

**Happy December Everyone! I hope that everyone had a nice Thanksgiving. Now that December is here, we are quickly approaching the kickoff party/mission's night, and our first practices!!! I am so excited to see you all on Friday!!!**

**So you know, my monthly emails will be long the first few months but I would rather over communicate than leave you without any information! You will get these once a month. Here are the Family updates for this month!!**

**NOT RECEIVING EMAILS PRIOR TO THIS?** If you missed emails, they are all posted on the schedules and info page. Please head there to catch up :) We use the communicators form you fill out to send our emails so it is possible they were sent before you filled it out.

**FAMILY CONTACT INFORMATION:** The coaches now all have access to the family communication forms you filled out, they are able to easily download an email and cell phone contact sheet along with names. They will be using this to contact all of you (as will I). If you would like a list of names and contacts for your team, please ask your coach for a copy. They are allowed to share cell phones, names and emails but no further information.

**MISSION NIGHT DETAILS, BASIC SCHEDULES & INFORMATION:** I am always here to help! You can text me anytime ☺ However, I ask you check the Schedules and Info page before coming to me in case the information can be found there! Our emails, paperwork, links to registration for things, schedules and more information will be consistently updated here: <http://www.ignitevolleyball.org/Schedules.html>

#### **MISSION NIGHT/SEASON KICK OFF PARTY REMINDERS:**

- Basket drop off can be to my house the week prior or before 4 to the gym the day of
- Coaches/11's-12- Drinks in cans or bottles (no liters please), 13-15's Apps (please bring forks or spoons if your item needs it), 16-17's Desserts
- Can/Pantry items- Bring these when you come, there will be a marked area for your team!
- Details on website :)

**USAV MEMBERSHIP/PICK A CLUB (MUST be done this week!):** If you haven't already done so, please upgrade your USAV membership to a full 2019 year and pick IGNITE as your club, simply follow the instructions on the link below to "Pick a club" and renew your OVR membership a full 2019 membership and assign IGNITE as your club. Last year's memberships and \$15 tryout memberships are now expired. Unless you move your club on your membership card to "IGNITE" we cannot assign you to a team and YOUR PLAYER CANNOT LEGALLY PRACTICE!

How to pick IGNITE as your club: [https://www.ovr.org/docs/Pick\\_Club.pdf](https://www.ovr.org/docs/Pick_Club.pdf)

How to upgrade or renew your membership: <https://www.ovr.org/register/register.php>

**TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE CHANGES:** Yes, there have been new changes. Please make sure you check out the schedule's pages. The tournament schedule is NOW 99% set. Some tournaments were dropped because of accidental over scheduling. Regional teams are promised to play 8 play days, American teams 10 play days, and Elite teams 12-13.

**ADDING TOURNAMENTS:** Yes, you CAN add tournaments, however that is not required by your coach and there is an additional fee. A single day tournament is \$35 per player and a two

day tournament is \$70 per player. Any additions have to be approved and scheduled by the coach. We want to respect their time, please remember not all coaches will have the ability to add extra days to the schedule.

**Our Community Hunger Center:** Last year we donated over 10,000 cans/pantry items as a club to Have of rest on Missions night! This year, we are doing something a little more local and donating all of our canned goods to the “Our Community Hunger Center” in Twinsburg. We are also doing something different this year to make it easier on everyone. This year we have a U-Haul!!! It will be parked by the front door. Once we bring all the cans inside to count and tally them up, they will be loaded into the U-Haul and delivered that night. The location is right around the corner from The Edge.

**POP-UP SHOP AT MISSIONS NIGHT:** We will have the extra try out shirts (which are approved practice shirts), and last years left over spirit wear for sale at Missions night! We will also have some “retro” jerseys for those looking to possibly add a jersey (great idea for LIBEROS!)

**SPIRIT-WEAR ORDERS:** We are hoping to have spirit wear from the first order available on Friday. However, they said it is one of the biggest orders they have had from us, so that is always a plus. The spirit wear is back open for anyone who wants to order anything else with the cutoff being Dec 11<sup>th</sup>.

**UNIFORM ORDERS:** You guys killed it! THANK YOU for getting everything in so that we can make sure our uniforms arrive on time! Uniforms look to be delivered to us by the end of December, so we will have them to everyone in January.

**IMPORTANT FEE INFORMATION:** Please be prepared to turn in your first ½ of your fee (minus your contract deposit) on Missions night to Pat at the fee table. If you wish to sign up for a payment plan, please do so before that night by contacting Pat (Grammy) with at: [pjk0867@gmail.com](mailto:pjk0867@gmail.com) Please know that this year will be assessing a \$100 late fee to any family that has not either: paid their first ½ by January 1<sup>st</sup> or has not signed up for the payment plan by Dec 7<sup>th</sup>. Let me reiterate, You will NOT be assessed the fee, if your payment plan is set up prior to the end of the Missions night or you have paid ½ by January 1<sup>st</sup>. We do not do this to penalize those with difficult financial situations, we do this because a large amount of our costs is due by January 15<sup>th</sup> and we need to make sure we are meeting our obligations as well. If you have to pay in payments, we understand and do our best to allow that as our demands allow, but we need to be assured that that is set up in December or ½ is paid prior to Jan 1<sup>st</sup>.

**PICTURE DAY:** Thursday January 9<sup>th</sup>! There is NO make up day (sorry). The specific team schedule will be in January email and paper order forms will be sent home the week prior from practices.

**HOLIDAY BREAKS:** Please note, we will not practice Friday Dec 20-Jan1 (Christmas Break) or Thursday April 9<sup>th</sup>-Sunday April 12<sup>th</sup> (Holy Thursday through Easter). We do not take time off for “spring break” as schools all schedule them different weeks.

**PRAYER LIST:** If having private prayer time, please consider praying for the following: Those facing loss of job or financial struggles during this very demanding holiday time, The Haven of Rest as they prepare to help those all over the Akron area with food, shelter, clothing and training, Our Community Hunger Center as they help out anyone struggling during the Holiday Season, and for all of our Troops and first responders who are out there making it safe for us.

**Love you guys, so excited to start this season with you all! God has amazing plans for this family this year, I can feel it! Please text me with any questions! 330-475-4369**

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