

EASTSIDE VOLLEYBALL CLUB: TRYOUT NOTES FOR PARENTS

- 1- TRYOUTS- To register for tryouts, please visit www.eastsidevbc.com. From the Home page, click on Leagues, then Tryouts. Follow the three steps listed on that page.
- 2- CONTRACTS- Some contracts will be offered at the end of each tryout date, but we will not offer ALL of the contracts until the end of tryout for each level in order to give each player an equal opportunity. Players who are not offered a contract initially are welcome to attend another tryout date for an additional evaluation, but may not attend tryouts on two consecutive days. American and Regional teams will be offered throughout tryouts, but Elite and National teams will be finalized at the tryout on Oct 29th for 8th and under and on Nov 15th for 9th and up. Some contracts will continue to be offered by email or phone after tryouts, as positions continue to open up. You will have until **Weds, Nov 9th** for 8th and under or **Weds, Nov 23rd** for 9th and up to decide if you would like to accept the contract. Please read the Player Handbook before signing the contract, as you are agreeing to the Eastside policies when you sign the contract. It is located on our website under Extra Info. If you are offered a contract, you will be offered a congratulations letter at the tryout and the contract through email. To accept the contract, please click the link in the email to be added to the Eastside age group and level. Please notify us as early as possible if you are declining the contract.
- 3- PAYMENTS- A \$250 non-refundable deposit is due with the acceptance of the contract by **Nov 9th** for 8th and under or **Nov 23rd** for 9th and up. The balance of the fees will be payable in three increments on Dec 15, Jan 15, and Feb 15. Payments can be made by credit card (a processing fee will apply) by logging into your account on www.eastsidevbc.com under Player Resources, or by cash or check and mailed or dropped off to: Eastside Volleyball Club, 39 N. High Street, Canal Winchester, OH 43110 or at the office of Eastside Athletics, 11435 Lithopolis Rd, Lithopolis, OH 43136.
- 4- FEES- The fees will be \$1075 for the Regional teams, \$1325 for the American teams, and the Elite and National teams range between \$1850-\$2650 for the 2022-23 club season. Fees include two jerseys, a team tshirt, all practice time and coaching fees, positional training (only some teams), and team entry fees into competitions. Fees do NOT include your \$10 tryout membership and \$57 membership upgrade with OVR, black spandex shorts, court shoes and knee pads, and any optional items such as spirit wear and team pictures.
- 5- OVR MEMBERSHIP- If you choose to accept a contract with Eastside, you will then receive an email regarding accepting your club assignment. You will need to click on the link in the email, in order to accept your club assignment with Eastside. At that point, you will pay the remaining membership balance of \$57.
- 6- FACILITY- Please be aware that Eastside Volleyball does NOT own the Eastside Athletics facility. Although it is our "home gym", it is a separate business owned by a nonprofit organization. Please follow all the facility rules and be respectful of the employees and other organizations utilizing the other areas of the facility. We are guests of this facility.
- 7- PRACTICES- Practices begin the week of Dec 4th. All practices will be held at the Eastside Athletics facility in Lithopolis. Regional teams practice twice each week, and American and Elite teams practice 2-3 times each week. There are no spectators allowed at practices. However, we will encourage coaches to invite parents when their team has scheduled a scrimmage. If your child will be unable to attend a practice, please contact your coach directly prior to the practice time. If a practice is canceled due to weather or any other situations, your coach will contact you directly. Even if your school closes, assume Eastside Athletics is open and practices are on unless your coach contacts you to cancel practice.
- 8- POSITIONAL TRAINING- Positional Training sessions will be held the first six weekend evenings, beginning Dec 2nd. They are in addition to the regularly scheduled practices, and are considered mandatory. These sessions will focus specifically on the skills needed at each position, fine-tuning the form and movement of each skill. Coaches will tell the players which session to attend, and which court they will be on. The four positions are: Setters, Middles, Pins, DS/Liberos.

- 9- **COMPETITIONS-** Regional teams typically participate in 8 one-day Regional competitions and one OVR Championship. American teams typically participate in 5 one-day American competitions, two 2-day American Challenges, and one OVR Championship. Elite and National teams participate in a combination of multi-day tournaments within OVR, and also in other leagues such as JVA. Elite and National teams typically travel outside of Ohio into the surrounding states, and players might have to miss a day or two of school due to competition length and location. We currently have a **TENTATIVE** calendar, but you will not receive your finalized schedule until you have been placed on a specific team.
- 10- **PLAYING TIME-** This is a PAY to PARTICIPATE sport. The fees you pay are for the quality instruction your daughter will receive at practice in order to improve her skills. Each player WILL get playing time, but it will not be EQUAL playing time. Play time at competitions is at the discretion of the coach and will be based on the needs of the WHOLE team and the performance of the player at practice. If there is a question regarding play time, please follow the grievance guidelines in the Player Handbook. Coaches are NOT to be approached regarding play time during practice or competitions, in order to allow for a 24-hour "cooling off" period.
- 11- **COMMITMENT and ATTENDANCE POLICY-** While we appreciate players who have other interests outside of volleyball, please keep in mind that your coach and your team depend on you. Unlike school teams that may have a full roster of 12 or more on a team, we only place 9-10 on our teams to allow as much playing time for our athletes as possible. Therefore, when a player misses a practice or competition, it greatly impacts the team. Our attendance policy is as follows: Play time may be affected for any member of the team who has accumulated three unexcused absences during the season. What is considered excused versus unexcused is at the discretion of the coach. Please think of your schedule with the other activity, and determine how much it will interfere with Eastside's schedule. If you are going to miss practices or competitions on a regular basis, you may want to reconsider joining Eastside.
- 12- **TEAMS-** Unless specified on the contract, a contract only guarantees a spot with the Eastside club as a whole. Regional teams will not be finalized until after practices have begun in December, in order to give our coaches ample time to analyze the girls' skills and place them in positions and on teams that will benefit the whole club. You may request to be on a certain team due to a specific coach, schedule, or transportation issue. All requests will be considered, but we DO NOT guarantee that your request will be approved.
- 13- **COMMUNICATION-** Please check your email regularly, as that is our primary means of communication. Any communication regarding your team should be directed to your coach. Questions regarding club policies may be directed to LNFN@aol.com.
- 14- **FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE-** We offer the parents the opportunity to work shifts in the concession stands during tournaments hosted by Eastside. Each shift is 5-6 hours, and for each shift you work we will apply \$50 credit towards your fees. If you miss a shift, you will owe the \$50 credit immediately, as it will be past the final deposit date. We also offer a sponsorship program. A program explanation and forms can be found on our website under Forms and Extra Info, then Forms and Documents.
- 15- **CONTACT INFO-** If you have any questions regarding the above information, please contact Nikki at LNFN@aol.com.

At Eastside, we are a family. Nikki, Michelle, Glenn, and all of the ESVC coaches, look forward to getting to know all of you better. We want you to enjoy the club volleyball season. Let's make this a great year! GOOD LUCK!