

## THE NEW YEAR IS HERE! PRACTICES START TONIGHT JANUARY 2nd!!

We are very excited to be back in the swing of things! I pray all your winter breaks were full of the spirit behind the season and that we all lived in gratitude for the blessings God has given us. Below are the updates for this month! Please let me know if you need anything!

### HAVE AN ISSUE? NEED TO KNOW WHO TO GO TOO?:

- **Spiritwear:** Sue Nock at RDP [suenock7@yahoo.com](mailto:suenock7@yahoo.com)
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- **Coach/Player/Team Registration, Chalk Talk, Uniforms, Skills and Drills, Anything else:** Tyler Price [tprice.93288@gmail.com](mailto:tprice.93288@gmail.com) or text 330-475-4369
- **Practice schedule, tournament questions, team issues:** Your coach :) first, then me if not resolved
- **Anything Else:** Heather Piccone - Please text 330-606-8864

**PICTURE DAY- THURSDAY JANUARY 9th:** There is NO make up day (sorry). Paper order forms will be sent home the at the Missions Kick. There is also a copy attached to this email as well in case the girls misplaced them:) Because pictures are taken on court five, any team normally practicing on court 5 on Thursday will be sharing a court during their practice time that night. Due to the fact we have so many teams needing to get pictures taken, please make sure you are lined up and ready for your pictures full dressed and ready 10 min prior to your time. Please have the girls wear solid black spandex only. Each team should also decide on the same solid color sock, black or white.

Picture Schedule:

- 4:30-4:45 13 Black
- 4:45-5:00 17 Black
- 5:00-5:15 15 Red
- 5:15-5:30 16 Black
- 5:30-5:45 17 Red
- 5:45-6:00 15 White
- 6:00-6:15 16 Red
- 6:15-6:30 13 Red
- 6:30-6:45 12 Red
- 6:45-7:00 12 Black
- 7:00-7:15 15 Black
- 7:15-7:30 13 White
- 7:30-7:45 14 Black
- 7:45-8:00 11 Black
- 8:00-8:15 14 White
- 8:15-8:30 14 Red

**UNIFORMS:** The first portion of uniforms are in. I have bags and jerseys for all of the players. We did double check almost everything. If there are any issues, please let me know ASAP. I will be bringing the jerseys to practices on Sunday and Monday. Warmups and practice shirts will be delivered to me this week and then I will bring them to practices once I have them. A little tip from the manufactures, when washing the jerseys, do not use fabric softener.

**FIRST EVER IGNITE GENDER REVEAL:** As everyone heard at the Mission's Night, my wife (Brittney) and I are expecting our first child at the end of May. We are going to do a gender reveal, but

we want to include not only our immediate family, but our IGNITE family as well. On **WEDNESDAY JANUARY 22<sup>nd</sup>**, we will have our gender reveal. In between the two practice times when we would do our prayer, we will have gender reveal. We will have some polls up on social media so players can pick if it's going to be a boy or girl, and then they will wear pink or blue based on what they think its going to be. My team will have some sort confetti cannon or something like that for the reveal portion.

**WORK TEAMS AT TOURNAMENTS:** It is club policy that ALL girls participate in each match of officiating, even if that means rotating each set line judges, flip scorers and libero trackers. If officiating final match after losing, **everyone must wait until the match is over** before leaving the gym. It is ALSO policy that every girl rotates doing the book and down reffing. "I don't know how to do it" is not an excuse :) When we allow that then they never learn and it forces the same players to spend the entire match doing book or down reffing every officiating match which is unfair. Please have your daughters click on this link to watch videos on how to do book and down ref. They will be expected to learn this season :) Don't worry the coach is required to be at the table now so they will have support but they must watch these videos before the first tournament! [https://www.ovr.org/docs/OVR\\_Jr\\_Officials\\_Online\\_Course\\_Instructions.pdf](https://www.ovr.org/docs/OVR_Jr_Officials_Online_Course_Instructions.pdf)

**REMINDER FOR PARENTS AT TOURNAMENTS:** We are here to help your daughter grow on and off the court! As I said at Missions night, we need to remember that WHO they are is more important than playtime or a score. Please remember as an IGNITE parent you promised to treat each player as your own daughter. You now have 9-10 little girls instead of one! Show them that you love and support them ALL. Only speak in a loving supportive positive way TOO them and ABOUT them to other parents in the stands. Let's leave the gossipy, back talking, negative behavior to children who don't know any better and as adults show them what it truly means to be a team... a family. In this culture we also do not yell at the officials or the players officiating the match. Remember the flip score is not the actual score, only the book is considered valid so yelling SCORE SCORE at a girl flipping doesn't actually "change the score". They will not be perfect and we accept calls because they are the authority of the match and doing the best job they can. Modeling this will teach our kids class, grace and remind them that they need to respect authority.

**TEAM MEALS:** We really encourage a team meal/event at a restaurant be set up by a parent on a Saturday night of day 2 Day tournament and the night prior to regional championships. We also encourage the team to set up one "bonding" event for the girls to hang out one time on a weekend they don't have a tournament. Having these times to all spend together, parents' players and coaches is important for you all to come together as a family. If you are a parent who is willing to help out, please let your coach and parent group know that you are willing to set it up! I promise the more time you spend outside of volleyball together the more you will become a family and the less drama there will be.

**HOLIDAY BREAKS:** Please note, we will not practice Thursday April 9th-Sunday April 12th (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: The Davis family while working through the tough time, Coach Jess as she recovers from her surgery, those facing loss of job or financial struggles during this very demanding holiday time, the parents in our club facing serious health and cancer battles, our coaching staff as they lead our girls on and off the court, and the health and safety of our players as they start up the tournament season in the coming weeks!

**Love you guys, so excited to get back in the gym!~**