



# USA PATHWAYS BASKETBALL EXPERIENCE 2020 TOUR PACKAGE



Massanutten Military Academy (MMA)

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## PURPOSE:

To provide USA PATHWAYS BASKETBALL players with a unique opportunity to be seen by a variety of US High School, Prep and NAIA and College coaches, and to participate in an intensive skills training camp, both individually and team. Also experience life in a USA campus environment.

## DATES:

June 6<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2020 (inclusive)

## LOCATION:

Massanutten Military Academy, Virginia, USA

## TOUR CO-ORDINATOR:

Greg Jones, Director, USA Pathways Basketball  
Please contact Greg for further information on:

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Mobile: 0423 255 392

## COACHING STAFF

Steve Sardi

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Mobile: 0414 873 917

Scott Balsar

Email: [usa.pathways@gmail.com](mailto:usa.pathways@gmail.com)

Mobile: 0412 770 713

## LOGISTICS CO-ORDINATOR

Sharen Page

Email: [thepages@bigpond.net.au](mailto:thepages@bigpond.net.au)

Mobile: 0408 977 135



## COST:

\$6,000.00 per person (Australian dollar)

## Payment Schedule:

28/2/2020	\$2,000.00 (Non-refundable deposit)
27/3/2020	\$2,000.00
24/4/2020	\$2,000.00

***\*In addition to the non-refundable deposit due 28/2/2020 - there will be no refunds of any payments if participant cancels after 30<sup>th</sup> April 2020***

## Payment Details:

<b>Bank:</b>	Commonwealth
<b>Branch:</b>	Commonwealth Bank – Epping (39 Beecroft Road, Epping NSW 2121)
<b>Account Type:</b>	Business Transaction Account
<b>BSB:</b>	062-166
<b>Account Number:</b>	1047 0205
<b>Account Title/Name:</b>	Gregory Jones (Note: the entity is Greg Jones trading as USA Pathways Basketball, with ABN and listing with the CBA)
<b>Reference:</b>	“players name” USA Pathways (eg Michael Jordan USA Pathways) It is ESSENTIAL that when each tour member makes a deposit they reference their name on the deposit and keep the deposit receipt/number.

\*Note: Deposits can be made online or at any CBA branch.

## Cost Includes:

- Return airfares (Qantas and American Airlines or United)
- Accommodation on campus at Massanutten Military Academy, Virginia (including full use of campus facilities)
- Meals:
  - Breakfast/Lunch MMA cafeteria
  - Dinner at a variety of restaurants with coaching staff and external coaches
- Ground transportation in the USA
- 2-3 tournaments and an AAU game
- 2 intensive training sessions per weekday on non-exhibition game days, run by:
  - MMA Head Coach, Curtis Peery and Coach Bob Gallagher (See Attachment for bios)
  - USA Pathways Coaches Steve Sardi and Scott Balsar (See Attachment for bios)
  - Guest coaches from neighboring colleges
- Hosted Day trips to other universities and colleges which include: Virginia Tech | Maryland | UVA | Georgetown | JMU
- Soul Sports Clothing Package includes: Reversible Playing Uniform | Reversible practice singlet | Practice shorts | Long sleeve tee | Short sleeve tee | Walk shorts | Back-pack
- Evenings will include a variety of group activities, both on and off campus
- Shopping and sightseeing will be undertaken over the weekend

### Cost Excludes:

- Comprehensive Travel Insurance (each person must provide proof of travel insurance)
- Passports/Visas
- Attraction costs not listed above Incidentals and spending money
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### Terms & Conditions

- All athletes are responsible for providing their current Passport details, ESTA Visa, Travel/Health Insurance Provider & Policy number.
- Full disclosure of any medications, allergies or medical conditions they are being treated for or have.
- Signed and completed Player Detail Sheet by both athletes and parents where relevant by 30<sup>th</sup> March 2020
- Understand that the first instalment of \$2,000 is non-refundable
- Meet the listed instalment payment dates as outlined in the information package
- Agree to pay an extra \$100 to the total tour costs if the value of the Australian dollar drops below US 64 cents on the Exchange Rate
- Signed Release form indemnifying USA Pathways Basketball, it's Directors, Staff and Officers
- Abide by the Code of Behaviour as outlined in the Terms & Conditions Agreement
- All flights are Economy seating. Upgrades can be arranged at additional costs for the relevant individual/s
- All accommodation is on campus at MMA. Alternate accommodation outside of campus can be arranged at additional costs for the non-athlete group
- All athletes stay on MMA's campus



## PRIOR TO DEPARTURE TO DO LIST

### Resume - Basketball

- Due 1<sup>st</sup> March 2020
- Email to Sharen Page ([thepages@bigpond.net.au](mailto:thepages@bigpond.net.au))
- If you would like suggestions of content, please contact Coach Jones
- Include:
  - Past player experience | Weight (kgs / pounds) | Height (metric / feet inches) | Player position

### Passport

- Copy due 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020
  - Email to Sharen Page ([thepages@bigpond.net.au](mailto:thepages@bigpond.net.au)) a photo of your passport – i.e. the page with your details and photo
  - If you are travelling on 2 passports (e.g. USA & Australian) – please send a copy of both

### Player Detail form

- Due 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020
- Form attached
- Email to Sharen page ([thepages@bigpond.net.au](mailto:thepages@bigpond.net.au))

### Terms & Conditions Agreement, Code of Behaviour and Indemnification Form

- Due 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020
- Form attached
- Email to Sharen page ([thepages@bigpond.net.au](mailto:thepages@bigpond.net.au))

### Travel Insurance

- Due 1<sup>st</sup> May 2020
- Email to Sharen Page ([thepages@bigpond.net.au](mailto:thepages@bigpond.net.au))

### Visas (Non-USA Passport holders)

- VISA copy
  - Due 1<sup>st</sup> May 2020
  - Email to Sharen Page ([thepages@bigpond.net.au](mailto:thepages@bigpond.net.au))
- Please review the information at <http://www.ustraveldocs.com/au/au-niv-visawaiverinfo.asp> to determine which type of VISA you are entitled to apply for.
  - Most Australian Passport Holders will be able to apply for the ESTA Visa Waiver Program (details below). However, there are requirements such as:
    - Validity of Passport for 6 months
    - Have NOT travelled (except under some circumstances) to, or been present in, Iraq, Iran, Syria, Sudan, Libya, Somalia, and/or Yemen on or after March 1, 2011 (note this list constantly is updated)
    - Are NOT Dual nationals of VWP countries and Iraq, Iran, Syria, and Sudan (note this list constantly is updated)
- Electronic System for Travel Authorisation (ESTA's)  
Authorization may be obtained online through the following website: <https://esta.cbp.dhs.gov/esta/> . There is an administrative fee of 14 USD for all applications which is not included in your tour cost. You will need a valid credit card when completing the process online and you will need to answer all questions marked with a red asterisk (\*) to process your application. NOTE – through the application process if you are not eligible you will be notified of the steps you need to take to obtain a VISA

## ON TRIP TO BRING ITEMS

U.S Point of Contact, can be listed as:

Massanutten Military Academy  
614 South Main Street, Woodstock, VA 22664  
PH: 540.459.2167 | 1.877.466.6222

### **ITEMS YOU NEED FOR BRING**

- Carry-on/Back Pack
- One bag/suit case
- Passport
- Phone
- Print out of ESTA Visa Authorisation (not necessary but a good idea)
- Travel Insurance - Certificate
- Medications – list to be provided to Coach Jones and Sharen Page
- Basketball shoes
- Training gear – package supplied
- Pyjamas
- Socks & Underwear
- Casual clothes
- Sneakers
- Toiletry items
  - Shampoo
  - Toothbrush & paste
  - Deodorant
  - Comb/brush
- Bath Towel
- Swimmers /Board Short
- Spending money
- Phone & Laptop (not a requirement)
  - Chargers for phone, laptop other electrical
  - Power Converter for USA (220V to 110V)
  - Calls & Data
    - Make sure phone is unlocked by carrier
    - If using your Australian SIM
      - Keep data roaming switched off
      - Switch off location services and push notifications
      - Purchase a Travel Pass/Pack from your provider for data or
    - Buy a local prepaid SIM either online prior to departing or when you arrive

## ATTACHMENTS



### USA Pathways Basketball Experience 2020: Player/Participant Details

Name:	
Date of Birth:	
Address:	
Email:	
Mobile:	
Emergency Contact:	
Name:	
Email:	
Mobile:	
Travel Insurance: (Due 1st )	
Provider:	
Policy Number:	
Any medical conditions:	
If so, list of medications	
Any dietary requirements:	
If so, list of dietary requirements	

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Signature of Player

Date

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Signature of Legal Guardian (if under 18 years of Age)

Date

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Name of Guardian



## USA Pathways Basketball Experience 2020: Terms & Conditions Agreement & Indemnification form (2 pages)

1. All participants on this tour agree to the Terms & Conditions as outlined below:

- All athletes are responsible for providing their current Passport details, ESTA Visa, Travel/Health Insurance Provider & Policy number.
- Provide full disclosure of any medications, allergies or medical conditions they are being treated for or have.
- Signed and completed Player Detail Sheet by both athletes and parents where relevant
- Understand that the first instalment of \$2,000 is non-refundable
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- Meet the listed instalment payment dates as outlined in the first information package
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### 2. **Code of Behaviour**

As a participant of the USA Pathways Basketball tour, you are expected to meet the following requirements regarding your conduct at all times:

- That you will abide by the policy and guidelines of the statutory requirements of the NSW legislation in relation to child protection and “play by the rules” sports rage guidelines.
- Play for the “Fun of it” and not just to please parents and coaches.
- Avoid use of derogatory language/comments based of gender, race or impairment.
- Be prepared to lose sometimes. Everyone wins and loses at some time. Be a fair winner and good loser.
- Never argue with an official.
- Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials and sledging other players, deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent are not acceptable or permitted behaviours in any sport
- Work equally hard for yourself and/or your team. Your team’s performance will benefit, so will you
- Be a good sport. Applaud all good plays whether they are made by your team or the opposition
- Treat all participants in your sport as you like to be treated. Do not bully or take unfair advantage of another competitor
- Cooperate with your coach, team-mates and opponents. Without them there would be no competition
- Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit, not just to please parents and coaches

- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion
- Will not consume drugs or alcohol during the tour.
- If in violation of any of the above the participant at their own expense will be asked to leave the tour.

**3. Indemnification**

All participants on this tour do so at their own risk. I understand that there are risks inherently involved when training or playing basketball, and indemnify USA Pathways Basketball and MMA, it's directors, officers and staff, both paid and volunteers, from any loss or damage incurred by me while undertaking this tour, including any and all activities, on and off the court, and in transit. I further understand that it is my responsibility to ensure I have appropriate insurance to cover me for potential loss or damage, based upon my own, individual circumstances. I acknowledge that there are no guarantees of acceptance by any educational institution in the United States of America and only items specifically listed in the Exclusive Invitation to USA Pathways Basketball Experience 2020 document are included. Any additional items are at my own cost.

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Signature of Player

Date

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Signature of Legal Guardian (if under 18 years of Age)

Date

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Name of Guardian

## Coaching Staff



### **Head Coach Curtis Peery**

Curtis Peery was named Head Post Grad Coach after serving one year as an Assistant Coach and the Athletic Director at Massanutten Military Academy. Prior to MMA, Mr. Peery served two years at Ferrum College as Assistant Men's Basketball Coach beginning July 2016. Peery came to Ferrum from Roanoke College, where he served two years as an Assistant Coach. Peery also served as Head Men's JV Basketball Coach. Prior to Roanoke he served two years as Assistant Men's Basketball Coach at University of Maryland-Eastern Shore from 2012-14, and three years as a graduate assistant at UMES.

Peery was a standout for Roanoke as a player, closing his career in 2009 in the #11 spot in school history in scoring with 1,349 career points. He also finished 11th in career rebounds with 649 and 10th in career free throws with 304. Roanoke's win/loss was a combined 68-39 during his four-year playing career. Peery's career honors include: Roanoke All-Century Team 2013, VaSID All-State first team in 2009, All-South Region second team in 2009, ODAC All-Conference first team in 2009, CNU Invitational All-Tournament Team and MVP in 2009, W&L Classic All-Tournament Team in 2009, ODAC All-Conference honorable mention in 2008, Domino's Classic All-Tournament Team 2007, 2008 and 2009 (MVP in 2008), V-Foundation All-Tournament Team in 2007 and 2009 (MVP in 2009), ODAC All-Conference second team in 2007 and ODAC All-Tournament Team in 2007.

Peery graduated from Roanoke with a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration in 2009, then went on to earn his Master's degree in Criminal Justice & Criminology from Maryland Eastern Shore in 2011.



### **Assistant Bob Gallager**

Bob Gallager joined Massanutten Military Academy's post graduate basketball staff as an assistant coach in May of 2018.

Gallager comes to Woodstock after 6 years at St. Bonaventure University, where he served as a student manager for four seasons before being elevated to graduate assistant for the final two.

In his last five years at St. Bonaventure, the Bonnies won at least 18 games in each season and set a school record of 26 wins in 2017-2018. The 26-win season includes a victory over the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) in the First Four of the 2018 NCAA Tournament.

At St. Bonaventure, Gallager was responsible for all video operations including recruiting and scouting edits, as well as organizing the player development program.

A constant presence in individual workouts, Gallager was instrumental in the development of 15 players who went on to sign professional contracts, including Atlantic-10 Conference Player of the Year— Jaylen Adams, who recently signed a deal in the NBA with the Atlanta Hawks.

In addition to his time as a student manager and graduate assistant, Gallager has also worked as an intern at the Hoop Group Elite Camps and served as the director of the Mark Schmidt Basketball Camp.

A native of Syracuse, NY, Gallager graduated from St. Bonaventure in 2015 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in journalism and mass communications.



**Coach Sardi, Director, USA Pathways Basketball**

Coach Sardi has been coaching since the age of 16 back in 1977. Coach Sardi has been involved with coaching in the Penrith Panthers Basketball Association, NSW Basketball State Metro program, St Pauls Grammar School program. Coach Sardi helped organise the Masters Basketball program between Associations for the over 35s in 2006 and helped Penrith Panthers win 2 titles. 2017 joined the USA Pathways and is helping the program to grow.

Coach Sardi Assistant Coach 2008 U16s Div2 final four and Runners up in State Cup. Coach Sardi was head coach of the 2010 U/18 Div1 to a Championship title, Runners up in the State Championship. Penrith Panthers Head coach 18Div 2 Final four 2015, 18Div2 Final for 2016. Runners up 2016 NSW Metro Australian Championships. Assistant Coach 18 Div1 Final Four 2017. YLM 2018 final four, 2018 Final Four in ISA St Pauls Grammar Boys Basketball U17s, YLM Div1 2018 Runners up, Waratah Div 1 Y/L Men’s Coach of the Years 2018, YLM Div1 2019 final four, YLM Div1 2019 Champions.



**Coach Balsar**

Coach Balsar as had a well distinguished coaching career steering the Shoalhaven Tigers State League Women’s team to back-to-back titles in 2007 and 2008. He was at the helm of the Tiger men’s program where in 2011 he took them to their first grand final appearance in the NSW State League competition in 22 years.

In 2005, Balsar created history with his NSW Country U18 Women’s state team winning a national championship in Perth- the first time ever a NSW Country Women’s side had won a national title from this history making event. Balsar was named the Basketball NSW Coach of the Year in 2005 which was then topped off at the Basketball Australia National Awards where he picked up the highly prestigious Basketball Australia National Junior Male Coach of the Year Scott has been a Head Coach for NSW State teams for over 10 years of most recent he took the NSW Under 20 Women in 2017 winning a silver medal followed by a bronze in 2018 at the Australian National Championships.

In 2015 -16 Scott was appointed the assistant Coach of the Canberra Capitals in the WNBL and he has been the Director of Coaching at Shoalhaven Basketball Association for over 15 years. He took their Youth League Men’s team to a Waratah League Division 2 title in 2018 in their maiden season with a 22 -2 record and he is currently the Head Coach of the Illawarra Hawks Youth League Division 1 Men’s program for the 2020 Spalding Waratah Season.





### **Coach Jones - Director, USA Pathways Basketball**

Coach Jones has over 30 years experience both in Australia and overseas in the US High School, Academy and College system.

His achievements include:

#### **ASSOCIATION DEVELOPMENT**

- 10 years plus Administration, co-ordination and management of Association Representative Programs
- Experienced Association Head Coach, Educator and Mentor
- Organisation and implementation of Development Programs, International Events Eg South Pacific Police Games, Corporate Games.

#### **COACHING EXPERIENCE**

- 28 Years coaching experience as a Head Coach
- 17 Years experience as Head Coach of multiple Association Championship Men's teams, Championship Winning Coach in NSW Basketball Waratah Championships, Division One State League and Division One and Two Sydney Championships
- International Coaching experience as a Guest Coach in US High Schools, Academy's and Colleges

#### **HEAD MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP COACH @:**

- Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Basketball Association 2009-2011 inclusive
- Manly Warringah Basketball Association 2006-2007 inclusive
- City of Sydney Basketball Association Associate Coach 2005
- Northern Suburbs Basketball Association 2002-2004 inclusive
- Hills Basketball Association 1998-2001 inclusive
- Bankstown Basketball Association 1995-1996 inclusive
- Parramatta Basketball Association 1990-1994 inclusive

#### **COACHING AWARDS INCLUDE:**

- Waratah Conference Championship Men's Coach of the Year 2004, 2007
- NSW Premier League Division One Men's Coach of the Year
- Sydney Division One & Two Championships Men's Coach of the Year
- Head Coach of NSW Basketball Team of the Year – Parramatta Wildcats Championship Men's team 1994
- NSBA Senior Men's Coaching Award
- Hills Hornets Senior Coach of the Year
- Parramatta Senior Coach of the Year

#### **ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE ADMINISTRATION PROGRAMS**

- NSBA Administration and Coaching Manager full time 2002-2004 inclusive
- Hills Hornets Basketball Academy Head Coach 2000
- Bankstown Bruins Coaches Educator 1995-1996 inclusive