FAQs

What are the requirements to participate as a JCC Maccabi Games® participant?
To be eligible to participate, teen athletes must be at least 13 years old on or before July 31, 2027 and still 17 or under on July 30, 2027 of the year of the Games.

Do I need to be Jewish to participate in the JCC Maccabi Experience?
Yes, all the JCC Maccabi Games® athletes and JCC Maccabi participants must have at least one Jewish parent and identify as Jewish.

Do I need to be a member of the Merage JCC to participate?
No, this program is offered to all Jewish teens ages 13-17.

Is there a cost involved in participating?
Yes, there are expenses such as registration fees, uniform costs, game costs, pre-weekend costs, etc. for this national program. **A deposit of $500 is required to participate in pre-Maccabi Experience activities.** The deposit will be applied towards the total cost of the games.

How do I register to be on Team Orange County?
All eligible athletes/participants will need to register online or contact Eddie Priesand for questions at eddiep@jccoc.org and pay the required $500 deposit.

Is financial assistance available?
There are limited funds available and will be dispersed on a first come first serve basis. Please contact our scholarships team at scholarships@jccoc.org for more information.

Can I play more than one sport or participate in multiple activites?
No, athletes are only permitted to participate in one sport or activity.

Will there be practices?
Yes, each coach will determine their own practice schedule.

What if I attend summer camp?
We are all aware that many participants may be attending summer camps and will be away for most of the summer. That being said, participants will be required to attend all JCC Maccabi Experience activities in Austin, Texas from July 23 - 30, 2027. They will, however, be able to miss team practices, socials, and meetings related to the Experience throughout the summer.