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## Sharks To Open Training Camp This Weekend

*First practice set for March 2; most workouts open to the public*

**JACKSONVILLE** - The 2012 South Division Champion Jacksonville Sharks announced Tuesday that the team will begin its 2013 training camp this coming weekend, three weeks before the team's regular-season opener on March 23 at Tampa Bay.

The 2013 Sharks will gather for a day of team meetings and physicals on Friday, March 1 before hitting the field for the first practice of the season on Saturday, March 2. The team will practice in full pads for the first time on Monday, March 4.

After two weeks of practice, the Sharks will test themselves in a preseason scrimmage against the Orlando Predators, to be held at 8:00 p.m. on Friday, March 15 on Sea Best Field at the Jacksonville Veterans Memorial Arena. This preseason contest will serve as a great chance for the Sharks' coaching staff to evaluate their squad's roster before final roster decisions must be made.

Following the conclusion of the preseason game, the team will turn its attention to the Tampa Bay Storm in preparation for the teams' Week 1 matchup in Tampa on Saturday, March 23.

Most training camp practices will be held at Plantation Park, located at 3060 Race Track Road in St. Johns. Beginning on March 4, practices will typically take place from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. All practices held at Plantation Park will be open to the public. The teams' practices on March 2 and 3 will be held at The Bolles School and will be **closed** to the public.

While the Sharks will make every effort to adhere to the released practice schedule, practice times and locations are subject to change due to weather and other circumstances.

Sharks players and coaches will be available to members of the media following the conclusion of each practice. As a courtesy, media members who plan to attend practice are asked to notify the Sharks in advance by contacting Director of Media Relations Zander Kean at [zander@jaxsharks.com](mailto:zander@jaxsharks.com).

Please see below for a comprehensive list of key dates leading up to the start of the 2013 season.

March 1: Team Meetings and Physicals

March 2-3: Practice (**CLOSED** to the public)

March 4-9: Practice, 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

March 10: Off day

March 11-14: Practice, 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

March 15: Preseason scrimmage vs. Orlando, 8:00 p.m.

March 16-17: Off days

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March 18-21: Practice, time and location TBA

March 22: Travel to Tampa, FL

March 23: Jacksonville Sharks at Tampa Bay Storm, 7:30 p.m.

### **About the Jacksonville Sharks**

The Jacksonville Sharks are members of the Arena Football League (AFL). The ArenaBowl XXIV and back-to-back-to-back South Division Champions are presented by Sea Best Seafood and play all home games on Sea Best Field at the Jacksonville Veterans Memorial Arena. Season Tickets for the 2013 season are now available, two tickets as low as \$185. To reserve your season tickets or for more information, please call (904) 621-0700. Follow the Sharks on facebook at [facebook.com/jaxsharks](https://www.facebook.com/jaxsharks) and on Twitter @jaxsharks, as well as the Attack Dance Team at [facebook.com/sharkattackdance](https://www.facebook.com/sharkattackdance) and Chum at [facebook.com/chumsharks](https://www.facebook.com/chumsharks).

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