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**PARENT PACKET**

**Welcome to the SOA Sports Season!**



SOA is a 501 (c) 3 youth-oriented athletics association specializing in the growth and development of our future citizens. The organization is made up of volunteer parents, coaches and administrators. SOA focuses on activities including, but not limited to team building, instruction and developmental camps, agility training, nutrition and citizenship. The mission of SOA is to strengthen the individual, family and community through educational enrichment and fitness programs.



# Team Information

- Teams are based on the player's age as of September 1st 2018, of the current school year.
- Minimum of 7 players\*, maximum of 10 players\* per most sports teams. (\*Suggested player minimums and maximums will vary for soccer, and volleyball.
- Coaches may request extended rosters, if registering a full team.
- Coach and friend requests will be accommodated as space allows. Special requests (team placement, practice/game days, etc.) are NOT GUARANTEED.
- Individual and team pictures will be taken at a location TBD. You will receive additional information regarding dates and locations at the beginning of the season.
- Most teams are coed. There are limited all-girls teams; girls' 10U and 12U. Teams can play against boys.



# Practice Information

- Practices will be held at local elementary school district facilities (the use of Middle/High school gyms are not always available due to their own sports).
- Practice times are between 6:00PM and 9:00PM.
- All practice times/locations are subject to school and district policies & availability.
- All teams will be allotted a minimum of 1 hour of practice time weekly, **half court**.
- **Practice days will be contingent on school district calendars as well as other previously scheduled school events.**
- Coaches are provided with a seasonal facility contract, which clearly outlines practice availability days specific to each campus. **Coaches are responsible for notifying their team of black-out dates at their assigned practice location.**



# Game Information

- Season is eight (8) weeks and will consist of 7 regular season games & at least 1 tournament game. No games will be held Super Bowl weekend Feb 2/3rd, which extends our playoffs to March 9/10<sup>th</sup>. Please assume 2 days for playoffs.
- Regular season games will be played in local athletic facilities if numbers permit it. Please check the SOA website for your team's game & practice information EVERY FRIDAY to confirm dates, times, and locations.
- Game locations will remain at the same location for the duration of the season (**Unless a location has a prior event or if there are not enough teams to support its self, then games will be combined with other leagues**). Please arrive 30 minutes prior to game time.
- SEE WEBSITE FOR ALL AGE/DIVISION RULES: <http://www.soasatx.com/soa-basketball-rules.html>.
- Please remain in communication with your team's coaching staff regarding practice, meetings, and games.



# Tournament Information

- Tournament format is single elimination with each team playing a minimum of 1 game.
- All teams in each age/division will participate in the end of season tournament.
- Tournament games will be played on Saturday and Sunday.
- Teams may play multiple games in a day.
- Tournament seeding is based on regular season standings.
- Special opportunities to play additional games/matches may be provided throughout the sports season! Please be aware that emails may be sent regarding game day, time, and locations of special game opportunities!



# Code of Conduct

All coaches, parents, and players are required to sign the SOA Code of Conduct. All coaches are required submit to a full background check. This helps to ensure a fair, safe, and fun environment for everyone involved. If at any time you feel someone is not following this code, please contact an SOA staff member immediately and appropriate action will be taken.

**SOCIAL MEDIA**-Conduct yourself online just as you would in any other public circumstances. Treat those you encounter online with fairness, honesty and respect, just as you would offline. If found badmouthing, using vulgar language or exhibiting a lack of respect to any teams in the league or our staff, you will be suspended indefinitely.

**WE HAVE A ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY; MEASURES WILL BE TAKEN IF SOA'S CODE OF CONDUCT IS BROKEN. ANYONE BREAKING THE CODE OF CONDUCT WILL BE ESCORTED OFF THE PREMISES AND WILL ONLY BE ALLOWED TO RETURN AT THE DISCRETION OF THE LEAGUE DIRECTOR.**



**Calendar of Events Winter 2019 Season:**

Jan 5/6<sup>th</sup> Pre Season Tourney

Jan 7<sup>th</sup>: 1<sup>st</sup> week of Winter Practices

Jan 12/13<sup>th</sup>: First weekend of games

Jan 19<sup>th</sup>: 2<sup>nd</sup> week of games

Jan 19<sup>th</sup>: 1<sup>st</sup> week of volleyball games

Jan 26<sup>th</sup>: 3<sup>rd</sup> week of games

Jan 26<sup>th</sup>: 2<sup>nd</sup> week of volleyball games

Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>: SOA Court-Side Experience SPURS @7:30 PM

Feb 4<sup>th</sup>: First day to submit report cards for scholar program

Feb 15<sup>th</sup>: Deadline for submitting report cards for scholar program

**NO GAMES SUPER BOWL WEEKEND**

Feb 9<sup>th</sup>: 4<sup>th</sup> week of games

Feb 9<sup>th</sup>: 3<sup>rd</sup> week of volleyball games

Feb 16<sup>th</sup>: 5<sup>th</sup> week of games

Feb 16<sup>th</sup>: 4<sup>th</sup> week of volleyball games

Feb 20<sup>th</sup>: Announcement of scholar program winners

Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup>: Recognition of scholar program winners at weekend games

Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>: 6<sup>th</sup> week of games

Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>: 5<sup>th</sup> week of volleyball games

March 1<sup>st</sup>: Coaches game @ The Court 7-9pm

March 2<sup>nd</sup>: 7<sup>th</sup> week of games

March 1<sup>st</sup>: 6<sup>th</sup> week of volleyball games

March 9/10<sup>th</sup>: Bball Playoffs

March 9<sup>th</sup>: 7<sup>th</sup> week of volleyball games

March 16<sup>th</sup>: Last week of volleyball games

March 18<sup>th</sup>: SOA Court-Side Experience: Spurs vs Golden State 7pm





# Volunteer Opportunities

## **Parent first, volunteer second.**

Volunteers are needed in a variety of areas within SOA.

Some of these needs include:

- Coaches (Must register online as a volunteer)
- Assistant Coaches (Must register online as a volunteer)
- Team Parent (Registration online not required)

\*Anyone age 17 and older can volunteer with SOA. Students who wish to volunteer must have approval from a parent/guardian. Students will receive documentation of volunteer hours for credit. Volunteering is NOT mandatory, but each team must provide a volunteer for the score table on game day.

# Parent's Code of Conduct

I hereby pledge to provide positive support, care, and encouragement for my child participating in SOA by following this Parents' Code of Conduct.

- I (and my guests) will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, and officials at every game, practice or other SOA event.
- I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or parent such as booing and taunting, refusing to shake hands, arguing calls or coaching decisions, or using profane language or gestures.
- I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my child ahead of my personal desire to win.
- I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participant for making a mistake of losing a competition.
- I will insist that my child play in a safe and healthy environment.
- I will require that my child's coach be trained in the responsibilities of being an SOA coach and that the coach upholds the Coach's Code of Conduct.
- I will support coaches and officials working with my child, in order to encourage a positive and enjoyable experience for all.
- I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco and alcohol and I will refrain from their use at all SOA events.
- I will remember that the game is for youth - NOT adults.
- I will do my very best to make youth sports fun for my child.
- I will ask my child to treat other players, coaches, fans and officials with respect regardless of race, sex, creed or ability, and expect the same in return.
- I will help my child enjoy the SOA experience by doing whatever I can, such as being a respectful fan, assisting with coaching, or providing transportation.

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I understand that I must abide by the above Code of Conduct. If I do not follow the SOA Parent's Code of Conduct, I will be subject to disciplinary action that could include, but is not limited to, the following: verbal warning by official, coach, or SOA director; ejection from game facilities; parental game suspension, game forfeit; or season suspension with no refund of fees.

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Player's Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Parent's Name

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Signature