

## **NC TEAMS SHINE IN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

What a haul!! Forty North Carolina teams took home medals from national championship events this summer. At least one NC team medaled in every age division except senior boys and NC teams grabbed 4 national titles. Teams which captured medals also receive an automatic bid to nationals for their club in 2010.

Raleigh Elite made the strongest overall showing of the NC clubs, with 4 medal teams, including two national champions.

In 17/u D-II the Elite won the 72 team event with a 53 – 50 win over Team Future Stars. The D-III 10/u Elite team captured the national crown in Hampton, VA by defeating the Maryland Bulls 32 - 31 in the finals.

Another Raleigh squad – UBA (United Basketball Association) captured the D-III national championship in age 14/u when they beat the South River Shooters 75 – 64. The 14/u age division yielded eight medals to NC teams in the three divisions.

Kingdom Athletes from High Point won the 15/u D-III tournament in Hampton VA. They defeated the Nova Cavaliers from Virginia 59 – 49 in the finals. Kingdom won their semifinal over Team Elite from Charlotte, who finished third.

Altogether, 27 NC clubs were represented by the 40 medal teams. The United Stars with five medals, Raleigh Elite (4), Metrolina Havoc (3), Kingdom Athletes (2), NC Gaters (2), Garner Road (2) and Wilson Blue Devils (2) were multiple winners.

The 17/u D-I was the largest national championship ever with 164 teams. Twelve NC teams competed, and the Carolina Flight (8<sup>th</sup>) and Charlotte Royals (14<sup>th</sup>) captured medals.

Four national championships for one district is impressive, but it could have been even more so. Four other teams reached the national finals, but had to settle for 2<sup>nd</sup> place. (United Celtics 12/u D-I; United Stars 13/u D-I; Greensboro Warriors 14/u D-I; and Durham Hurricanes 14/u D-II)

The national classic bracket is for teams that do not advance out of pool play. That bracket is a good test of how teams can bounce back from disappointment. Four NC teams rebounded to capture the classic championship! (Carolina Phenoms 14/u D-I; Triad Trailblazers Q 16/u D-I; United Stars Gold 13/u D-III; Durham Ballers 12u D-III)

Congratulations to all the teams listed below on their success. Again, North Carolina led the nation with a record 131 teams participating in boys national championship tournaments! We hope to build on that success for 2010!!

NORTH CAROLINA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP MEDAL WINNERS 2009

**Division I**

<u>Age</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Placement</u>
8/u	NC Gaters	6 <sup>th</sup>
	Metrolina Havoc	7 <sup>th</sup>
13/u	United Stars	2 <sup>nd</sup>
	Forest City Heat	12 <sup>th</sup>
14/u	Greensboro Warriors	2 <sup>nd</sup>
	Garner Road Bulldogs	7 <sup>th</sup>
16/u	NC Athletics	9 <sup>th</sup>
17/u	Carolina Flight	8 <sup>th</sup>
	Charlotte Royals	14 <sup>th</sup>

**Division II**

<u>Age</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Placement</u>
9/u	Metrolina Havoc	6 <sup>th</sup>
	Winston Lakers	7 <sup>th</sup>
10/u	CC 1 <sup>st</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>
11/u	NC Rising Stars	9 <sup>th</sup>
12/u	United Celtics	2 <sup>nd</sup>
13/u	Garner Road	3 <sup>rd</sup>
	Kingdom Athletes	5 <sup>th</sup>
	Charlotte Hornets	7 <sup>th</sup>
	United Stars Green	8 <sup>th</sup>
14/u	Durham Hurricanes	2 <sup>nd</sup>
	Metrolina Havoc	3 <sup>rd</sup>
	United Stars	5 <sup>th</sup>
15/u	NC Celtics	4 <sup>th</sup>
17/u	Raleigh Elite	1 <sup>st</sup> National Champions

NC Gaters

12<sup>th</sup>

**Division III**

Age	Team	Placement
10/u	Raleigh Elite	1 <sup>st</sup> National Champions
11/u	Raleigh Elite	3 <sup>rd</sup>
12/u	NC Warriors	4 <sup>th</sup>
13/u	Greensboro Wildcats	4 <sup>th</sup>
14/u	UBA	1 <sup>st</sup> National Champions
15/u	Kingdom Athletes Team Elite	1 <sup>st</sup> National Champions 3 <sup>rd</sup>

**National Classic Medal Winners**

<u>Age</u>	<u>Division</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Placement</u>
8/u	D-I	United Stars	4 <sup>th</sup>
11/u	D-II	Wilson Blue Devils	4 <sup>th</sup>
12/u	D-III	Durham Ballers	1 <sup>st</sup>
		Raleigh Elite	4 <sup>th</sup>
13/u	D-III	United Stars Gold	1 <sup>st</sup>
14/u	D-I	CP3 Allstars	2 <sup>nd</sup>
	D-II	Carolina Phenoms	1 <sup>st</sup>
16/u	D-I	Triad Trailblazers	1 <sup>st</sup>
	D-III	Wilson Blue Devils	4 <sup>th</sup>