



**WE ARE W.A.R. ATHLETICS**

# **Introduction and Summary**

2024 TOURNAMENT SEASON

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# WAR 2024



- Introduction
- Coaching Staff
- Philosophy
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- Introduction
  - Mission Statement
    - Our constant focus is on teaching fundamental basketball, developing discipline, and increasing conditioning and growth within each player. The overall goal is not to JUST help the boys and girls become better athletes, but to help them become successful young men and women.
  - History of WAR Athletics and Community Involvement
    - Active for over 25+ years and a constant staple in the community
    - Emphasis has been on developing youth from the local Galveston County and south Houston communities
    - Instrumental in youth getting scholarships and acceptance to college
    - Donation of proceeds from annual Hoops Against Drunk Driving Tournament and Toys for Tots Tournament and Toy Drive to Toys for Tots and St. Jude Research Hospital
    - Provide food and / or monetary donations to families in need throughout the local area
    - Athlete volunteering at local church food banks

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- Coaching Staff
  - Coach Mike - Head Coach/President (MS / HS girls)
  - Coach Jacoree (HS boys)
  - Coach Gerald (HS boys)
  - Coach Rob (HS boys / player development)
  - Coach Ralph (HS girls)
  - Coach Tavares (MS girls)
  - Coach Terrell (MS girls)
  - Coach Lee (MS Boys / HS boys)
  - Coach Daniel (MS Boys)
  - Coach Donald (MS Boys)

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- Philosophy
  - #1 - Have fun!!!
  - Gain new friendships and support your teammates
  - Family supported
  - Desire for players to learn fundamentals w/ focus on basic skills and proper technique to aid in further pursuit further in their lives
  - As always - continue player progression and maturity
    - Further increase basketball skills and situational knowledge for ALL participants
    - Further increase athleticism and speed through various drills and repetition
    - Defense
      - Quick and High Pressure
      - Communication on the court
      - Minimize mental errors and quick recovery if it happens
    - Offense
      - Quick, Consistency, and Discipline
      - Same as offense, Minimize mental errors and quick recovery if it happens

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- Goals and Expectations

- Always show good Sportsmanship ON and OFF the court
  - Will be asking about grades!
- Play your hardest and . . . . Have fun!!!
- Trust and respect the coaches and the process
  - Please remember that we are volunteers!
  - Please allow coaches to work conflicts with referees
- Parents behave in the stands . . . . Please
  - Desire only is to coach the kids and not to manage adults
  - Abide by a code of conduct / zero tolerance policy
- Consistent and timely communication
- Be at the gym on time for practice and games
  - Please arrive no later than 30 minutes prior to games for proper warm up
  - Poor attendance makes game planning difficult and habitual tardiness may result in impact on playing time
- Game and practice help
  - Would love help during practices to help facilitate an efficient and constructive practice

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- Cost and Volunteer Support

- Total cost for players will be \$800, including
  - The \$150 game uniform cost.
  - Team tournament participation for at least 10 tournaments
  - Half of gyms
- Installments (if desired)
  - The first payment is due at the first practice in the amount of \$250. This first payment covers the cost of the uniform and March payment.
    - *By April 1st - \$150*
    - *By May 1st - \$150*
    - *By June 1st - \$125*
    - *By July 1st \$125 (final payment)*
- Any additional tournament fees will be split amongst the team and collected two weeks prior to tournament.
- Volunteering
  - Team moms and dads
  - Hosted Tournaments (concession, scoring table, prep)
  - Fundraisers

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## • Schedule

- Tournaments
  - Mostly local
  - 2 short travel
  - 1 far travel (age specific)
  - 2 hosted
- Practice
  - Still in work
  - Highly dependent on number of kids that sign up and desire to prevent conflicts with school activities
  - Primarily at Pine Drive but second gym planned to be added

2024 Activity / Tournament Schedule (Subject to Change)			
March 2024			
Sponsor Name	Dates	Location	Tournament / Activity Name
WAR	Feb 3	Dickinson	Fundraiser Event during Tryout
Mo City Ballers	March 2-3	Stafford HS Dulles MS	Mo City Ballers Spring Tip Off
Excel Tournaments	March 16-17	Austin / Round Rock	Spring Break Invitational <i>(girls only)</i>
Houston Lady Roadrunners	March 23-24	Houston, TX	Shooting 4 Da Cure <i>(girls only)</i>
K.O.B.E.	March 23-24	Houston, TX	King of the Land <i>(boys only)</i>
April 2024			
Sponsor Name	Dates	Location	Tournament / Activity Name
WAR*	April 6-7	Dickinson, TX	Hoops Against Drunk Driving*
Bigfoot	April 19-21	Houston, TX	H-Town Classic <i>(High School Boys only)</i>
Bigfoot	April 26-28	Houston, TX	Kingwood Classic <i>(High School Boys only)</i>
May 2024			
Sponsor Name	Dates	Location	Tournament / Activity Name
HSA	May 4-5	Friendswood	Metro Classic <i>(all Girls only)</i>
Team Texas Explosion	May 4-5	Fort Bend	Fort Bend Classic <i>(all Boys only)</i>
OTCYBC	May 25-26	West Columbia, TX	Buddy Ward Invitational
June 2024			
Sponsor Name	Dates	Location	Tournament / Activity Name
TBD	June 9	TBD	TBD (Placeholder)
HSA / Gulf Coast Legacy	June 22-23	League City, TX	Gulf Coast Classic <i>(girls only)</i>
WAR*	June 29-30	Galveston County	Summer Heat*
July / August 2024			
Sponsor Name	Dates	Location	Tournament / Activity Name
RAP	July 12-14	Lake Charles, LA	Bayou Ball'n Championship!
Jam On It	July 19-21	Las Vegas, NV	Las Vegas Showtime <i>(MS Girls, High School Boys only)</i>
OTCYBC	August 2-4	San Antonio, TX	Lone Star National Championship

All divisions will be playing in each tournament unless specifically called out.  
 \* Hosted W.A.R. Tournaments are not included in the cost of tournament fees  
 \* As defined in the contract, parents are asked for donations and to volunteer

# Preliminary

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- Communication

- Please, please, please communicate
  - Phone, email, team page, etc.
  - Any updates will be communicated as soon as possible
- Addressing issues
  - Please pull a coach to the side if urgent or can't wait
  - Do not discuss in front of the kids
- Suggestions and concerns are always welcomed
  - Please remember, does not guarantee the result desired
- Team page
  - <https://www.war-athletics.org>
- GameChanger webpage and app
  - Communicate schedule and calendar
  - Instant messaging
  - Follow games real time
  - Provide RSVP's for games and practice



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## Girls Uniforms



## Boys Uniforms



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- Important Documents and Links
  - [2024 Contract and WAR Accident Waiver Form](#)
  - [Player Profile Form](#)
  - [Gym Accident Waiver Form](#)