Team participating in the Pan American Maccabi Games.
3. Domestic travel to the airport for your international flight is not included. Departure city TBD.
4. Please note that it is the athlete’s responsibility to: a) share any and all information with their family and friends and b) keep the Maccabi USA office aware of any address and phone number changes.
5. All forms and payments are to be made in a timely fashion in order to maintain a spot on the Team.

ATHLETIC COMPETITION

The United States plans to participate in the following sports. **All sports and age categories listed are tentative as of November 2010, and are subject to change or cancellation.** Other sports, not listed here, may be added. If you are interested in a sport not on the following list, feel free to contact the office by e-mail to amonson@maccabiusa.com or phone (215) 561- 6900 Ext. 116, to inquire about your sport. You are encouraged to apply as soon as possible, with the understanding that application fees will be fully refunded if the U.S. does not participate in your sport for any reason.

SPORTS:**JUNIORS SPORTS COMPETITION**

(*THOSE BORN 1993-1996*): Chess (M), Golf (M,W), Soccer (W), Table Tennis (M,W)

(*THOSE BORN 1995-1996*): Basketball (M), Judo (M,W), Soccer (M), Squash (M,W), Swimming (M,W) Tennis (M,W)

(*THOSE BORN 1995-1998*): Gymnastics (M,W)

YOUTH SPORTS COMPETITION (THOSE BORN 1993-1994)

Basketball (M), Judo (M,W), Soccer (M), Tennis (M,W), Volleyball (W)

OPEN SPORTS COMPETITION

Basketball (M,W), Beach Volleyball (M,W), Bridge (M,W), Chess (M), Fustal (M), Golf (M,W), Gymnastics (M,W), Judo (M,W), Soccer (M,W), Softball (M), Squash (M,W), Swimming (M,W), Table Tennis (M,W), Tennis (M,W), Ten-Pin Bowling (M,W), Volleyball (M,W), Water Polo (M)

MASTERS SPORTS COMPETITION (*Age is as of December 31, 2011. For 35+ categories, you must be born in 1976 or before*)

Basketball (M)	35+ Team and 45+ Team
Golf (M,W)	35 and over
Soccer (M)	35+ Team and 45+ Team
Softball (M)	35 and over
Squash (M,W)	35 and over
Swimming (M,W)	35 and over
Table Tennis (M,W)	35 and over
Tennis (M,W)	35 and over

UNITED STATES PAN AMERICAN MACCABI GAMES TEAM

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December 26, 2011 – January 2, 2012

**THIS APPLICATION WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED IF IT IS NOT TYPED OR HAND WRITTEN LEGIBLY & COMPLETELY.
IT MUST BE ACCOMPANIED WITH THE APPLICATION FEE OF \$40.00
(Make checks payable to Maccabi USA or by credit card.)**

Please check and complete one of the following:

Date _____

Athlete application: Sport _____
 Juniors Youth Open Masters

Staff Application (If you check here, specify below and complete the extra section titled "Staff Application Addendum.")
For: Coach Assistant Coach Accommodations Manager Trainer Nurse Doctor
If applicable, for which sport? _____ (Please indicate Juniors, Open, Masters)

PERSONAL DATA Gender: Male Female Spouse Name: _____

(PLEASE PUT YOUR FULL NAME AS IT APPEARS ON YOUR PASSPORT, NO NICKNAMES)

Name _____ Title: Mr. Ms. Mrs. Dr. Rabbi
Last Name First Name Middle Initial

Home Address _____
Street City State Zip

Home Phone (_____) _____ Cell Phone (_____) _____

Fax (_____) _____ e-mail: _____

Are you a full-time student? yes no Preferred mailing address: home school (from _____ to _____) business

School Address _____
Street City State Zip

School Phone (_____) _____ Fax (_____) _____ e-mail: _____

Occupation _____ Business/Firm Name _____

Business Address _____
Street City State Zip

Business Phone (_____) _____ Fax (_____) _____

U.S. Citizen: yes no If yes, passport number _____ expiration date _____

If not, citizen of what country? _____ Do you have a Green Card? yes no If yes, please attach a copy

Date of Birth _____ Birthplace _____
City State

Father's Full Name _____ Mother's Full Name _____
Address _____ Address _____
Street Street
City State Zip City State Zip

Home (_____) _____ Cell (_____) _____ Home (_____) _____ Cell (_____) _____
E-mail _____ E-mail _____

Office (_____) _____ Fax (_____) _____ Office (_____) _____ Fax (_____) _____

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

High School (If currently enrolled) _____ Expected Year of Graduation _____
University (Include City) _____ Degree _____ Year of Graduation _____
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JEWISH AFFILIATIONS (This section MUST be completed).

Please include at least 1 affiliation for you or your family’s membership in synagogues, Jewish Community Centers, Hillel, organizations, etc. Include current or prior affiliations AND their cities. If you or your family have no such affiliations, please indicate by stating “NONE.”

Affiliation 1: _____ City, ST _____
Affiliation 2: _____ City, ST _____

Please indicate if you are Shomer Shabbat. yes no Do you observe Kashrut? yes no

APPAREL INFORMATION - This will be used for your official Team USA and competitive apparel, if appointed.

Height _____ Waist _____ Weight _____

Circle one (Men's or Women's sizes):

T-shirt (S M L XL XXL)

Warmup (XS S M L XL XXL XL Tall)

Polo Shirt (S M L XL XXL)

Shorts size (S M L XL XXL)

SPORTS INFORMATION

Sport and Position (i.e., Soccer Goalie) _____

School or Club Affiliation _____

Coach, Athletic Director or other Official of Sport (Mandatory)

Name: _____ Phone (_____) _____ Email: _____

Past Maccabi Experience: Indicate year(s) of Participation in the space to the event and medals in the space below.

Maccabiah _____ Pan Am Maccabi _____ JCC Maccabi Games _____ Australia _____ Europe _____

Sport _____

Medals _____

Other Medals and/or awards earned (include dates)

Recent Performance Results (Official competition only. List dates places.) You may send in additional information.

REFERENCES

List **ONE** member of your Jewish community who has known you at least **TWO** years. **DO NOT INCLUDE RELATIVES.**

Name _____ Address _____

Street

Home (_____) _____ Office (_____) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

APPLICATION FEE \$40.00

Please make checks payable to *Maccabi USA*. We also accept VISA/Mastercard/Amex:

Card Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____ Billing Zip code: _____

Name: _____ Signature: _____ Amount: \$40

PAN AMERICAN MACCABI GAMES

**THIS SIGNATURE PAGE MUST BE ACCOMPANIED WITH YOUR COMPLETED APPLICATION,
AND IT MUST HAVE SIGNATURES ON IT.**

COMMITMENT AGREEMENT AND DECLARATION (For ALL applicants)

I hereby agree that if selected as a member of the USA Team, I will participate in the fundraising program to raise funds in support of the USA Team and Maccabi USA. The USA commitment program for the USA Team requires a shared commitment from all Team members to fund the USA Team and to ensure the success of the Games. I understand that failure to fulfill my Shared Commitment by not raising all of the required funds may result in my removal from the Team. All contributions are non-refundable.

I also hereby declare that I am of the Jewish faith and if selected will conform to all rules governing the USA Team and Maccabi USA/Sports for Israel. Furthermore, I hereby release Maccabi USA/Sports for Israel to use my name, photograph and video in all results and publicity material. In filing this application I understand that Maccabi USA/Sports for Israel has the right to reject my application for any reason at any time. Filing this application confers no rights to me and the acceptance of the application is always subject to rejection even after the selection process. I understand that Maccabi USA/Sports for Israel and the USA Team have no liability or responsibility to me based upon the application or the selection process which may be used at any given time. Furthermore, for valuable consideration received, I hereby release Maccabi USA/Sports for Israel, its officers, directors, employees, agents, servants and volunteers from any and all liability and claims which may arise from the application or the selection process utilized to appoint members of the USA Team, including any and all claims arising out of personal injuries or damages from any cause whatsoever.

Important note: In some cases a school/club/professional sports team has eligibility restrictions on international competitions. The athlete is individually responsible for confirming with your local, state, and/or national sports regulators on eligibility procedures in order to participate with Maccabi USA.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Parent's Signature (If applicant is under 18 on date of signing)

Date

MANAGEMENT APPLICATION ADDENDUM

ONLY FOR STAFF APPLICANTS – Coaches, Managers, Medical

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

NAME _____

Occupation _____ Employer _____

PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES (Please list two)

Name _____ Name _____

Address _____ Address _____
Street Street

City State Zip City State Zip

Home (_____) Office (_____) Home (_____) Office (_____) _____

Fax (_____) Fax (_____) Fax (_____) Fax (_____) _____

e-mail _____ e-mail _____

Accomplishments:

Why do you wish to be a member of the United States Pan American Maccabi Games Team?

Additional Comments:

**RETURN THIS COMPLETED FORM TO: Maccabi USA Sports for Israel, 1926 Arch St., Suite 4R,
Philadelphia, PA 19103, Attn: Ami Monson or Fax to (215) 561-5470.**