



McDONALD'S ALL AMERICAN® GAMES



THE GAME:

This year marks the 32nd anniversary of the McDonald's All American® High School Boys Basketball Game and the eighth annual Girls Game.

THE 2009 GAMES:

The 2009 McDonald's All American High School Basketball Games will be held Wednesday, April 1, 2009 at the BankUnited Center in Miami, FL. The Boys Game will tip-off at 8:00 p.m. EST. The Girls Game begins at 5:30 p.m. EST.

HIGH SCHOOL'S VERSION OF THE "DREAM TEAM":

The McDonald's All American Team alumni represent some of basketball's greatest players, including former and current NCAA and NBA superstars Alonzo Mourning (Miami Heat), Magic Johnson (retired), Kevin Garnett (Boston Celtics), LeBron James (Cleveland Cavaliers) and Carmelo Anthony (Denver Nuggets); current college stand-outs such as Kyle Singler (Duke), Tyreke Evans (Memphis), Maya Moore (Connecticut) and Glory Johnson (Tennessee).

More than 900 high school athletes have been named to the McDonald's All American Team. From that alumni class, more than 90% have played college basketball for Division I programs and more than 150 currently compete in the NBA/WNBA. For the eighth year, 24 high school senior girl basketball players will be selected to play in the 2009 Girls Game and based on past performances, women's basketball is getting the same caliber of players.

SELECTING THE TEAM:

A selection committee of prominent high school coaches, prep scouts and media from across the country choose the nation's top graduating high school boys and girls basketball players from a pool of approximately 2,500 seniors. Morgan Wootten, who won more than 1,200 games as coach of DeMatha Catholic High School (Hyattsville, MD), serves as chairman of the McDonald's All American Selection Committee and legendary former UCLA coach, John Wooden, chairman of the McDonald's All American Game®, serves as an advisor to the committee.

CHARITY:

This year, proceeds from the 2009 Games will benefit Ronald McDonald House Charities® (RMHC®) of South Florida. Millions of dollars have been raised for RMHC and its local Chapters from proceeds generated at the McDonald's All American Games.



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