

## Alodia All-Star Game Overview

(emailed to participants)

Congratulations on your selection to the Alodia All-Star game!

We look forward to a fun competitive game to end this league on a high note. In order to accomplish our goal of a fun competitive game, *we need your help*!

The NBA, colleges, and high schools have struggled to provide a competitive All-Star game. Likewise, we have had those struggles at times.

We offer this program to be a great reward for the players and provide them with a fun environment to build camaraderie with their fellow top players in the league and provide a great experience to wrap up the season.

We ask that you please help support the below points of emphasis that our Alodia supervisors will be highlighting on game day. We need a competitive game for this to be a fun and fulfilling experience for everyone.

## Points of Emphasis:

- **Extreme Shots:** Kids should not be shooting extreme shots they would not be shooting in normal games (for example: half court shots, blatantly contested 3s, no look shots). The All-Star games are not the time for trying new skills and experimentation since this often makes the defense think it is ok to not try.
- **Defense:** Players should be instructed and expected to play defense as if they are in a game that affects their standings. If they are not held to this standard, it lessens the integrity of the game and makes for a lackadaisical feel that the offense will follow.
- **Overall energy/effort:** If players are not giving good effort and trying to compete, we will have to pause the game and allow for our Alodia supervisor to step in and remind everyone of these points of emphasis. If effort is low, it feels like a long game and not productive for the players.
- **THE WHY:** Why are we highlighting the above? We believe if these expectations are followed, then the game will be fun for most everyone (players, coaches, spectators, etc.). We want to reward players and provide amazing camaraderie for them and their peers who earned this!

We appreciate your understanding and help! If we all work together and keep the game accountable to these points of emphasis, we truly believe that this will create an amazing Alodia experience for everyone...especially the players.