

# **2026 PALM SPRINGS CLASSIC LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY MEN'S BASKETBALL AGREEMENT**

WHEREAS **TOTAL SPORTS CONSULTING LLC** ("HOST"), the organizer of the **PALM SPRINGS CLASSIC**, (the "TOURNAMENT"), has selected **LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY** (the "PARTICIPANT") as one of the institutions in the TOURNAMENT to be held from November 21-26, 2026. This event will be two neutral contests on November 25-26<sup>th</sup> at Acrisure Arena in Palm Springs, California. Games will be against 2 of the 3 teams: **Arizona State, University of Southern California or Southern Methodist University**.

WHEREAS, the PARTICIPANT has been selected as one of the institutions in said TOURNAMENT subject to the terms and conditions set forth hereinafter,

IT IS HEREBY AGREED BETWEEN THE PARTIES AS FOLLOWS:

## **1. ELIGIBILITY AND COMPLIANCE**

(a) This agreement is subject to all rules of the NCAA and neither party hereto shall be obliged to perform its obligations if such performance would render that party in violation of existing enacted NCAA rules.

(b) Except as provided in Section 1(a), PARTICIPANT may cancel this Agreement only upon written notice to HOST 200 days prior to event. The payment of a cancellation fee to HOST in the amount of TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND (\$250,000.00) will be due 30 days upon notification by PARTICIPANT.

## **2. PLAYING RULES**

The official NCAA Basketball Rules for the 2026-2027 season shall govern all TOURNAMENT play.

## **3. LIABILITY**

PARTICIPANT, for itself and its players and employees and agents, releases and discharges HOST and its officers, directors, employees, servants, and agents from all claims that they may have for personal injuries or property damage arising out of PARTICIPANT'S involvement in the TOURNAMENT. PARTICIPANT assumes all risks of personal injuries to its players, employees, and agents and damages to their property caused by PARTICIPANT'S involvement in the TOURNAMENT except for injuries or damage caused by HOST'S gross negligence or willful misconduct.

4. TRAVEL AND HOTEL ARRANGEMENTS

(a) All travel costs to Palm Springs including airfare, hotels, and buses are the responsibility of PARTICIPANT. PARTICIPANT agrees to stay at one of the Acrisure Series hotel partners of the Palm Springs Classic and use the Acrisure Series ground transportation partners that will be introduced by and secured by Total Sports Consulting, LLC.

5. PROMOTIONS AND TELEVISION AND RADIO RIGHTS

HOST will have the right to show PARTICIPANTS as participating in the TOURNAMENT in its marketing and promotion of the TOURNAMENT. All radio, print, internet and television rights to the broadcast or telecast of the TOURNAMENT games in Palm Springs are the exclusive property of the HOST or its assignee. These rights include, but are not limited to, all forms of internet or radio broadcasting, commercial and non-commercial television, and all forms of cable telecasts, live or on tape including rights to re-telecast in whole or in part.

6. SIGNAGE RIGHTS

All TOURNAMENT games in Palm Springs are the sole property of HOST. HOST has the sole right to all revenues arising from TOURNAMENT-related ticketing, sponsorship, signage, promotion, and advertising relating to the TOURNAMENT games in Palm Springs. In this regard, it is understood that the HOST shall have the right to display signage on the playing floor, scorer's table, basket support, and other areas immediately adjacent to the playing floor in Palm Springs.

7. OPPONENT AND SITE SELECTION

The parties hereto agree that the HOST shall have the sole authority to determine the pairings of all TOURNAMENT participants for each round as well as the sites for all TOURNAMENT contests.

8. HOST RESPONSIBILITIES

It is agreed that the HOST shall be responsible for the following expenses:

- (a) Costs associated with referees for the games in Palm Springs including travel, hotel, per diem, transportation, and salaries.
- (b) Costs associated with hosting the game of the TOURNAMENT in Palm Springs including the facility, scoreboard, press area, security, insurance, ushers, and other expenses that are involved with hosting this type of basketball event.
- (c) Costs associated with television of any games in Palm Springs include transmission, production, talent, and personnel, unless mutually agreed upon.

9. GOVERNING LAW

This agreement constitutes the whole agreement between HOST and PARTICIPANT and may not be amended except by writing duly executed by both parties hereto.

10. HEADINGS

The headings in this Agreement are inserted for convenience only, are not a part of this Agreement and shall not in any way affect the meaning or interpretation of this Agreement.

11. FORCE MAJEURE

HOST shall not be liable for any failure or delay in performing its obligations hereunder if such failure or delay is the result of circumstances beyond its control including, but not limited to, embargo, strike, labor dispute, or the intervention of any governmental authority, as well as war, flooding, hurricane, tornado, or other natural disaster.

12. TICKETS

PARTICIPANT agrees to purchase 150 tickets per game, 300 tickets total, for games in Palm Springs. Ticket price will be \$100.00 per ticket. Tickets must be purchased no later than October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

13. COMP TICKETS

Participants shall receive 50 complimentary tickets behind or near the team bench.

14. COVID 19

PARTICIPANT agrees to follow all NCAA protocols regarding testing requirements for participation with its players, coaches, and other personnel traveling with the team. Testing cost in Palm Springs if needed will be the responsibility of PARTICIPANT.

AGREED TO BY:  
TOTAL SPORTS CONSULTING LLC

BY: [Signature]

ITS: Director

DATE: 6-2-26

AGREED TO BY:  
LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY

BY: Matthew LaBorde

ITS: [Signature]

DATE: 6/2/26