

Hello Everyone!!

Grab a cup of coffee and a cozy seat, this email will be a long one Consider this a virtual club meeting so please take the time to read through it! LOTS of INFO!!! We are very excited to get this season started! We feel so blessed to have you all join the IGNITE family. The season will officially begin Dec 3rd but before we get started there are a lot of boring yet important things we need to get through first! :) PLEASE PLEASE take the time to read through all of it.

IGNITE Forms: If you haven't already, please be sure to submit the three IGNITE forms. (If you are a pre contracted player from last year, no need to do anything. I will update your team behind the scenes) The password for all the forms is IGNITE (ALL CAPS).

Contract Signing Link (and \$125 deposit):

<https://ignitevolleyball.wufoo.com/forms/zm4feh613l0l6d/>

Policies Signing Link:

<https://ignitevolleyball.wufoo.com/forms/m16zvvgm0qru3l8/>

Family Communication Form Link **(THIS IS HOW WE CONTACT YOU SO IT'S A MUST TO FILL OUT!)**:

<https://ignitevolleyball.wufoo.com/forms/mtv4my50z3vdoz/>

Financial information and questions: After signing your contract and paying your \$125 deposit online, your 1/2 half of remaining fee will be due Dec 3rd at the Missions event. If you would rather pay online through our secure Authorize.net account you can do so by setting up online payments with Pat Kavulic at pjk0867@gmail.com Pat is also your contact if you need to set up a payment plan. There is a set payment plan that requires a credit card but breaks your fee down into separate transactions. If enrolling in that plan, please know there is a fee with each transaction as we occur fees as well. Don't hesitate to email her to set anything up, Pat is an amazing woman and she will take great care of you!

SportsEngine Membership/Club Assignment: If you haven't already done so, please upgrade your USAV/OVR membership, and complete your IGNITE SportsEngine club assignment by following this link: <https://memberships.sportsengine.com/org/ohio-valley-region-ovr/affiliation/ignite-volleyball> This will allow me to assign you to teams, register for tournaments, etc. This must be completed by **NOVEMBER 27th**.

SAVE THE DATE!! SEASON KICK OFF MISSIONS PARTY! Mark your calendars for **Friday Dec 3rd from 530pm-930pm** for our 11th annual IGNITE Family Kickoff party and Missions Night! We are excited to get back together as we missed last year due to COVID. We are doing things a little bit differently this season. More details to come. I want everyone to have a general idea to plan ahead. Every year we ask each team to come up with a creative raffle basket for the event and bring an appetizer, drink or dessert to share. This is one of our first missions' projects that we do throughout the entire season. I am asking that families bring two things with them to missions night. The first is our usual canned food drive. The second, I am asking that each family bring an unopened gift that they would like to donate. It can be anything for any age or gender. These gifts will be used in a shop where children can use fake money they earned from chores to buy gifts for siblings, parents, grandparents, etc. The funds raised help support our IGNITE Missions fund which helps local families and ministries in need. The families and players get a great chance to bond and meet while starting December off with the right heart of giving for the holiday season. This is an important aspect of who we are and we will require each player to attend and ask they bring at least one parent with them. This is the first chance you will get to meet your new IGNITE family!

Please also note that the girls will be required to wear an IGNITE shirt to every practice. You can order those through spirit wear, but we will also be selling the left-over tryout shirts for \$5 a piece at Missions night. The money from those sales will go to the Missions fund.

UNIFORMS: There will be uniforms available to check sizing the following dates/times:

- **Sunday 11/28 430-7pm (Final fittings)**

If you cannot make the fittings, please let me know. I can be reached at 330-475-4369 or igniteCoachT@gmail.com. Please follow the links below. There is no cost for the jerseys and uniforms.

Please use the link to place your order. (13 Black, 14 Black, 15 Black, 16 Black, and 17 Black will use the Elite link, everyone else will use the regional link regardless of being an American or Regional team) <https://igniteelite2021-22.itemorder.com/sale>

Your uniform order form must be complete by SUNDAY NOVEMBER 28th at 11:59PM. Any orders put in after that date will possibly be delayed.

SPIRIT-WEAR! <https://rdpsports.com/product-category/ignite-volleyball-21/> This is not mandatory, but completely optional. Cutoff for the first round of spirit wear is 11/28.

SCHEDULES: All paperwork and schedules can be found here: <http://www.ignitevolleyball.org/Schedules.html> We are also doing something a little different in December with our schedule. Usually, we have shared practices in December, this year we aren't starting those till January, that way all teams get to spend December with their team. One of the days you share, you get the practice to yourself, and the other week you would have a shared practice, you get the day off. (Or that is also a great time to do some team bonding, team dinner, etc.) That schedule can be found on the website. Please look at the boxes highlighted in gray. The rest of the week will remain the same.

HOLIDAY BREAKS: Please note, we will not practice Friday Dec 17th- Saturday Jan 1st (Christmas Break) or Thursday April 14thth- Sunday April 17th (Holy Thursday through Easter). We do not take time off for "spring break" as schools all schedule them in different weeks. Please know that due to the fact that USA Volleyball has started to schedule 2 of the 3 closer qualifiers SOLELY over Easter weekend for some age groups, we have been forced in some circumstances to play on Easter weekend. We try to avoid it as much as we possibly can.

HOTELS: We went with a hotel company in the past and it simply was more hassle than it's worth! We believe people should be free to find the right fit for them in cost and level of hotel. We also want people to be able to use points or discounts if they are able. I suggest parents look at their schedule online in a week and each take a place to set up a block for the team. All stay to play events have blocks set up, that info will be sent directly to those teams to register for rooms. If you are in a "Stay to Play" event, please know that we cannot attend that event unless we book hotels through their blocks so, please do not book outside hotel rooms.

PICTURE DAY: Picture Day is January 19th. Order forms will be sent home at a practice so check their bags in January. Teams will receive a schedule for a time slot between 4:00-9:00 pm to be announced in the December monthly email.

CHALK TALK: Once a month the club will be doing "Chalk Talk". It's a time for the teams to come 30-45 min early or stay after their practices to fellowship with each other, talk about who God wants us to be on and off the court, and have a meal together. Your coach will schedule this for your team according to the tournament and practice schedule. Some teams like to do it before an overnight tournament in the hotel lobby, some like after practices. If you would like to be the coordinator for the meal or snack for Chalk Talk, please offer your help to your coach :)

COVID PROCEDURES: Per the OVR guidelines, there are no sweeping rules that USAV or the OVR is requiring everyone to adhere to. All practices, tournaments, and events are to follow any State of Ohio, County and City health department guidelines. Some tournaments you may attend, might limit the number of spectators allowed, require masking, etc. If that is the case, we WILL follow all guidelines. More info can be found here: https://www.ovr.org/docs/Covid_Protocol.pdf At the Edge/IGNITE, we are not requiring masks of coaches, or players. Parents are not allowed to stay and watch practices. If you wish for your player to wear a mask, they are more than welcome to.

Well, that's it for now! I am so excited to be one step closer to the start of another great IGNITE season. As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

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