



VOLLEYBALL

WE “DIG DEEPER”

PARENT NIGHT AGENDA

- Welcome/Prayer
- SOTG Philosophy
- Faith in Action
- Life Lessons
- Program Excellence
- Parent Expectations
- Playing Time
- Positions
- Volunteer Opportunities
- Fundraising Opportunities
- Questions/Concerns

SOTG PHILOSOPHY

- Sole focus is the development of these kids (whole athlete): Spirit, Character and Athletic skills
- We've spent a lot of time developing and fine-tuning the philosophy
- But...we're not perfect.
- We will make mistakes...as a league and as individual coaches and players.
- We'll keep raising the bar high and striving to get better day after day
- What Drives Us...**FAITH IN ACTION & PROGRAM EXCELLENCE**
 - It's a calling, a ministry...
 - It's an opportunity to put our passion for the Lord and our love for the game together to reach kids at their level...
 - We want to be the sports (volleyball) program of choice for kids in our community.



FAITH IN ACTION

We are a faith-driven youth sports program. We've fought hard to keep Christ at the center of this program...and that's where he's going to stay.

We are working hard to redefine what a "faith-based" youth sports program is all about.

Many faith-based programs have an image of being "weak"...nothing "weak" about Christ...drawing strength from Christ.

It doesn't mean we aren't competitive: Jesus worked hard, gave it everything he had.

(Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters. Colossians 3:23)

Lot of opportunities on the court to teach life lessons. Jesus walked and taught these life lessons better than anyone.

When we teach life lessons and connect them to faith...then they become "Everlasting" Life Lessons



LIFE LESSONS:

Preparing Kids for Life

Hard Work, Teamwork, Sacrifice, Perseverance, Sportsmanship, etc.

Life Lessons will take precedence over **WINNING!** (Throwing equipment, not showing up for practice...will earn players a spot on the bench...even if it means losing the game)

Faith-based: We will strive to honor God in everything we do. That does not mean we won't strive to win every game. Our faith will make us stronger...not weaker. We simply draw our strength from a greater source than ourselves.

Kids pick-up on the teaching of life lessons very well...they will go in whatever direction we lead them. I've found the learning of life lessons is often tougher for us parents than for the players. **Let's talk about that...**



2017 Season Highlights



PROGRAM EXCELLENCE

All 12-16U coaches in have played competitively (HS/College, Adult, Club levels)

All 12-16U coaches are Christians and actively serving their home church.

Looking to build our 8-11U program through use of teaming Head Coaches from 12-16U with Player Coaches and Parent Coaches to teach FUNdamentals.

Providing mentorship opportunities for girls who “age out” of the program, but desire to share in Faith-based program. Earn community service hours and college recommendation letters.

PARENT EXPECTATIONS

[HTTPS://YOUTU.BE/U2LR4C3JSMU](https://youtu.be/U2LR4C3JSMU)

➤ ATTENDANCE.

➤ ON TIME

- Attendance is a huge factor in playing time...more about playing time in a moment
- Be ON-TIME for practice/game = 15-30 mins early ...**PREPARATION**

➤ COMMUNICATE

- If you're going to miss a game/practice...give coach 24 hours notice so he/she can adjust the line-up
- Check the Website – Calendar is kept current.

➤ CLOSED PRACTICES

- Parents are welcome to stay for first week of practice to see how things are run. After that, Gym is CLOSED to parents. This allows players to focus on COACH instruction without player's fear or criticism from parents. Helps build confidence and independence in a safe setting.
- All Coaches are background checked, and have agreed/signed the coaches creed and code of conduct found on our website.
- All Practices will have female coach/parent present.
- Drop off/Pick ON TIME.

PARENT EXPECTATIONS (continued)

➤ PARENT's ROLE AT GAME (<https://youtu.be/u2LR4c3JsmU>)

➤ ENCOURAGEMENT...both teams

- We don't allow screaming and hollering at games...at players or refs.
- We don't allow coaches to do this...we don't allow players to do this... so we don't expect parents to do this either. **(RESPECT)**
- Cheer FOR the kids...not against anyone. Don't talk down about any players. Their parents may be sitting in earshot of you.

➤ OFFICIALS

- Let coaches will deal with officials calls.
- We will respectfully challenge officials when appropriate...no point in challenging an Ref's judgment call. Badgering Refs only makes them madder...and the calls just get worse for your team. If you think the Ref has misinterpreted a "rule" then calmly tell one of the coaches.

➤ COACHES

- Leave the instruction to the Coach...no bench visits for instructional tips...players don't need juice every inning, etc.
 - Players don't need parents telling them what to do before every serve...it's hard enough to focus as it is.
 - We don't need a parent screaming at a player because they let a ball drop.
 - Safety...Kids turns around to listen to mom and dad...and gets beamed in the head.
- If you see something that you think your child is doing that is fundamentally incorrect...point it out the coach after the game...or better yet, before a practice. If we agree, we'll work on it with them

➤ PLAYING TIME

- Determined by Attendance, Level of Effort & Team Play, Skill level
- As a general rule, we do not legislate Equal playing time...again we're trying to prepare kids for life...and life is just not like that
- We work hard to reinforce to kids the true biblical meaning of teamwork...putting others before yourselves...in this case, putting the TEAM's interests before your own as a player.

➤ POSITIONS

- Same teamwork concept...what's best for the team. Of course, we'll move kids around some. But in tight games where the TEAM has a chance to win...we'll play kids in the position where they can best help the team.
- Every player has different skills. Practices will be used to strengthen areas that need work.
- Reinforce...ALL positions are important

PARENT EXPECTATIONS (continued)

➤ PARENT FANATICS...

- Parents should be their child's biggest FAN. We couldn't agree more!
- **6 – Most Important Words Players want to hear their parents say ("I love to watch you play.")**
- What to Say BEFORE the game:
 - Have FUN. Play Hard. I love you.
- What to Say AFTER the game.
 - Did YOU have FUN? I'm proud of YOU. I love you.

➤ THE CAR RIDE HOME...

- While we think we are helping by critiquing or giving pointers on the car-ride home, all we do is deflate our children's confidence.
- There are 2-3 important questions parents you can ask on the ride home:
- Did you have FUN?
- How do you FEEL you did? Whether or not you agree – this is your daughter's perception. Agree with her. If your player felt they did awful, you can ask a 3rd question:
- If negative answer, then offer: Is there something You need me to do to help you?

➤ CONFLICT RESOLUTION: MATTHEW 18:15

- Encourage girls to bring their own concerns to the Coach (especially 12-16U)
- All concerns should be raised in this order:
 - First to the Head Coach,
 - If not resolved, 2nd to the VBall Director,
 - If necessary, finally to the Managing Director.
- Concerns should be raised via phone call or email AFTER the game, before or after practice...ALWAYS off the court.

OTHER SOURCES OF INFORMATION FOR PARENTS:

- PARENTAL CODE OF CONDUCT (www.playsteward.com website)
- THE MATHENY MANIFESTO

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES (SOTG)

- As a true non-profit, we depend entirely on volunteers...we do this because we have a passion for developing kids.
- We are committed to maintaining the QUALITY of the program. In order to do that, we MUST build our Volunteer Base.
- Volunteer Teams....
 - Uniforms – Help with Sourcing and Distributing
 - Equipment – Helping with inventory and ordering
 - Facilities / Scheduling – Securing fields & gyms
 - Registration – Marketing
 - Fundraising – Golf Tournament / Future Facilities
 - Outreach – Local Service Projects
 - Faith Development – Leading Devotions
 - Special Events:
 - Opening Day
 - Spring Golf Tournament (**MAY 16th, 2018**)
 - Photography – Need your photos
 - Videography – Promotional Marketing
- Miscellaneous
 - Recruitment – Families
 - Financial Situation – We need corporate/church sponsors to help fund our program
 - Corporate Sponsors...Challenge each team to work hard to secure a corporate sponsor or two.
 - If your company would like to sponsor your child's team, we have the following team sponsorship opportunities...

VOLLEYBALL VOLUNTEERS WANTED!!!

- **TEAM PARENT for each team.**
 - Assists at practice – shags balls, helps encourage girls and is generally available to support coach.
 - Assists at games – if needed, works with Player Coach to provide encouragement during games.
- **SKILLS WEEK – Monday, 3/19 | Tuesday, 3/20 | Friday, 3/23 | Monday, 3/26 | Tuesday, 3/27**
 - **SETUP** (Arrive by 4:30pm LNBC. Arrive by 5:30pm CSD on Tuesday, 3/27)
 - Nets/Pads, Balls/Carts
 - Table, 2 chairs in Lobby for Registration Check-In, get Name Tag & Clipboards
 - Clipboards with Player Evaluation Cards and Pens/Pencils (tied on with ribbon)
 - Box for Clipboards (Return) – in gym.
 - (2) Boxes for Player Cards (Return) – Labeled for 11U and 16U Player Cards.
 - **(2) Parent Volunteers to “man” the check-in and give instructions to girls as they arrive**
 - Complete Player Survey & Eval with CHAMPIONS – Upstairs Lobby Area...then go to gym.
 - Any girls arriving later than 5:00pm should go DIRECT TO GYM (Bring Player Card/Clipboard)
- **“BIG REVEAL” Party - Friday Night, March 2nd LNBC (6-8:30pm)**
 - **SETUP & UNIFORM (4)** Distribution/Packaging/Assembly
 - Arrive by 5:30
 - Setup Classrooms with supplies and labels.
 - Assist in recording uniform #s and packaging gift bags for the girls with uniforms.
 - **SNOW CONE CART (2)**
 - **Hallway Monitor (1).** Prevent younger siblings/kids from running around church. Direct parents to the Gym.
 - **CLEAN-UP CREW.** Stay until Gym is clean – usually 15-20 minutes
- **VOLUNTEER SIGNUP ONLINE:** Signup genius. Email will be sent soon. Don't wait...sign up for at least 1 spot this season.

NEW TO VOLLEYBALL - FAQ

- What should my child wear to practice?
 - Non-marking Tennis shoes.
 - Comfortable work out clothes. Spandex under running shorts.
 - Knee pads
- My child has NEVER played before...can/will she play?
 - Set her expectations properly. Everyone has to have learned at some point.
 - We are here to TRAIN players.
 - Kids develop at different ages/rates of growth. Be patient, be positive, be prepared.
- Practices
 - (1) practice night (1:15 court time, :15 devotion) per week. Option to attend the alternate practice for more training (FREE).
 - (7) Matches consisting of best 2 out of 3 “sets”/games to 25 win by 2 (approximately 1.5 hour matches)
 - (1) End of Season Tournament
- Advanced Skills & Drills
 - Mondays 6:45-9pm for 12-16U. 6:45-8pm for 8-11U. *If we get more registrations we may alternate the Mondays.
 - Champions Sports Performance – Speed/Agility :30, Advanced Skills/Training 1:30, Devotion :15.
- Playing Time
 - All Players crave playing time.
 - Playing time is a direct result of EAT (Effort – Attitude – Talent).
 - Encourage them to Focus on what you CAN control – Effort & Attitude.
 - Talent is a gift – you either have it or you don't. Our program is a safe place to learn about yourself and the Talent God has gifted you with. We all have one...

FUNDRAISING



- **Goal:** \$10 from 10 friends/families = \$100 per player
- **Purpose:** Spring Fundraiser for scholarships, missions and facility vision.
- **Dates:** March 12th-31st
- Please contact Casey Fitzsimons @ casey@playstewards.org or 704-763-0301 if you have any questions.

LET'S FILL THE STANDS IN 2018!!!



“FRUITFUL FRIDAYS”

- All girls will be in Gym from 6-9pm
- All girls will either be playing, cheering or refereeing for 3 hours.
- Device-FREE Gym (Cameras & pictures encouraged)
 - Parents should leave devices turned off (or on vibrate) and excerpt Self-Control when in the gym.
 - When players look in the stands, they should be able to see an audience of people cheering them on.
 - Helps build confidence and gives girls a sense of “worth”...that they are valuable.



QUESTIONS?

ANYTHING WE DIDN'T COVER THAT YOU WANT TO KNOW?