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## Oakland Athletics Unveils 2010 Schedule

Team Also Announces Season Ticket Pricing will be Reduced an Average of 10% Next Year

**OAKLAND, Calif.** –The Oakland Athletics announced their 2010 schedule today, highlighted by six home games each against perennial AL East powerhouses, the New York Yankees and Boston Red Sox, and three games vs. their interleague cross-bay rival San Francisco Giants at the Oakland-Alameda County Coliseum.

The A's, who also announced 2010 season ticket pricing will be reduced an average of 10 percent, will christen the new campaign with a four-game home series against perennial All-Star Ichiro Suzuki and the Seattle Mariners Monday through Thursday, April 5-8. Opening Night at the Coliseum April 5 will start at 7:05 p.m., preceded by the traditional pre-game festivities.

2010 marks the third straight year that A's season ticket pricing has not increased, and in some cases, has decreased. Additional season ticket information for 2010 is now available at www.oaklandathletics.com/2010.

Unlike this season when its April schedule was heavily weighted on the road, Oakland will launch the 2010 campaign by playing 14 of its first 20 games at home. Twenty of the A's first 32 contests will also be staged at the Oakland-Alameda County Coliseum, including early Bay Area appearances by the Yankees (April 20-22) and the 2008 American League champion Tampa Bay Rays (May 7-9).

Beyond 10 percent savings in season ticket pricing, the A's will offer season packages designed to maximize flexibility and value. For as little as \$198 per seat, fans can select 22 of the top games for 2010. Also new for next season, the A's will offer "Free Parking Tuesdays," allowing fans to park for free during all non-premium Tuesday night games during the regular season home schedule.

"We recognize that the economic environment continues to be difficult," said Jim Leahey, the A's vice president of sales and marketing. "Given that reality, we will continue to do everything we can to make our product as affordable as possible. As our exciting young group of players develops into a contending team, we want to reward fans who make the commitment to be a part of that growth. Our 10% season ticket price decrease is another example of our efforts to make A's baseball accessible, affordable, and value-driven. That value will be even more meaningful to fans given the attractive schedule in 2010."

Leahey also said the team will continue many of this season's successful promotions, including *BART Double Play Wednesday* (\$2 tickets and \$1 hot dogs for regular season Wednesday home games), and the *University of Phoenix* "Friday Family Pack" offering which includes four tickets and four meals for only \$50 for each Friday game.

As in past years, Oakland's schedule will be comprised of an unbalanced format that includes:

- Nineteen games against every American League West opponent.
- Nine or 10 games vs. all other American League teams outside of its division (except for Toronto with seven games and Detroit, which the A's face only six times in 2010).

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#### A's Announce 2010 Schedule

• Eighteen interleague games, including the traditional six-game Bay Bridge Series (May 21-23 in Oakland, June 11-13 in San Francisco) with the Giants, plus new three-game matchups in the month of June against four of the National League Central Division's six teams. The Cincinnati Reds (June 21-23) and Pittsburgh Pirates (June 25-27) make Coliseum appearances next season, while the A's visit Wrigley Field in Chicago (June 15-17) and Busch Stadium in St. Louis (June 18-20).

Even though their regular season culminates with a seven-game, seven-day road trip to Anaheim (Sept. 27-29) and Seattle (Sept. 30-Oct. 3), the A's feature their most home dates (16) in September when they host the Los Angeles Angels (Sept. 3-5), Seattle Mariners (Sept. 6-8), Boston Red Sox (Sept. 10-12), Chicago White Sox (Sept. 20-22) and Texas Rangers (Sept. 23-26) during the final stretch run in 2010.

July will also be an attractive month for A's fans, as the Yankees (July 5-7), Angels (July 9-11), Red Sox (July 19-21) and White Sox (July 23-25)—all current 2009 divisional leaders or playoff contenders—will invade the Oakland-Alameda County Coliseum.

As for special days or holidays on the home schedule, the A's will play Tampa Bay on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 9, and will host Seattle on Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 6. On the road, Oakland will face the Tigers in Detroit on Memorial Day, May 31, and will play the Indians in Cleveland on the Fourth of July.

Season ticket plans for 2010 start as low as \$9 per game and include a discounted parking option, free ticket exchange options and postseason ticket rights. As an added incentive, the A's marketing department is offering a free authentic Rickey Henderson jersey to the first 100 new accounts who place a \$150 per seat deposit on a 2010 ticket plan. The offer is valid for new accounts only, minimum two deposits per account.

For 2010 season ticket information, please call 510-638-GOA's or visit www.oaklandathletics.com/2010.

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#### (Complete 2010 Athletics Schedule Follows)

## **Oakland Athletics 2010 Regular Season Schedule**

April		
5	Seattle	
6	Seattle	
7	Seattle	
<b>8</b> 9	Seattle at Los Angeles	
9 10	at Los Angeles	
11	at Los Angeles	
12	at Seattle	
13	at Seattle	
14 <b>15</b>	at Seattle Baltimore	
16	Baltimore	
17	Baltimore	
18	Baltimore	
19 <b>20</b>	<i>Off Day</i> New York	
21	New York	
22	New York	
23	Cleveland	
24 25	Cleveland Cleveland	
26	Off Day	
27	at Tampa Bay	
28	at Tampa Bay	
29	at Toronto	
30	at Toronto	
May		
1 2	at Toronto at Toronto	
3	Texas	
4	Texas	
5	Texas	
6 7	<i>Off Day</i> Tampa Bay	
8	Tampa Bay	
9	Tampa Bay	
10	Off Day	
11 12	at Texas at Texas	
13	at Texas	
14	at Los Angeles	
15	at Los Angeles	
16 17	at Los Angeles Seattle	
17 18	Seattle	
19	Detroit	
20	Detroit	
21 22	San Francisco San Francisco	
22	San Francisco	
24	Off Day	
25	at Baltimore	
26 27	at Baltimore	
21 28	at Baltimore at Detroit	
29	at Detroit	
30	at Detroit	
31	at Detroit	
Jun		
1 2	at Boston	
2 3	at Boston at Boston	
4	Minnesota	
5	Minnesota	
6	Minnesota	
7 8	Los Angeles Los Angeles	
8 9	Los Angeles	
, 10	Los Angeles	

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12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19	at San Francisco at San Francisco <i>Off Day</i> at Chicago NL at Chicago NL at Chicago NL at St. Louis at St. Louis		
20 21 22 23 24 25	at St. Louis Cincinnati Cincinnati Off Day Pittsburgh		
26 27 28 29 30	Pittsburgh Pittsburgh Off Day at Baltimore at Baltimore		
Jul	у		
1 2	at Baltimore		
2 3	at Cleveland at Cleveland		
4	at Cleveland		
5 6	New York New York		
0 7	New York		
8	Off Day		
9 10	Los Angeles Los Angeles		
11	Los Angeles		
	5 All-Star Game at Anaheim, CA		
16 17	at Kansas City at Kansas City		
18	at Kansas City		
19	Boston		
20 21	Boston Boston		
22	Off Day		
23	Chicago AL		
24 25	Chicago AL Chicago AL		
26	Off Day		
27	at Texas		
28 29	at Texas at Texas		
30	at Chicago AL		
31	at Chicago AL		
	August		
1 2	at Chicago AL Kansas City		
2	Kansas City Kansa City		
4	Kansas City		
5 6	<i>Off Day</i> Texas		
7	Texas		
8	Texas		
9 10	at Seattle at Seattle		
11	at Seattle		
12	Off Day		
13 14	at Minnesota at Minnesota		
15	at Minnesota		
16 17	Toronto		
17 18	Toronto Toronto		
19	Tampa Bay		
20	Tampa Bay		
21 22	Tampa Bay Tampa Bay		
23	Off Day		

24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	at Cleveland at Cleveland at Cleveland at Texas at Texas at Texas at New York at New York		
Sep	September		
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30	at Seattle		

#### October

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