

SDAPA Junior Academy 2021 Fall Mid-Session Update

Here is a summary of the announcements from the Jr Academy on Saturday, 11/13/2021... I introduced myself as the new League Operator of San Diego APA, previously operating the South Orange County APA for fifteen years. I have a 13-year-old daughter who helped me launch the Junior program in South OC, and although she is not currently playing pool, she will be helping with the SD program in the future. We have followed the initial structure of the SD Jr program, and follow the same mission that develops our student's fundamentals, strategic game, and character, in a family-friendly environment.

For **communications**, this message will be published (click blue underlined links for access) on our [website](#), in our [SDAPA Jr Academy Facebook group](#), on our [APA League app](#), and emailed to parents. We may be looking for a consolidated platform that can be used by all that will ensure parents receive important notifications in a timely manner.

Regarding the Jr Academy **schedule** for the remaining 2021-22 league year, we did have to shift the Fall Session schedule by one week due to a rare unforeseen venue closure, so this is the remaining schedule for the Fall session (Saturdays at Pockets, doors open at 1pm, instruction at 1:30pm, game on at 2pm):

Nov 20: Week 6	Dec 18: Week 9
Nov 27: NO LEAGUE – Thanksgiving	Dec 25 & Jan 1: Holidays – NO LEAGUE
Dec 4: Week 7	Jan 8: Week 10
Dec 11: Week 8	Jan 15: Jr Academy Fall Awards Ceremony

We hope that all families will be able to join us for the end of session Awards Ceremonies, which include our fun-filled fundraising tournaments...more information will be published as we plan these exciting events with the Jr Academy Booster Club! Planning ahead, we will be starting the Jr Academy **Spring Session** the week after the Fall Awards Ceremony, and have the following dates planned:

Jan 22: Spring Start/Orientation - Week 1	Mar 19: Spring Week 7 (tentative)
Jan 29: Spring Week 2	Mar 26: NO LEAGUE – SWC Vegas (tentative)
Feb 5-6: NO LEAGUE – Fall BLAST	Apr 2: Spring Week 8 (tentative)
Feb 12: Spring Week 3	Apr 9: Spring Week 9 (tentative)
Feb 19: Spring Week 4	Apr 16: Spring Week 10 (tentative)
Feb 26: Spring Week 5	Apr 23: Jr Academy Spring Awards Ceremony
Mar 5-6: NO LEAGUE – Singles Regional	Apr 30: NO LEAGUE – PPC Vegas
Mar 12: Spring Week 6	May 7: SDAPA Junior City Championships

The **SDAPA Junior City Championships** is the year-end tournament where players compete individually based on their skill levels, and winners advance to the *2022 APA Junior National Championship!* (July 7-10 in St. Louis). Players must have 10 lifetime matches (in the APA 9-Ball format) and 4 Spring session matches to be eligible to play.

Regarding **Team Captains**, rather than team members selecting a captain, we will rotate this position with each junior player so that everyone will have the opportunity to lead the team with responsibilities that include: attendance, posting player match-ups, and completing scoresheets properly (remember to enter total innings for each match and mark 9-on-the-breaks or 9-break-and-runs to get patches at the award ceremony).

T-shirts are here! If you have not gotten your shirt, please see Ann, our Booster Club Treasurer.

Finally, we want to make sure your child/ren get the most out of the SDAPA Junior Academy, so if you have any questions or concerns regarding the program, please feel free to call the SDAPA League Office at (619) 303-0183, or email me directly at LGazmen@apaleagues.com.

Thanks for participating!

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