

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

I am very excited to get back into 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
- **Fees:** Pay "Grammy" Kavulic pjk867@gmail.com
- **Sparks or Skills and Drills:** Sharron Durdel sharondurdel@gmail.com
- **Coach/Player/Team Registration, Chalk Talk, Uniforms:** Tyler
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- **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 & UNIFORMS- WEDNESDAY JANUARY 9th: There is NO make up day (sorry). Paper order forms will be sent home the week prior from practices this week at practices so please ask your daughters because we know they all get left in bags :) Because pictures are taken on court five, any team normally practicing on court 5 on Wednesdays 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. Uniforms will be in the backpacks with last names on them ready for pick up after 4:00. Since the girls need time to put them on, allow a few extra minutes please. 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 12 Red
- 4:45-5:00 12 Black
- 5:00-5:15 13 Red
- 5:15-5:30 13 Grey
- 5:30-5:45 13 White
- 5:45-6:00 14 Red
- 6:00-6:15 14 White
- 6:15-6:30 14 Grey
- 6:30-6:45 14 Black
- 6:45-7:00 13 Black
- 7:00-7:15 15 White
- 7:15-7:30 15 Red
- 7:30-7:45 15 Black
- 7:45-8:00 16 Black
- 8:00-8:15 16 Red
- 8:15-8:30 17 Black

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 girls rotate 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 too 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

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. Lets 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 consider 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 an 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 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 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!~