Ballin for a Cause is an internationally recognized 5-on-5 basketball tournament and event weekend in Buffalo, NY that consists of 700+ Men's and Women's Unlimited, Youth Division and World Games teams. It serves as a platform to raise awareness and proceeds for educational, youth sports, community and health programs. Our mission is to promote a premier annual national-international basketball event that is held for the sole purpose of bringing awareness and raising proceeds for the local community.

2017 will mark Ballin for a Cause 10th year in existence of the highly popular event in Buffalo, NY. Ballin for a Cause is considered one of the most anticipated and sought after events in North America. The tournament has featured men's, women's, youth teams from across the United States and Canada. The first tournament took place Saturday April 5th, 2008. The tournament now host events in Toronto, New York City, Dallas, Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Detroit, Erie and National Championship in Buffalo, NY.

Ballin for a Cause demonstrates a strong investment in our community through our “BFAC BIG 4 Initiative” which represents our four core areas of education, community, youth sports and health.

In 2016 we hosted our first ever “World Games” which will featured 12 International teams that represented variety of nationalities and ethnic groups. We were honored to host participating teams from the United States, Canada, Puerto Rico, Cambodia, Phillipines, Turkey, India, Africa, Haiti, First Nations, Asia and Dominician Republic. The “World Games” gives us the opportunity to enlighten others about different cultures and promote World Peace. The World Games Championship will take place during our 10th annual event weekend May 19th – May 21st 2017 in Buffalo, New York. We believe that these games will be a great to have people from all walks of life join together for a great cause, love of basketball and fellowship.
2017 WORLD GAMES

The 2017 World Games Championship will take place **May 19th-21st, 2017** in Buffalo, NY.

**Host Venue?**
Our main site will be at the state of the art Buffalo Riverworks Sports and Entertainment Complex.

**How Does The World Games Work?**
- Teams will be placed in pool play which they will compete in three games to qualify for the Championship rounds.
- Championship Rounds will crown a 1st (Gold), 2nd (Silver) and 3rd (Bronze) place team

**What are the Age Divisions?**
- Men’s Unlimited Division (18+) – This will be open to Amateur, College, Professional or National team players
- High School Division (17 under) – Eligible for all those under the age of 17 currently enrolled in High School

We would like to invite your organization to participate in our World Games event!
TAKE A LOOK AT OUR EVENT ...

The World Games hosted 12 International teams which include United States, Canada, Puerto Rico, Philippines, Cambodia, First Nations, Turkey, India, Africa, Asia, Haiti and Dominican Republic. The event held over 3,000 spectators with outstanding news coverage, media publications and social media.

THE TEAMS HAVE ARRIVED! Starting Thursday night before the games teams started to make their way into town. Each team is required to complete on-site registration, native background check and uniform pick up.
TAKE A LOOK AT OUR EVENT...

**Culture Enrichment** – Teams participate in a city and region tour of Buffalo, NY in which they learn about the history of the region along with it’s impact it had on American history. The tours included City Hall of Buffalo, Mayor Byron Brown’s office, City Hall’s Observation Deck, natural wonder of the world Niagara Falls and sight seeing throughout the Buffalo-Niagara region.

**Welcome Ceremony** – Teams were officially introduced and welcomed by ethnic performance groups, city officials and fans.
VIP Reception – Teams were invited to several receptions which they were recognized and honored for participating in the World Games. During this time they were able to meet sponsors, government officials and specially invited guests.
TAKE A LOOK AT OUR EVENT...

THE GAMES – Highly competitive and intense. Our rosters featured current and former NBA, FIBA, NCAA, Euro League, and National team players.

MORE PICTURES VISIT OUR FACEBOOK, INSTAGRAM OR WEBSITE
AND THE CHAMPIONS ARE...

Gold Medal - Team USA
Silver Medal – Team Philippines
Bronze Medal – Team Canada
SOCIAL MEDIA

WEBSITE: WWW.BALLINFORACAUSE.COM

FACEBOOK: BALLIN FOR A CAUSE NATIONAL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

INSTAGRAM: @BALLINFORCASE

TWITTER: @BALLINFORACAUSE

SNAP CHAT: BFAC2016

PERISCOPE: BALLIN FOR A CAUSE

OTHER CONTENT – MONTHLY NEWSLETTER AND EMAIL BLAST
Thank You for bringing the World Games event to Buffalo! Your organization hard work and dedication goes noticed – Dakota Snyder (Team First Nations)

Proud of my team coming together from various organization to play for a common goal and for one team, Philippines! Players from PBM, FOUL, SIPAG, JSAG, KALAHI! Never had one practice nor ever played together, but we fought together and made it all the way trying to fight for that gold and do it for the Philippines, unfortunately we fell short, to the powerhouse team USA, we claimed Silver Medal. Overall this weekend was fun being around this group of men and making our country proud! Till next time fellas!! want to say thank you to Ballin For a Cause National Basketball Tournament staff for putting this tournament together and putting on for the city of Buffalo.. Better believe it Philippines is coming back next year hungrier then ever!! – Reuben Ronas (Team Philippines)

It was a great pleasure to be apart of your event – Sibu Nair (Team India)

It was a great experience and we had a lot of fun – Soapheeng Toun (Team Cambodia)

We appreciate the invite and we will definitely be back stronger for 2017! Our guys enjoyed the tournament and the city as well with the hospitality you showed us! – Pierre Sully (Haiti)

The first night of Balling for a Cause was AN EVENT! From the Youth Games to the World Games, every game was worth watching. This event is a pure manifestation of a VISION – Ciera Gilbert (Buffalo, NY)

Great organization from the 7 16 with a global vision- Greg Gamble (University at Buffalo)

True Epitome of what a Change-maker is all about! Congratulations to Ballin for a Cause on a success World Games event – Jamil Crews (Capital Change 30under30 CEO)

I didn't know what to expect ... It was Unprecedented! – Neil Dobbins (Buffalo,NY)
WHAT WE WANT PROVIDE FOR TEAMS...

Uniforms
Fully custom uniforms with warm up shirts
*Travel suits for all players (can be purchased by the team)

Lodge
Each participating team will be provided maximum 4 double bed rooms per team. Any additional rooms will be at the teams own expense.

Transportation
Will provide shuttle for excursion tours only, transportation to venue and for leisure will be at teams own expense.

Team Activities
• Welcome Ceremony
• Taste of Nationalities (gathering of all teams for fellowship over variety of ethnic cuisines)
• Tours/Excursions
• VIP Receptions
• Special Events
• Meet and Greets
• Skills Clinics for youth
• Nightlife Events- After-Party (ies)

Media/Scouting/Stats
- Photos and Video
- Pre and Post Game Coverage by event announcers
- Individual and team statistics
- Scouts for collegiate prospects, semi-pro prospects, professional prospects

Awards and Grants
- World Games Championship Trophy and Medals
- Grants eligible for participating teams to support their international programs

World Games -Atmosphere
- Peaceful and family friendly
- International DJ
- Encourage all fans of the teams to bring their own music instruments
- Flags displayed throughout gymnasium
2017 TEAM UNIFORMS
GLOBAL AMBASSADORS

“BFAC Global Ambassadors” is our newly launched international program for high school and college students that will engage them in culture diversity and cultural experiences.

Students will have the opportunity to participate in
- Cultural Inclusion Roundtable
- International Pal Program
- Student Exchange Program
- International Business Sessions
- Language Training
- Cooking Projects
- Leadership Development
- Internship Opportunities
- Sports
- International events in Canada and the Dominican Republic in 2017

Program Details
Starts January 2017
Location: The Belle Center – Buffalo, New York
Spring Session (January – June) / Fall Session (September – November)
Session will be twice a month
WHO’S WHO

Notable participants
Jason Rowe – 15 year Euro League Professional / Loyola Maryland
Keron Briggs – West Georgia University
Nick Miller – Penn State Beaver Falls
Tim Gill – Jacksonville State
Nick Harney – Akron University / Italy-Euro League
Torrence Dyck – Daemen College
Dane Smith – University at Tennesee at Martin / NBL London Lighting / Euro League
Jeremiah Williams – Canisius College
Tramique Sutherland – Bradley University
Amadi Ikpeze – St. Bonaventure
Gary Joe Burgos – Puerto Rican National Team Player / Pro
Jamal Mcqueen – NBL Windsor Express
Chadrack Lufile – Wichita State
Denham Brown – Seattle Supersonics
Jesse Hardin – Walsh University / Pro

And MORE
Over 100 Colleges and Universities Represented
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