



2008-2009 BASKETBALL SEASON

Information Packet

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PRACTICE LOCATIONS

We will have four practice locations this year. Each location will offer training for certain divisions and age groups. We are allowing the families to choose which facility they will train at, and from there we will group teams together.

- Age Groups: Pee Wee: 8-11; Juniors: 12-15; Seniors: 16-22; Masters: 23 and up
 - Team's Age Group is determined by the oldest person on the team
- Team Types: 3 on 3 (maximum of 6 players), 5 on 5 (maximum of 10 players)

SIGN IN TABLE

There will be a registration table set up at the entrance of the court. At the registration table the following will be conducted:

- Athlete sign-in for attendance purposes
- Notices for parents from basketball coaches
 - Parents and coaches will be **required** to stop at the table and get any updated newsletters for the basketball season. We will not track down parents or coaches to make sure they get this information. Also, if you miss a week you will be able to find previous notices at this table.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance is very important for basketball season because it is not just about the individual athlete it is about a team. Each team needs as much practice together as possible to make sure they are working together and can rely on the other teammates. If for some reason you can not attend a practice please notify your coach as soon as possible or let the person at the registration table know and they will make a note on the attendance sheet.

Also, attendance is very important in regards to advancing to competitions. Please let us know if you cannot attend competitions because that will affect the team. (The team roster at Area Games is permanent and cannot be changed)

COMPETITIONS

We are required to have four competition scrimmage games by Sectionals. This season we will try to attend two scrimmages in order to better prepare our athletes for competition. One competition will be in Flagler County and one in Brevard County. Transportation is provided to these events and details will come at a later date.

The next round of competitions will be played at Area Games and will be held in Orange County. Details will be given in a notice at the registration table as soon as we receive them. Teams who earn 1st place at Area Games will most likely advance to Sectionals. Sometimes if the Sectionals Tournament has space for more teams, other teams are selected to advance even if they didn't get first place. Seminole County has no say over who advances.

Sectionals will be held at Patrick Air Force Base again this year. Again, based on the scores from the games and the number of teams the state is allowing to go will determine if a team advances to Sectionals. It will take about two weeks to receive the results of who will be advancing. As soon as the state office releases the information we will get it to you.

State games will be held at various locations in Orange County. Based on the scores from sectionals and the number of teams the state office allows will advance to state. Again the details will be given as soon as we receive them.

Note: Advancing to Sectionals and State games are not a lottery like individual sports. Based on the scores the teams received in previous competition the state office will select specific teams to advance. At no time can we change out athletes or teams for these tournaments.

**Special Olympics Seminole County
2008-2009 Basketball Schedule**

Location:	Eastmonte Park, 830 Magnolia Drive, Altamonte Springs, FI 32701
Time:	11-1pm
Level:	3 on 3, Masters & Seniors

Location:	Westmonte Park, 624 Bills Lane, Altamonte Springs, FI 32714
Time:	11-1pm
Level:	3 on 3, Juniors & Pee Wees; Skills

Location:	Wirz Park, 806 Mark David Blvd., Casselberry, FI 32707
Time:	11-1pm
Level:	3 on 3, Masters & Seniors

Location:	Palm Springs First Baptist, 601 Palm Springs Dr, Altamonte Springs, FI 32701
Time:	9-11am in 2008; 11-1pm in 2009
Level:	5 on 5, Masters

Date	Event
Saturday, September 27, 2008	Parent Meeting & Drills
Saturday, October 04, 2008	NO PRACTICE - Swim States
Saturday, October 11, 2008	Practice
Saturday, October 18, 2008	Practice
Saturday, October 25, 2008	Practice
Saturday, November 01, 2008	Practice
Saturday, November 08, 2008	Practice
Saturday, November 15, 2008	Practice
Saturday, November 22, 2008	Flagler Tournament
Saturday, November 29, 2008	NO PRACTICE - Thanksgiving
Saturday, December 06, 2008	Brevard Tournament
Saturday, December 13, 2008	Practice
Saturday, December 20, 2008	Practice
Saturday, December 27, 2008	NO PRACTICE - Christmas
Saturday, January 03, 2009	Practice
Saturday, January 10, 2009	AREA GAMES
Saturday, January 17, 2009	Practice
Saturday, January 24, 2009	Practice
Saturday, January 31, 2009	Practice
Fri-Sat. February 6-7, 2008	Sectionals PAF
Saturday, February 14, 2009	Practice
Saturday, February 21, 2009	Practice
Saturday, February 28, 2009	Practice
Fri-Sat. March 6-7, 2008	State Games

Directions to Practice Locations

Directions to Westmonte Park

- 624 Bills Lane, Altamonte Springs, Fl 32714
- From I-4 East or West; Exit at Altamonte/436 and head towards the Apopka area. After you pass Montgomery, make a RIGHT turn onto Spring Oaks Blvd. (right next to Congo River & Chucky Cheese). Follow a downhill winding road and then turn LEFT into Westmonte Park.
- From Winter Springs/Casselberry; Follow SR-436 towards the Apopka area. You will cross over I-4 and after you pass Montgomery, make a RIGHT turn onto Spring Oaks Blvd. (right next to Congo River & Chucky Cheese). Follow a downhill winding road and then turn LEFT into Westmonte Park.

Directions to Eastmonte Park

- 830 Magnolia Drive, Altamonte Springs, Fl 32701
- From I-4 East or West; Exit at Altamonte/436 and head towards the Altamonte Mall or Casselberry Area. Follow down 436 and make a RIGHT onto Ronald Reagan Road/SR427. Make a RIGHT onto Magnolia Drive.
- From Longwood/Winter Springs/Oviedo; Take 434 to Ronald Reagan/SR-427. Follow Ronald Reagan/SR 427 towards the Altamonte/Casselberry Area and after crossing over SR-436 prepare to make a RIGHT onto Magnolia Drive.

Directions to Palm Springs Baptist Church

- 601 Palm Springs Drive, Altamonte Springs, Fl 32701
- From I-4 East or West; Exit at Altamonte/436 and head towards the Altamonte Mall or Casselberry Area. Follow down 436 and make a LEFT onto Palm Springs Drive right after the Altamonte Mall. The church is on Palm Springs Drive past Central Parkway and before Orange St on the RIGHT.
- From Longwood/Winter Springs/Oviedo; Take 434 to Palm Springs Dr and take a LEFT. Follow Palm Springs Dr towards the Altamonte Mall. The church is on Palm Springs Dr past Orange St and before Central Parkway on the LEFT..

Directions to Wirz Park in Casselberry

- 806 Mark David Blvd, Casselberry, Fl 32707
- From I-4 East or West; Exit at Altamonte/436 and head towards the Casselberry Area. Follow down 436 and make a LEFT onto Red Bug Lake Road. Make a LEFT onto Mark David Blvd (Summerset North Housing Community) which is about a quarter of a mile down Red Bug Lake Road once you turn. At the stop sign make a LEFT, which is still called Mark David Blvd. Follow Mark David Blvd for about half a mile and Wirz Park will be on your RIGHT.
- From Winter Springs/Oviedo; Take Red Bug Lake Road towards Casselberry/SR-436. Make a RIGHT onto Mark David Blvd (Summerset North Housing Community) which is about a quarter of a mile before SR-436. At the stop sign make a LEFT, which is still called Mark David Blvd. Follow Mark David Blvd for about half a mile and Wirz Park will be on your RIGHT.



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SPECIAL OLYMPICS SEMINOLE COUNTY

Athlete Contact Information

Athlete Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Practice Location

Eastmonte Park from 1-1pm,
Offered: 3 on 3 for Seniors & Masters

Westmonte Park from 11-1pm
Offered: Skills & 3 on 3 for Pee Wee & Juniors

Red Bug Lake from 11-1pm
Offered: 3 on 3 for Seniors & Masters

Palm Springs Baptist
9-11am (in 2008) and 11-1pm (in 2009)
Offered: 5 on 5 for Seniors & Masters

Competition Attendance

Area Games- Orange County

Saturday, January 10, 2009

Yes No Maybe

Sectionals - Patrick Air Force

Fri & Sat, February 6-7, 2009

Yes No Maybe

State Games - Orange County

Fri & Sat, March 6-7, 2009

Yes No Maybe

State Games Selection Process

Yes No Have you read and understand the state game selection process?

Medication Information -Please complete this section ONLY if your athletes medications have changed since their physical form was submitted to us.

Medication name	Amount taken	When/Frequency	Special Instructions
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

PLEASE ONLY COMPLETE THIS FORM IF YOU HAVENT DONE SO ALREADY



ATHLETE INFORMATION SHEET - OPTIONAL

THIS FORM WILL HELP COACHES BETTER SERVE YOUR ATHLETE'S SPECIFIC NEEDS BY UNDERSTANDING THEM BETTER.

Athlete Name:	<input type="text"/>	DOB: mm/dd/yyyy	<input type="text"/>
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Type of Disability?
(i.e. Autism, Down Syndrome, Developmental Delay). Please use description if necessary.

Is there any additional important health information?
(i.e. visual, physical or hearing impairment)

Are there any behavior tendencies we should be aware of?
(ie. Temper tantrums, anxiety issues, attention deficit problems, tends to run off)

Please indicate a behavior plan or suggestions on what works best for the athlete at home/school in regards to the behavioral issues.

Are there any non-behavior issues we should be aware of?
(i.e. Does not like loud noises, needs to be asked if they need to use the bathroom to avoid accidents)?

Please indicate any other useful information that may help us understand the athlete to better coach him/her.

STATE GAMES SELECTION REQUIREMENTS & PROCESS



ADVANCING TO COMPETITIONS

1. An athlete must attend County Games in order to advance to Area Games.
2. An athlete must attend Area Games and meet the Attendance Policy (see below) to be considered as an attendee for State Games.
3. If parents or guardians feel their athlete cannot handle the trip to State Games, they are to notify the coaches prior to Area Games.
4. Athletes who are training in multiple sports need to choose one sport to compete in per season. They are to notify the appropriate coaches of their decision prior to Area Games.

STATE GAMES SELECTION PROCESS

Special Olympics Florida gives each county a “quota” of how many athletes we can bring to State Games. So that we are prepared for the quota distribution from the State we need have an established list of those eligible to go.

1. Athletes who earned at least one first place finish at Area Games will be entered into a random blind drawing to determine if they will attend State Games.
2. The head coach will conduct the drawing at the practice immediately following Area Games in the presences of at least one other witness and/or anyone wishing to observe.
3. The head coach will record the order in which the names were drawn so that when we receive our quota from the State Office, we can select the corresponding amount of athletes to attend.
 - a. If an alternate is needed, the head coach will refer back to the order of names drawn and select the next athlete on the list.
 - b. If there are not enough first-place finishers to fill our quota, then a separate drawing will be conducted among the second-place finishers from Area Games and so on until the quota is met.
4. Ballots may be viewed prior to the drawing upon request.
 - a. Each athlete will receive only one ballot for the drawing, regardless of the amount of first-place finishes they received at Area Games.
5. Team Sports are excluded from this process. The State Office selects which teams advance based on their wins/losses and the quota available for the competition.

70% ATTENDANCE POLICY

1. To advance to State Games, an athlete must attend at least 70% of the established practices from the start of the official season up until Area Games. (Round to the nearest whole number. Ex: 0.4 round down, 0.5 round up)
 - a. If this requirement has not been met, the athlete cannot advance to State Games.
 - b. The following are examples of the required attendance prior to Area Games
 - i. 15 established official practices- must attend no less than 11 practices
 - ii. 14 established official practices- must attend no less than 10 practices
 - iii. 13 established official practices- must attend no less than 9 practices
2. All head coaches will establish the number of official practices prior to the beginning of the season and will distribute those dates to all participating athletes prior to the start of practice.

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EXCEPTIONS TO THE 70 % ATTENDANCE POLICY:

1. If the athlete is participating in another sanctioned Special Olympics competition or event.
2. If practice has been established and inclement weather causes the cancellation of the practice before it begins, then this will not be considered an official practice.
 - a. However if practice begins and then must be cancelled due to weather, it will satisfy the requirement for one official practice.
3. *No other exceptions will be made. Please use your few absences wisely by "saving" some absences for unexpected emergencies that might arise- such as death in the family or even sick days.*
4. For Team Sports, the 70% rule will apply with a coaches' vote for exceptions. If an athlete is not going to be able to attend 70% of the practices the coaches of that sport (if more than three) will vote on whether or not the athlete can participate. If there are not three coaches for that particular sport, the Head Coach, Training Coordinator and County Coordinator will vote.

STATE GAMES TRAVELING REQUIREMENTS

1. In order to be considered for attending and representing Seminole County at State Competition, athletes must be able to travel to the competition as part of the delegation and remain with the delegation at all times.
 - a. This means that each athlete must eat meals, participate in events, and stay at the designated hotel with the delegation at all times.
 - b. An athlete may leave with parents or guardians at the conclusion of the games, but this must be approved by the head coach or delegate prior to the competition.
 - c. Exceptions can be made on a case by case base for athletes with unique situations; however, the coach needs to be notified of this in advance.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

1. Under no circumstances will an athlete be able to train on his/her own and submit that as a legal or established practice.
 - a. All practices will be held and conducted in the presence of the designated head coach or designate.
2. In the case of Bowling, a minimum of 10 games must be completed prior to County Competition and official scores must be submitted to the head coach.
 - a. Practice is conducted at Altamonte Lanes on Monday afternoon; only those scores will count.
3. Certain sports will require teams to compete in competition, either in place of or in addition to County Games. This might require overnight stay depending on the location of the event.
 - a. It will be mandatory for all athletes participating in that sport to attend that event and travel with the team. (due to liabilities)
 - b. Only urgent excuses will be accepted (ex. Death in the family, hospitalization of the athlete, etc)
 - c. This is done to ensure that enough athletes will make the trip so that Seminole County will not be disqualified from further competition.