Austin Comets Athletics (At-A-Glance)



Austin Comets Athletics ™ is the subsidiary flagship program of <u>The Metro Mentorship Initiative</u>, a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit public charity. Board members of The Metro Mentorship Initiative (EIN 27-4083907) developed this fraternity in the winter of the 2011 year and is funded directly from program fees and various fundraising campaigns.

Mission: Austin Comets Athletics ™ is an all male urban sports fraternity that provides mentorship for youth to develop their skills, health and moral character for the welfare or well-being of the general public.

Motto: "As Iron Sharpens Iron so One person Sharpen Another."

Mascot: Comets **Team Colors:** Black, Grey and White

Current Conference or Affiliation: We're a proud member of the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) since 2012, which participates in AAU Central District, Super Regionals and National Championship tournaments. We also adhere to the National Federation of State High School Association (NFHS) rules for training and competition.

2017-2018 Overview: Austin Comets Athletics ™ participates in regional youth sports for three sessions through the calendar year which includes Out-of-School Spring (April 1st – May 30th), Full-Day Summer (June 1st – July 31st) and Out-of-School Fall (August 1st –October 31st). We anticipate a full roster of youth for our 8U-13U (3rd –8th grade) competitive and recreational teams. The roster expands to 5U-7U (K-2nd) for both boys and girls in the Summer. (Min. numbers: 24 kids and 6 coaches/support staff | Max. 200 kids and 20 coaches).

Game Schedule and Practice times: Coaches schedule practices 2-3 times a week in the evenings and tournaments are usually scheduled all day on the weekends. Full Day Summer hours will vary.

Target Population: African-American and Hispanic Males ages 5-13 who're students in elementary/grammar school. They also live in a single parent family home with a family size of 5+. Family income level is under \$30,000 a year. Parents are between the ages of 30-45 years of age, either divorced or single professionals, mom being the primary producer with a socio-economic status of being middle to lower class. Education attained is completion of high school with some college experience.

Sports Offered: Basketball, *Baseballe *Football and *Tennis

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Basic Program Fee (Membership Dues): \$25 a month or a flat fee of \$300