**NIU – DeKalb, Illinois**

**NIU’s BID FOR NATIONALS 2018**

NIU is new to the NCDA this year and would love the opportunity to host Nationals for 2018! We are a small school but what we lack in numbers, we make up for in commitment! Travel costs have us hindered, as we have a very low sport club budget (that we are hoping to elevate greatly in 2018), but hosting nationals would be a wonderful way to get acquainted with all the other schools as not only a chance to play dodgeball, but to network as well.

We can reserve up to 8 courts for the entirety of the weekend chosen for Nationals. All courts have nets that we put up on the sides and on the base line. We have a large conference room where players can place their things as well as hang out and stage for upcoming games. Additionally, there are many open lockers with electronic locks so no physical lock is required. The Recreation Center will be mostly vacant during the weekend so there will be plenty of space for players to relax as well as plenty of open space for people to Film. Wi-Fi is open to all as well.

**PARKING**

Our Recreation Center has free parking and parking is free all over campus after 5pm on Friday and all day and night on both Saturday and Sunday.

We have many dining options on campus as well as a buffet-style dining hall approximately 5 minutes walking distance from the Recreation Center.

**FRIDAY NIGHT**

We can reserve court space on Friday if necessary to accommodate different schedules.

There are many bars on campus for students looking to get a drink.

**LODGING**

Hotels are plentiful and can be cheap. There is even one in the middle of campus (Holmes Student Center) which features a close proximity to the Recreation Center and plentiful parking options. Red Roof Inn ($60), Hampton Inn ($130), Holiday Inn ($120), and other options are available as well.

**OFFICIATING**

We are open to bringing in Referees from anywhere. However, I may be able to source some from our sport clubs on campus as we have volunteer Referees for similar sporting events.

**T-SHIRTS**

We are super open to the idea of making custom shirts for each team including school logos and interesting designs. We can produce dry fit or soft cotton depending on what each team wants.

**BALLS**

I know it can be an issue not having enough balls if not all the teams bring extras. NIU will try to purchase 100 Regulation type 8.5” balls and attempt to have them fairly broken in for Nationals. This should help teams from losing too many of their own and hopefully keep the games even by all players using the same balls.

**CAPTAINS’ MEETING**

We will reserve our conference room for Captains’ meetings as well.

**QUESTIONS**

For any questions, please let me know and I will address it!

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