



FLORIDA CONFERENCE of SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

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Greetings Team Coaches and Chaplains:

The 2018-2019 Basketball Season is quickly approaching with a start date of Saturday, October 13, 2018 after sunset. For that purpose, the Florida Conference of Seventh-day Adventist Sports Council, has been preparing and planning in order to ensure that we have structured efforts and most of all good Christian fellowship.

Therefore, the following information is salient for the forming of teams, registration process, submission of documents (minor release forms signed and notarized and registration forms signed by your respective Pastor or Head Elder), and cost per team:

- **Registration:** Will be open with the following due dates:
 - **Early Registration:** August 6th through August 27th. \$230 per team with a minimum of 10 players, and \$23.00 per additional player with the maximum of 5 totaling 15 players per team.
 - **Normal Registration:** August 28th through September 9th. \$250 per team with a minimum of 10 players, and \$25.00 per additional player with the maximum of 5 totaling 15 players per team.
 - **Late Registration:** September 10th through September 20th. \$280 per team with a minimum of 10 players, and \$28.00 per additional player with the maximum of 5 totaling 15 players per team.
- **Cost per team:** The fee will cover administrative cost (sports ministry website maintenance, tournament, and advertisement).
- **Registration Forms:** Are accessible on line at the Florida Conference of SDA website under Youth Department – Sports Ministry. These documents will require the signature and approval of your respective church board and Pastor prior to submission. Likewise, parental signature on the Minors Release Form is required and the document must be notarized prior to submittal to the Assistant Director (Solinka McIntosh) who will review and submit to the conference office, as a complete packet.
- **List of Players:** Must be developed for each team/church when submitting the respective registration documentation. This list will be provided to the Risk Management Department – Ms. Rhonda Harper, during the initial process of team registration and when modifications of the team roster(s) have been completed. The last date for the team roster modification (addition, and deletion of players) will be Friday, January 18, 2019.
- **Photographs for Players, Coaches, Chaplain, and Staff Identification:** Will be required to be submitted with the registration forms for they will be uploaded unto the sports ministry website for mobile access by the coaches at the various games. The pictures will need to be clear headshots with the players, coaches, chaplain, and staff information such as their name. In addition, please ensure that the pictures are appropriate and not selfies with inappropriate backgrounds.

- **Game Regulations:** The 2018-2019 Florida High School Athletic Association Handbook will serve as the guide for the operations/game regulations. This document will be posted on the website and coaches will need to become familiar with the document.
- **Non-Adventist Players:** The maximum number of non-SDA players that will be allowed will be three (3) per team for the adult (men) teams; and four (4) the youth and varsity teams.
- **Chaplain Reports:** Must submit/upload onto the Sports website on the second Sunday each month, failure to do so will result in a loss for the team. Format of information to be submitted will be provided during the coach's conference call. All teams must conduct Bible studies and/or outreach activities during the season.
- **Game Reports:** Will be uploaded onto the Sports website immediately after the respective game or forfeit.
- **Verified Volunteers:** All coaches and staff that are assisting the respective teams with their operations in, particular with the Youth, Varsity and Adult divisions, must complete the Shield the Vulnerable or Verified Volunteers online course prior to the beginning of the season. Therefore, you will need to check with your respective church leader in charge of this area to complete the background check. **NO COACH OR STAFF MEMBER WILL BE ABLE TO WORK WITH THE TEAM/TEAMS IF THEY HAVE NOT COMPLETED THEIR BACKGROUND CHECK. NO EXCEPTIONS!!!!!!**

We hope that the above-mentioned information will assist you with the preparations for the upcoming season, and aide us with the timely development and distribution of the game schedules.

Lastly, we thank you for your past support and we request that you to follow the instructions provided. Remember the purpose of the league is to provide a safe Christian environment for the youth of the church and the community that promotes healthy living. Upon receipt of this letter please sign and email your response indicating that you have obtained and understood the rules that have been set forth for this season.

If you should have further questions, please email us floridasports2012@yahoo.com. You will also receive more information in the incoming weeks.

God Bless,

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