

# EASTSIDE VOLLEYBALL

## **Sponsorship Program Information**

We at Eastside have one main goal: to offer the opportunity to play club volleyball to any girl or boy under the age of 18 who loves the sport. Unfortunately, not everyone can afford it. So the Directors of Eastside chose to apply to be a nonprofit organization. This allows us the opportunity to offer a scholarship and sponsorship program. We hope that it will allow many girls to play who could not have afforded to otherwise. The donor may donate funds, equipment, or services. If the donor chooses to donate funds, we will accept CHECKS ONLY made out to Eastside Volleyball.

**Eastside's Responsibility:** We will maintain our nonprofit status, so that we are able to accept donations. We will provide a letter on our letterhead that explains the program to the prospective sponsor. They have two options:

1-You can choose to contribute a tax-deductible donation to our general fund. A portion will go towards the scholarship program, and a portion will be used for the benefit of all club members. You will receive a tax-deductible receipt for your records. We thank our sponsors by listing them on our website and social media.

2-If a business chooses to sponsor a specific member of Eastside, you may contribute any amount you wish towards their individual playing fees. Contribution options for business are:

- \$100 or more, your company will be listed on our website and social media as a sponsor.
- \$250 or more will have their business name and one item of contact information (phone number, email address, or website) or logo placed on a banner at Eastside Athletics (11435 Lithopolis Rd, Lithopolis, OH 43136).
- \$500 or more will have their business name and one item of contact information or logo placed on the banner at Eastside Athletics, and will also have their business name and one item of contact information or logo placed on the back of the Team Tshirt. This tshirt is provided to all coaches and players in the organization for that season.

However, in accordance with the IRS laws for a nonprofit organization, you will not be able to deduct the sponsorship amount as a tax-deductible donation from your tax return. A business may deduct it as an advertising expense, though.

We will maintain records of the funds being allocated to the scholarship program. We will fulfill the obligations to the donors, such as recording their information, mailing the

tax receipt, posting their information on Facebook and our Eastside website (if applicable), posting their information on the banner at Eastside Athletics, and printing their name on the Eastside Team Tshirt (if applicable).

**Player's Responsibility:** The player agrees to approach individuals or businesses of their choosing and present them with the form we provide, collect the forms and money donated, and submit them to the Eastside Directors by the deadline indicated. The player will need to follow up with the individual or business if they do not submit the form immediately. The player also agrees to send a personal thank-you note to the donor/sponsor. If the player solicits a donation, the player must then submit a Scholarship Application Form to the Eastside Directors by the due date.

**ALL FORMS ARE DUE BY JANUARY 15 TO BE APPLIED TO THE CURRENT SEASON.**

**Additional Notes:** After the due date of January 15, the Board of Directors will vote on the percentage of the funds allocated to the sponsorship program, and will notify the recipients of the scholarships. However, as the Player Handbook states, all player fees must be received before the first tournament date or the player will be ineligible.

If you have any questions, please contact Nikki or Glenn at [LNFN@aol.com](mailto:LNFN@aol.com) Thanks, and good luck!