

Who Gets to Sit Courtside in the NBA?

Introducing the Verge's Celebrity NBA Challenge: We pose as stars' reps, and the teams tell us where they can sit



The Rock

THE TEAM:
New Jersey Nets

COURTSIDE SEATS?

"I could get him two courtside seats for nothing—free."

SHOOTAROUND WITH THE TEAM?

"I'd venture to say... Coach isn't going to go for it."

SING THE NATIONAL ANTHEM?

"We'd love to hear a sample. It sounds like a great idea."



Alex Trebek

THE TEAM:
Milwaukee Bucks

COURTSIDE SEATS?

"We could probably do something. Is he in town to tape *Jeopardy!*? Would he be willing to do some kind of interview or appearance at the game?"

SHOOTAROUND WITH THE TEAM?

"I don't really know."

SING THE NATIONAL ANTHEM?

"I'm sure if he's done it before and is willing to do it, it'd be fine."



Erik Estrada

THE TEAM:
Miami Heat

COURTSIDE SEATS?

"They're sold-out. I can't guarantee it. If we can't, we could definitely get rows one through five."

SHOOTAROUND WITH THE TEAM?

"We'd have to clear it with Coach Riley."

SING THE NATIONAL ANTHEM?

"I think the roster is full. Everybody's been asking for that, but put it in an e-mail.... No, no, it's not a ridiculous request at all."



Bob Saget

THE TEAM:
Cleveland Cavaliers

COURTSIDE SEATS?

"Not sure if we can get floor seats, but if he's performing, we could do that in exchange for a couple of good seats."

SHOOTAROUND WITH THE TEAM?

"Probably not. Our basketball-operations people don't like a lot of diversions."

SING THE NATIONAL ANTHEM?

"We actually have an opening for the night you mentioned...."



Jenna Jameson

THE TEAM:
Utah Jazz

COURTSIDE SEATS?

"I'm sure we can work something out.... Two tickets or four?"

SHOOTAROUND WITH THE TEAM?

"I'll have to check with the coaching staff."

SING THE NATIONAL ANTHEM?

"I'm sure that would be a possibility. It would be great if you could send along a demo."



Sean Hannity

THE TEAM:
L.A. Clippers

COURTSIDE SEATS?

"It would be best if he went through a ticket broker.... The broker will probably charge \$1,500 to \$2,000."

SHOOTAROUND WITH THE TEAM?

"Probably not going to happen."

SING THE NATIONAL ANTHEM?

"I can give you somebody's e-mail who handles anthems."



Mischa Barton

THE TEAM:
Dallas Mavericks

COURTSIDE SEATS?

"We're all sold-out down there."

SHOOTAROUND WITH THE TEAM?

"We don't do that. Distractions aren't welcome."

SING THE NATIONAL ANTHEM?

"Mischa Barton? I didn't know she sang. I would love to hear her version. Can you send it to me?"



Orrin Hatch

THE TEAM:
Memphis Grizzlies

COURTSIDE SEATS?

"I'll have to check with our team president. He might have something courtside."

SHOOTAROUND WITH THE TEAM?

"Definitely not with the team before the game. And not with the players at all. But if there's a contest, maybe we can get him involved in that."

SING THE NATIONAL ANTHEM?

"Has the senator ever done this before? I need to hear a tape."



Malcolm Gladwell

THE TEAM:
Chicago Bulls

COURTSIDE SEATS?

"Send me an e-mail with credit card information. We really just have upper-level seats for those games...but I'll see what I can do."

SHOOTAROUND WITH THE TEAM?

"Who's this, again?"

SING THE NATIONAL ANTHEM?

"Thank you very much for the call; however, the anthem schedule is full for the season."



Rosie O'Donnell

THE TEAM:
Phoenix Suns

COURTSIDE SEATS?

"We'll have to check. If she sings, it's no problem getting the tickets for free."

SHOOTAROUND WITH THE TEAM?

"I'm sure we could work something out."

SING THE NATIONAL ANTHEM?

"I'm a big Rosie fan, and we're excited about this, but for the date you mentioned, I have a 5-year-old trumpet player I'm flying in from Washington. He's incredible. He'll bring the house down."
—ELLIOT ANDREWS