

Men's basketball ticket policy changes for 2011-12

Excitement continues to rise for this upcoming men's basketball season. With Harrison Barnes, John Henson and Tyler Zeller all returning, Carolina's year definitely looks promising. Any student who has the slightest interest in Carolina Athletics needs to know the

details of this year's ticket policy to ensure the opportunity to experience Carolina basketball history!

As UNC students, a portion of our student fees go towards athletics — everything from exercising in the workout facilities located on campus to receiving

men's basketball and football tickets. The ticket system in place for men's basketball allows every UNC student to have an equal chance to attend games. It does not matter if you cannot name a single UNC player or if you are the diehard fan, everyone is guaranteed the same chance. And better yet, the lottery system is easy to use.

So what are the main details that you as a UNC student need to know about the Ticket Policy?

- Men's basketball tickets are distributed through an online lottery system.
- Students will register online for each game individually.
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Carolina Athletic Association President

games 10 days prior.

- Lottery notification emails will be sent out five to seven days prior to the home game.
- Student lottery winners will receive two general admission tickets within the student section.
- There are three phases: phase one (enters the Smith Center one and a half hours prior to tip-off), phase two (one hour prior to tip-

off) and phase three (30 minutes prior to tip-off).

- A link on the notification emails will allow students to return their unwanted tickets by logging-in to their account.
- You can subscribe to the CAA listserve, which will provide information for the whole season, specifically for basketball tickets and also send out reminder emails to students
- Students can also follow the ticket office's Twitter to get reminders about sign ups, deadlines, available seating, etc. @UNCStudentTix.
- If you do not get a ticket through the lottery, you can still go to the basketball game!
- Returned tickets will be redis-

tributed the day prior to the game through the Turn-it-Back Line.

- On gameday, there will also be a Standby Line that students can enter, and once the game starts these students will fill empty student seats.
- This past season, EVERYONE who came to the Standby Line got into the game, even the Duke game!

If you would like to find out more in-depth details about the ticket policy, please visit unc.edu/caa and direct any questions to carolinaathleticassociation@gmail.com. Don't miss your chance to experience a thrilling Carolina basketball season live from the Dean Dome!

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Barnes, Heels seek 6th NCAA title

By Kelly Parsons
Sports Editor

When North Carolina lost to Kentucky 76-69 in the 2011 NCAA tournament, the Tar Heels' hopes of making their 19th Final Four appearance were dashed.

But three weeks later, an announcement from freshman forward Harrison Barnes made the loss a lot easier to bear.

On April 18, Barnes announced he would be staying at North Carolina for his sophomore season, forgoing the NBA draft. The news came despite reports that he would likely be a top five pick.

"As a team, we're preparing for a special season," Barnes said in a press release. "My off-season plans are to diligently work on honing my basketball skills in all arenas with one team goal in mind — to bring the 2012 national championship home to UNC."

The Tar Heels made significant strides in 2010-11 after a 2009-10 season that ended with a loss in the NIT Championship game.

But UNC's latest campaign didn't come without its fair share of challenges.

In February, coach Roy Williams announced junior point

guard Larry Drew II would be leaving North Carolina. Drew started in 53 games during his sophomore and junior seasons, and his absence pushed freshman Kendall Marshall into a starting role.

In UNC's first game without Drew, Marshall registered a career-high 16 assists.

Williams said he was pleased with how his team handled the unexpected bumps in the road during the 2010-11 season.

"I wouldn't trade my kids for anybody," Williams said. "It's been an unbelievable ride and they've been an unbelievable group of kids. And they really made coaching fun. We've had some adversity and they just kept it together and kept coming back."

The Tar Heels, who finished the 2010-11 season with a 27-10 record, will be the only team in the top 10 of the final coaches' poll to return all five starters in 2011-12.

And with the addition of McDonald's All-Americans P.J. Hairston and James Michael McAdoo, North Carolina could be in store for yet another successful season.

Sporting News has North Carolina ranked No. 1 in its pre-season poll, and the Tar Heels can't wait to embark on a season



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Harrison Barnes shoots during the Tar Heel's 64-62 win against Clemson in Feb. 2011. Barnes will return to UNC for his sophomore season.

that they hope will bring another national championship back to Chapel Hill.

"We had a fun and successful season, but we all want to improve on what we accomplished," John Henson said in a

press release. "My teammates and coaches are great and I want to help them reach the big dreams we all share."

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