



# Overview

## **Our Program**

The Sacramento Warlords Basketball Program was established in 1993 to provide an opportunity for more Sacramento area youth of Asian decent to participate in competitive tournament play. Currently, we support boys and girls teams from grades 7-12. Our program is primarily funded by community support via organizational fundraisers, such as our annual crab feed in January and our invitational tournament in May. Teams are encouraged to augment this support by performing team fundraisers.

## **The Cost**

There is a registration fee of \$150 per player, per season (our program's fiscal year is from August 1 through July 31). Registration covers entry fees for four tournaments (our own and three other tournaments), gym usage, and other related program activity expenses. Additional tournaments and team activities must be funded by the team, either out-of-pocket or by team fundraising. (The average tournament entry fee in the 2008-2009 season was \$375 per team.) In addition to registration, each player is responsible for the purchase of his or her own uniforms. We require that each player have a white (home) set and a black (away) set; Uniform sets (jersey and shorts) cost \$75 each.

## **Commitments & Responsibilities**

As members of the Sacramento Warlords Basketball Program, players and parents are expected to participate in our organizational fundraisers. For the annual crab feed, each team is assigned to a specific task based on the age/grade level of the

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team. These tasks include dining room set-up, dishwashing, raffle ticket sales, serving, etc. For the invitational tournament, each team is the host of their own division. Additionally, parents are required to help with other events associated with the tournament, such as the tournament social and dance.

## **Community**

The sports experience may be the primary reason for players to join any competitive basketball organization, but we believe that players should also be made aware of the importance of community involvement and the spirit of volunteerism. Though it is not required, our teams are encouraged to participate in community related events. Warlord teams have lended support to causes such as the Police and Fireman Widows Fund, Hurricane Katrina Relief, and Haiti Earthquake Relief. Additionally, Warlords participate in annual events benefiting community groups such as the Sacramento Zoo Foundation and My Sister's House.

## **Scholarships**

Education is the most important skill in life. We want to acknowledge the academic achievements of our players and encourage them to seek higher education in their future. In 2002, the Sacramento Warlords Scholarship Fund was established with the money raised from the silent auction held during our annual crab feed. In partnership with Ronald McDonald House Charities, we currently offer \$1,000 scholarships annually to two of our high school seniors and two of our program's alumni. We look forward to increasing the number of scholarships as the fund continues to grow.

## **Tryouts**

The formation of new Sacramento Warlords teams requires open tryouts. This process provides equal opportunity to all interested players of Asian descent in the Sacramento area who are interested in joining our program. The date and time of tryouts are usually communicated by flyer posting, contact to NCCL program commissioners, website announcement, word of mouth and e-mail. During tryouts, each player is assigned a number, evaluated by the coaching staff and other Warlords personnel, and scored based on basketball skills, ability to follow instructions, and sportsmanship. Players with the highest evaluation are invited to join the team.

**For more information about our program, please visit:**

<http://sacramentowarlords.org>