

Happy "Almost December" Everyone! I am so excited to see you all in little over a week! So you know, my monthly emails will be long but I would rather over communicate than leave you left without any information! You will get these once a month. Here are the Family updates for this month!!

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>

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 2018 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 2018 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

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.

HAVEN OF REST FOOD DELIVERY: Last year we donated over 10,000 cans/pantry items as a club to Have of rest on Missions night! We obviously need an army to deliver that! Please let your coach know if you are willing to load up your car that night and delivery your teams donation the next morning to the Haven. This a great opportunity for your daughter gives back with some service time, by getting up early on a Saturday and helping deliver the food with you!

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: Never fear! Spirit wear is HERE!! There will be a spirit wear pick up table at Missions night. If you bought something as a gift or surprise, please email me so I can place the item in a paper bag so that it cannot be seen.

UNIFORM ORDERS: You guys killed it! THANK YOU for getting everything in so that we can make sure our uniforms arrive on time!

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 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 1st or has not signed up for the payment plan by Dec 7th. 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 1st. 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 15th 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 1st.

DECEMBER SOCIAL MEDIA CONTEST! Every month our social media intern is hosting a Social media contest on our Instagram, ignitevbc. Simply have the girls follow us, post a picture of IGNITE (from the 1st through the third week of the month) and tag us! Make sure the caption reflects what the sport, club or team means to you! The finalists will be posted and tagged on our Instagram the last week of the month and there will be a short window of voting by posting the number in the comments! Winner gets their choice of \$25 gift card options posted for that month!

PICTURE DAY: Wednesday January 9th! 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 21-Jan1 (Christmas Break) or Thursday April 18th-Sunday April 21st (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: Our beloved Gavin family in the recent loss of their amazing husband/father Tom, 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.

Love you guys, so excited to start this season with you all! Please text me with any questions! 330-606-8864