



- 1) How do I become a member of Team USA as an athlete, coach, accommodations manager, or trainer?
You can fill out the team application at <http://support.maccabiusa.com/emg2019> or visit our website www.maccabiusa.com
- 2) Where are the 14th European Maccabi Games being held?
Budapest, Hungary
- 3) What are the dates of the Games?
Monday, July 29 to Wednesday, August 7, 2019
- 4) When would Team USA be departing?
TBD
- 5) When is Opening Ceremony?
TBD
- 6) When is Closing Ceremony?
TBD
- 7) When would Team USA be returning?
Approximately Thursday, August 8, 2019 (subject to change)
- 8) Where will the athletes fly from?
Several flights are reserved for Team USA to depart from different airports/departure cities. Departure airports are TBD, but may include JFK, EWR, and LAX (subject to change). All Juniors, Youth, and Open Athletes, along with all Coaches, Managers and Medical personnel are required to take the group flight unless special permission is granted. Please note that some flights may have a flight supplemental fee. All USA Team members are personally responsible for their domestic travel arrangements to/from the USA departure city. Maccabi USA will ask that you provide your domestic travel information before departure.
- 9) How long is the flight to Budapest?
Approximately 9 hours from NYC and 14 hours from LAX
- 10) Do I need a passport?
YES! We require having a passport that is valid through FEBRUARY 6, 2020- six months after your return from Hungary.
- 11) Is there a VISA requirement to enter Hungary?
No.
- 12) Who can compete in this competition?
Juniors, Youth, Open, and Masters Athletes, who are Jewish. We also need personnel in the areas of Coaching, Medical and Management.
- 13) What if my sport/level is not being offered in Hungary?
We encourage you to check if your sport and level is offered at the 14th Pan American Maccabi Games in Mexico City, Mexico. Information can be found at www.maccabiusa.com.
- 14) Who is eligible to represent Team USA?
All USA citizens who are Jewish as defined by the European Maccabi Games USA Organizing Committee are eligible for the European Maccabi Games USA Team (even if they competed for

another country before becoming a USA citizen). Any non-citizen in possession of a U.S. Green Card or E-2 Investment Visa may participate as a member of Team USA.

- 15) Will background checks be performed?
Yes, background checks will be performed for all coaches, managers and medical personnel.
- 16) How many sports are being represented by the United States?
10+ sports.
- 17) How many countries are competing?
15+ with over 2,000 athletes total!
- 18) How many athletes will represent the USA Team?
Over 200 athletes will travel to Budapest, Hungary.
- 19) How is the team chosen? Are there tryouts?
The selection process may be determined by national ranking, verified times, tryouts, or other means. After both parts of the application are submitted, you will be notified about the selection process by the Chair of your sport.
- 20) Are their training camps before the Games in Budapest?
Some sports will have a training camp in the USA prior to departing for their international flight. You will receive those details from your respective coach or chair.
- 21) Will there be any other activities besides competition during the games?
Touring arrangements are dependent on sports schedules.
- 22) Is there a trip for family and friends of the athletes?
Yes, there is a travel program designed specifically for families and friends of USA Team participants and for anyone that wants to travel to Budapest. The "Supporters Program" information will be sent out to each USA participant and their family. Masters Athletes can participate in the Supporters Program as well. We highly encourage family and friends of Maccabi USA to be part of the Supporters Package to best experience Budapest and all that the competition has to offer.
- 23) Where are the Masters Athletes staying in Budapest?
Masters Athletes who select the organizer's package will be at a hotel TBD.
- 24) Do Masters Athletes who wish to stay on their own receive a financial reduction?
There is no reduction for booking your own accommodations.
- 25) Where are the Juniors/Youth Athletes staying in Budapest?
USA Juniors/Youth will be at a hotel TBD.
- 26) Where are the Open Athletes staying in Budapest?
The Open Athletes will be at a hotel TBD.
- 27) Where will most of the competitions be located?
Competitions will be spread around the city of Budapest. More information can be found at <http://emg2019.com>.
- 28) Where is the Opening Ceremony?
Tuesday, July 30, 2019 at Hidegkuti Nándor MTK Stadium
- 29) Where is the Closing Ceremony ?
Tuesday, August 6, 2019 at Hidegkuti Nándor MTK Stadium
- 30) Do USA Team members have to pay for their trip out of pocket, or can the financial commitment be raised?
The money need not be an out-of-pocket expense; it may be raised. Maccabi USA can provide you with a sample fundraising letter, website page, and raffle tickets to assist you in your fundraising efforts. Any way that you can think "out of the box" for your fundraising goals is certainly suggested! The Maccabi USA office can serve as a resource for you with any assistance you may need. Maccabi USA will need your initial deposit on time for your participation as outlined in your invoice. Please note that ALL raffle tickets are non-refundable and not tax-deductible.
- 31) What does your financial commitment cover?

For all participants except Masters Athletes, the financial commitment includes your International flight from select departure cities, hotel accommodations, transportation, Games registration, medical insurance, apparel package and meals.

32) What is the monetary commitment?

The financial commitments for the USA Team members are as follows: Juniors, Youth, and Open Athletes, \$5,779; Masters Athletes, \$6,000; Coaches, Doctors & Accommodations Managers, \$3,000; Athletic Trainers, \$1,500; (ALL OF THESE FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.) Prices above do not include the domestic flight cost from your home to/from your International flight departure city and back for the Maccabi international flight, and any flight supplement fee's depending on your departure city.

33) Is my financial contribution tax-deductible?

Maccabi USA is a 501c(3) not-for-profit organization. Personal payments are tax-deductible only for the amounts for which you are not receiving goods/services. For Juniors/Youth/Open Athletes it is \$360, Masters \$1,000, and Managers/Medical/Coaches full cost as outlined on your invoice in your appointment package.

34) Are there Scholarship funds for Budapest?

No. This is a self-funded program but you are encouraged to seek financial assistance from outside organizations.

35) Do the athletes receive an apparel package?

Yes! A variety of apparel are included in your fees and will be sent by Maccabi USA to each Team member prior to the Games. Make sure Maccabi USA has your updated contact information and apparel sizes at all times. Additional items will be available for purchase.

36) Do the athletes receive a competitive uniform?

Depending on your sport, you will receive a competitive uniform package.

37) What is the website where we can find 15th European Maccabi Games updated information?

www.maccabiusa.com for updates, news, and more information

38) Who is the General Chairman for Team USA?

Debbie Adams is our General Chair for Team USA.

39) Who from the Maccabi USA Office should I speak to if I have any questions?

Our entire Maccabi USA Games staff is here to help you with anything you need, please call us at 215-561-6900:

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40) What is the Maccabi USA/Sports for Israel office contact information?

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Thank you!