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12’s / 14’s / 15’s / 16’s / 17’s Program 2022-23

The Volleyball Booster Club will again this winter sponsor a Junior Olympic volleyball program through the North Country Region of USA Volleyball to run from December through April. This will include teams at the 12’s, 14’s, 15’s, 16’s, & 17’s age groups, depending on the level of interest.

The teams will begin practices in December and start their power league and tournament schedule in January. While the practice schedule is not fixed in stone, our gym availability is primarily Mondays and Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:30, but gym conflicts will require some flexibility as practices may be moved to other nights in certain weeks. When the teams are formed, we will create as final a practice schedule as possible through discussions with all the players and teams. We want all teams to practice two times per week but know that we will lose some nights to high school programs. Our intent is to structure the practice schedule so that players can have an effective volleyball experience, yet participate in multiple sports and activities. Family, education, and school activities always take precedence over JO volleyball. The number of players on a team will be dictated by the level of interest. It is our intent to give everyone who wants to play an opportunity to do so.

All teams will play in power leagues or tournaments, the Big City Luau, and the President’s Day Festival – now called the NCR Smackfest. The 12’s team may play a more limited schedule. The final competition schedule will be generated as each team plans its season to maximize competition and minimize conflicts. In addition to the above schedule, the teams may participate in other events that will be scheduled on a team-by-team basis, such as a 2-day event at Ralia Sports Center. Also, a team may decide to travel out of state to compete.

The cost for 12’s through 17’s teams range from approximately $300 (12’s with reduced coaching fees) to $600 with 10 players per team. As always, once teams are formed, we can adjust the schedule, use volunteer coaching, or explore other avenues to reduce the per player cost as long as we do not jeopardize the development of our players and teams. This year’s uniforms and other apparel, bikers and warm-ups will be purchased directly online. The uniform jersey will cost approximately $40 (we WILL use last season’s uniforms) and is the only required apparel item that must be purchased, although black bikers are also required.

**One-half of the fees will be collected at our organizational meeting on Monday, November 7th. A post-dated check (Feb. 1, 2022) for the second half of the season is also due at the meeting.** The cost of the program includes all entry fees, player registration fees, and coach’s fees, much of which we have to pay before the season starts. Since the fees cover only the actual costs of the program, there are no scholarships available, but there may be fundraising programs available this season to help defer this season’s cost. **The IGH Volleyball Boosters runs the JO program at cost; there is no profit built into the budget.** You may propose a payment plan if necessary to our booster treasurer Keri Tuccitto. You may also pay fees by credit card with a small additional fee for credit card processing.

If you have any questions, contact Jamie Doehne at jamienicole369@yahoo.com or 651-335-0171. We will have an organizational meeting, which will include uniform fitting, on **Monday, November 7th**, **at 7:00 PM in the Spartan Center at Simley HS**. We would like to fit uniforms as early as possible due to supply chain issues to ensure we receive our uniform order before our competitions begin.

If you are interested in playing volleyball this winter and plan on attending the meeting on November 7th, please email Jamie Doehne by November 1st at the above email so we can plan accordingly.

Go Spartan Wave!