***Warriors Sports Management***

***presents***

***Elite & Elite Lady Warriors***

***Travel AAU League***

**WELCOME PACKET**

Spring/Summer 2024

Dear ELW & EW Parent (and Player),

We are proud to welcome you, your daughter, son, and your family to the **ELW & EW Family** during her 2024 Spring/Summer basketball season from March 2024 to July 2024.

# ABOUT US

Warriors Sports Management is a travel AAU organization dedicated to the development of student athletes under the age of 19 for National and International basketball competitions through a rigorous athletic training program. The student athletes in our organization receive the highest quality training, which allows them to compete at a premier level.

ELW/EW players receive a commitment from the organization to provide an environment in which the athlete learns tools for the use on the basketball court. In addition, tools that help them with life experiences. The level of love and support amongst the staff, players, parents, and NCAA CERTIFIED coaches creates a great learning environment for the girls, boys, families, and staff.

We encourage all our student-athletes to take the first step by chasing their dreams with hard work and dedication as we equip them for the journey. Our goal is to produce fundamental sound athletes that play hard all the time, as we assist and serve as the main platform for recruiting some of the top prospects in the country.

In order to assist your players’ goals, we need YOU, PARENTS, to commit to transporting your players to the scheduled tournaments. We know that things come up and YOU may not be able to attend all the tournaments. It is YOUR responsibility to make arrangements with another parent to provide hotel, food and travel expenses.

# ELW & EW PROGRAM LEVELS: Exposure & Future Phenoms

# With the Future Phenoms Level of Play, teams (typically player Grades 4th-12th) play and compete in tournaments, which allow them to develop beyond the competitiveness of the game while learning more about the IQ of basketball.

# ELW & EW MANDATORY PLAYER FEES & PARENT TRAVEL PARTICIPATION

The MANDATORY Registration/Team **fees** to participate:

ALL TEAMS have a registration fee of $500.00 for new members and $400.00 for returning members*. Each player will pay a tournament fee of $25 per tournament to help cover the following expenses below.*

The fee will include the following:

# Spring & Summer 2024 Registration Fees

* ELW & EW Club Registration Fee (Administrative)
* Travel Insurance (in gym and at tournament sites)
* 2 sets of Uniforms (includes home/away uniforms) ***ONLY NEW MEMBERS***
* ELW & EW Shooting Shirt ***ONLY NEW MEMBERS***
* *Player Backpack* ***ONLY NEW MEMBERS***
* Website maintenance subscription
* Car Insurance for 1 Van (used for emergency pick up and drop off services for practices, etc.)

WARRIORS ELITE SUBSCRIPTION PACKAGE $50/MONTH (season only)

-this is not included with scheduled practices

* 2 per week Developmental Training Sessions with Coach Foster
* 1-1hr Advanced Training Session which includes Vertimax Speed Agility Training by a Former WNBA and 20yr International Veteran Coach Kenya
* 2- 30 mins Blossom Life Coach consultations with Ms. Andrea Willingham, a 15yr Admissions College Educator for clearinghouse requirements, ACT/SAT advisor.

PERSONAL PLAYER DEVELOPMENT TRAINING with Coach Kenya

* 1 HR session $25 per player (season only)

WARRIORS SHUTTLE VAN $5 per person

* drop-off and pick-up services are available!
* Location and times TBD

FEES Due Dates:

**Payments 2 – MARCH 2**

(full balance due!)

**Payments 1 FEB 2**

**(**partial or full)

**Forms of Payment:**

All money orders/checks should be made payable to Elite Lady Warriors or Elite Warriors.

**Cashapp**: $EliteWarriorsBoys or $EliteLadyWarriors

**Venmo**: @Elitewarriors or @EliteLadyWarriors

**Zelle**: 478-569-1087 for Elite Warriors and 706-962-3801 Elite Lady Warriors

For each payment made, a receipt will be given, and the payment will be deposited immediately into the team account.

**Non- Refund Policy:** We understand that injuries are a known factor and complication when playing sports. There will be no refunds for any reason once a player has played their first game. Also, to be fair no child will participate in any games until all fees are paid.

**Please note**: During the season, we will have 3 Mandatory ORGANIZATION Fundraisers.

Fundraiser money will be used for additional teambuilding (Travel, Tournaments, end of season Banquet, Coaches & Staff and to purchase additional accessories such as Team Gear, Coaches Shirts, etc.).

**Please note:** Hotel expenses are NOT included in the player fees. Please use the ***Dollar Sheet*** to continuously raise money for your ELW & EW player travel expenses.

**Please note: 1-5 MANDATORY TEAM FUNDRAISERS** will be determined by the Organization & Development team ONLY according to the team travel budget for additional players’ snacks, food, drinks, and entertainment during tournaments.

# ELW & EW – FAQs

# Question 1: What is EXPOSURE and AAU? Exposure is the top competitive basketball tournament played in front of NCAA college coaches. Players and Parents are evaluated at all times. Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) is a multi-sport organization, the AAU is dedicated exclusively to the promotion and development of amateur sports and physical fitness programs. YBOA is dedicated to educate and motivate each member while encouraging teamwork, sportsmanship and fun through the spirit of basketball.

**Question 2: What is the expected commitment of this type of basketball program?** The commitment can be a big one, but also one that can bring many rewards for your daughters and sons. This is not "recreational" or “church” ball. The commitment also varies from team to team as some teams play more competitive schedules than others. If your daughter or son plays on a high-level team a high level of commitment is required. The commitment also involves a commitment from the parents regarding time and funding. Time because parents must be committed to getting their daughters and sons to practices and games, and funding because the ELW & EW is an all-volunteer organization and teams must be supported financially to compete. Practices could be around the corner or an hour’s drive because much depends on availability facilities. Games/Tournaments are usually on the weekends. It is expected that a player will attend all the games and practices. The key always is to communicate with your daughter's or son’s coaches about hers or his organization dedicated to the development of student athletes under the age of 19 for National and International basketball competition through a rigorous athletic training program. The student athletes in our organization receive the highest quality training, which allows them to compete at a premier level.

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We encourage all our student-athletes to take the first step by chasing their dreams with hard work and dedication as we equip them for the journey. Our goal is to produce fundamental sound athletes that play hard all the time, as we assist and serve as the main platform for recruiting some of the top prospects in the country.

**Question 3: What about playing time?** The amount of playing time a player receives will be based on their skill set, determination to work hard, the opponents, attendance at practice, fundraisers, and each Coach’s philosophy. There is no guarantee that everyone will play equally but we try to get each player into each game, but it’s also determined by the players’ skill level during the game.

**Question 4: How many players are usually on each team?** Team rosters are left to the discrétion of each individual coach within the guidelines of the program. Most teams will have 10-12 players.

**Question 5: Are teams organized by age group and how are ages determined and can my daughter or son play ‘up’?** Teams are primarily determined by SKILL level, rather than grade & age. ELW & EW encourages younger players to develop themselves so they can play up at the next grade level. For competitiveness, the whole team may choose to play up to the next level in Tournaments. This increased level of competition helps in preparation for the State and National Tournaments.

**Question 6: What grade levels does ELW & EW have teams?** ELW & EW has teams in grade levels from grades 4th – 12th typically play on a National Exposure Basketball Tournament Circuit throughout the United States.

**Question 7: What is the role of a parent within the ELW & EW organization?** A parent will be expected to be encouraging to their athlete, encouraging to their daughter’s or son’s coach, non-confrontational to referees, and to work as a team with the other parents. It takes a lot of cooperation and goodwill to have a team run smoothly. There is a Code of Conduct for Parents and Players to sign to ensure proper behavior.

**Question 8: Who are the ELW & EW coaches?** All Volunteer Coaches can teach basketball at a highly competitive level and have the temperament to deal with referees, other coaches, parents, and players. All our coaches have significant coaching experience and are masters in player development. All our Coaches go through an extensive background check because we are committed to our organization and invested in the well-being of our youth.

# PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT

**Player Name**

All Players should: Initial & Sign

1. Demonstrate a primary commitment to basketball during the AAU, YBOA, and Exposure Basketball season. \_\_\_\_\_\_
2. Attending and enthusiastically participate in all practices. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. Understand and accept their role on the team and be prepared to contribute when called upon. \_\_\_\_\_\_
4. Understand that playing time is determined by the Coaches based on a variety of factors and they should therefore not take it personally. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_
5. Be unselfish in their actions on and off the court by doing what is best for the team and organization. \_\_\_\_\_
6. Demonstrate a positive attitude and always support the team. \_\_\_\_\_\_
7. Demonstrate a desire to continuously improve their skill level. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
8. Respect and obey their parents, teachers, and Coaches always.
9. However, during the game, they must only take direction from the Coach and not be influenced by others. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
10. Strive for excellence in everything they do on and off the court including academics. \_\_\_\_\_
11. MANDATORY to participate in practices, fundraisers, team meetings, GroupMe or Zoom call meetings. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
12. If you fail to adhere to any of the policies above will result in immediate dismissal.

Player Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

# PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

All ELW/EW Parents should: Initial & sign

1. Encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, and officials at every game, practice, or other youth sports event. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. Support coaches and officials working with my child, to encourage a positive and enjoyable experience for all. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. Remember that the game is for the **YOUTH - NOT ADULTS**. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
4. Will ask my child to treat other players, coaches, fans, and officials with respect regardless of race, sex, creed, or ability. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
5. Help my child enjoy the youth sports experience by doing whatever I can, such as being a respectful fan, assisting with coaching, or providing transportation and by participating in scheduled organization events. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
6. Will not be negative towards other players, parents, and coaches etc. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
7. Promise to make a commitment to volunteer and assist my system when asked, making time whenever I can. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
8. Refrain from contacting the Coach with any frustrations before, during or after tournament games. \_\_\_\_\_\_
9. I will not post negative or derogatory remarks about a coach, parent, or player in the group chats or any social media outlets. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
10. MANDATORY to participate in practices, travel tournaments, fundraisers, team meetings, GroupMe or Zoom call meetings. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**ELW/EW 2024** (Please complete and submit this form to **LaShawna Foster)**

**or email to lashawnafoster71@gmail.com**

# PLAYER & PARENT AGREEMENT

*I hereby grant the ELW/EW permission to use my likeness in a photograph, video, or other digital media (“photo”) in all its publications, including web-based & social media publications.*

*As the parent and/or legal guardian for the player, I have read the entire Welcome Packet; agree to pay the registration fees and support the ELW & EW program as outlined in this agreement.*

Parent Printed Name

Phone

Parent Signature

Date

Player Printed Name

DOB

Player Signature

Date

# QUICK CONTACT INFO:

Player Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Phone:

School: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Grade: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

DOB:

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Cell: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

# *We look forward to a wonderful 2024 with you & your family! Thank you!*