

YOUTH VOLLEYBALL FALL 2009

We are pleased to offer another season of our developmental training volleyball league. The SPORTS Youth Volleyball League is an opportunity for girls in the 4th-8th grades to learn strong fundamentals and rules of competitive volleyball.

Check out our website! www.sportsvolleyball.info

REGISTRATION DATES

Walk-In registration at the SPORTS office, Billerica Park

Saturday, May 9th, 9 AM – 12 PM

Sunday, May 17th, 1 PM – 4 PM

*Registration forms are accepted at the SPORTS office during their office hours
May 1st – 31st.

**There will be a wait list if necessary

FEE

Our fee this year is \$90. This includes a game jersey, covers operating expenses, facility usage fees, officials, supplemental insurance and trophies.

UNIFORMS

Samples of the game jersey will be available to size at walk-in registration and in the SPORTS office. You MUST indicate a jersey size on your written registration form and the on-line form for your registration to be considered "complete". The only uniform requirement is the jersey included in the fee. Each player needs to provide their own shorts and gym shoes. As an option, we will offer knee pads, spandex and socks in August at the first team practices.

SPONSORS

Securing team sponsors from area businesses help offset the cost of our jerseys. The cost to sponsor a team is \$275 or you can sponsor two teams for \$500. If you know of a business that would like to advertise in this unique way, please contact AnneMarie Straub @ 598-8936 or annemarie@teamstraub.com or Diane Kocal @ 482-0182 or kocals@comcast.net.

SPIRIT WEAR

There will be Spirit Wear available to purchase at the SPORTS walk-in registrations. We will also have items available to purchase and order at the first Saturday practices on August 15th and 22nd.

TEAM ASSIGNMENTS

The league Commissioners will form teams based on grade level. In our league, we combine girls in the 7th and 8th grades. Coaches for grades 4-6 will contact their teams by the beginning of August. Even if you are interested in trying out for your school team, you **MUST** register for our league in May. The girls who make the school team will receive a refund by contacting the SPORTS office. They will have the school team rosters to verify your refund. Those who are **NOT** trying out for the Junior High school teams will be involved in clinic-style group practices with us until the conclusion of school try-outs. Because of the time frame of the school try-outs, the teams for 7th and 8th graders are not formed until later in August.

Below are our policies for player requests and refunds:

PLAYER REQUESTS

The purpose of our league is to instruct our players in the fundamentals of volleyball and, of course, to have fun! We realize that young girls like to be on teams with their friends. In order to make the formation of teams fair and simple, we have developed the guidelines below:

- In order to accommodate a carpool, a player in that situation may request only one other player
- In turn, the requested player must likewise request them
- Requests for carpools must be made on the registration form
- A Coach will have their own daughter on their team
- An Assistant coach will have their own daughter on their team
- No one will be able to request a specific coach

REFUND POLICY

A 50% refund of league fees will be given through July 15th. After July 15th no refund will be given unless the player makes a Junior High School volleyball team. Those players will be eligible for a full refund.

Any player placed on a waiting list because of full registration for their age group, will need to submit the registration fee with their registration form; however, the check will not be cashed unless they are placed on a team. Checks will be returned in August for those girls we were not able to place on a team.

COACHES

Coaches are volunteers that must be trained through a **mandatory** coach's clinic. Coaches will be required to attend 1 of the 2 clinics offered. Ideally, we would like to have an assistant coach in addition to each head coach.

PRACTICES/MATCHES

The season will begin with team practices on August 15th and 22nd. Our first match will be played on August 29th. We will not practice on Labor Day weekend. After Labor Day, teams will start practicing once during the week. You will not necessarily have practice on the same night each week. Matches will resume each Saturday beginning on September 12th in HSE gyms and will conclude with a tournament on October 24th. We will post the practice and match schedules on our website as soon as we receive our allotted gym time and space from the corporation. We do not control how far in advance we get this information.

VOLUNTEERS

There are simple volunteer opportunities for you to help your team. For each match, each team will need to provide a scorekeeper and a line judge. We are hoping to provide a tutorial on how to keep the scorebook on our website.

PICTURES

Team and individual pictures will be taken professionally early in the season before your match on a game day.

FACILITIES

Our practices and matches are restricted to the use of the school gyms. In order to respect school policies, we ask that you please keep siblings and other children with you and from being anywhere other than the gym. Also, no food or drinks, except water, are allowed in the gyms. **This policy is for players as well as spectators.** Keeping our school gyms clean helps us to keep our costs down by not incurring custodial fees. Thank you for helping us maintain our good standing with the schools.

SUMMER VOLLEYBALL CAMPS

Please refer to the athletic sections of the Hamilton Southeastern and Fishers High School websites for summer camp information.