

## 2011-2012 BASKETBALL SEASON

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### BASKETBALL SEASON INFORMATION

Practice Location:	Practice Times:	Black Out Dates/Location:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Palm Springs Baptist Church Gymnasium</li> <li>• 601 Palm Springs Dr Altamonte Springs, Florida 32701</li> <li>• Indoor Facility</li> <li>• Saturdays</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shift A: 12:00-1:30pm <i>Masters &amp; Seniors Teams</i> <i>Head Coaches Joe, Tom, Mills</i></li> <li>• Shift B: 1:30pm-3:00pm <i>Masters Teams</i> <i>Head Coaches Amy, Angel, Kevin</i></li> <li>• Shift C: 2:30pm-3:30pm <i>Junior &amp; Peewee Teams &amp; Skills</i> <i>Head Coaches Sam and Tracy</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eastmonte Park</li> <li>• 830 Magnolia Drive Altamonte Springs, Fl</li> <li>• Outdoor Facility</li> <li>• <i>Please note the following practice dates will take place at Eastmonte Park: Oct 29, Nov 5</i></li> <li>• Dec 10- Location TBA</li> </ul>

### PRACTICE/COMPETITION DATES

Saturday, October 22, 2011	Practice
Saturday, October 29, 2011	Practice – <i>Black Out: Practice at Eastmonte Park</i>
Saturday, November 05, 2011	Practice – <i>Black Out: Practice at Eastmonte Park</i>
Saturday, November 12, 2011	Practice
Saturday, November 19, 2011	Practice
Saturday, November 26, 2011	<i>NO PRACTICE - Thanksgiving</i>
Saturday, December 03, 2011	Practice
Saturday, December 10, 2011	Practice – <i>Black Out Location TBA</i>
<b>Saturday, December 17, 2011</b>	<b>County Tournament (Seminole County) Details TBA</b>
Saturday, December 24, 2011	<i>NO PRACTICE – Christmas</i>
Saturday, December 31, 2011	<i>NO PRACTICE – New Years</i>
Saturday, January 07, 2012	Practice
<b>Saturday, January 14, 2012</b>	<b>Area Games (Orange County) Details TBA</b>
Saturday, January 21, 2012	Practice
Saturday, January 28, 2012	Practice
<b>Fri-Sat, Feb 3-4, 2012</b>	<b>State Games (Patrick Air Force Base) Details TBA</b>
<b>Saturday, February 11, 2012</b>	<b>End of Season Party- Details TBA</b>

### WEATHER CANCELATIONS:

**Call the SOSOC Hotline 1 hour before practice for cancelation information: 407-263-8043**

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## **BASKETBALL REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

### **Teams/Practices**

- We have 1 practice location this season with 3 different time slots.
  - Each time slot will offer training for certain divisions (skill levels) and age groups.
- Age Groups Include:
  - 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:
  - Skills (Individual and Team Skills)
  - 3 on 3 (maximum of 6 players)
  - 5 on 5 (maximum of 10 players)

### **Sign In Table**

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

- Athlete sign-in for attendance purposes
- Informational Notices distributed
  - Parents and coaches will be **required** to stop at the table before, during or after practice to get any updated notices for the basketball season.
  - We will not be able to track down parents or coaches to make sure they get this information – this is your responsibility.
  - Also, if you miss a week of practice, you will be able to find previous notices at this table.
  - We also encourage using a "Buddy System" with other parents on your athlete's team to relay/share information when practice is missed.

### **Attendance**

- Attendance is very important for basketball season because it is not just about the individual athlete it is about the **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 for the coach.
- 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's possibility for advancement.*** (The team roster at Area Games is permanent and cannot be changed)

### **Competitions**

- We are required to have four scrimmage games before State Games in February.
  - 2 of the 4 required games will be fulfilled while attending Area Games in January.
  - The other 2 will take place at County Games against other Seminole County Teams
- Area Games and will be held in Orange County in January and details will be given in a notice at the registration table as soon as we receive them.
- Teams who earn 1<sup>st</sup> place at Area Games will most likely advance to State Games in February.
- **Note:** Advancing to State Games is not a lottery process like individual sports. It is based on the scores teams receive at Area Games. The state office will select specific teams to advance based on availability. ***Remember, we cannot adjust the team roster after Area Games.***

### **Registration**

- Registration is now required for Special Olympics Seminole County Sports.
- Basketball has reached its maximum capacity, but a waiting list is available.