

## **Girls Volleyball Individual “Free Agent” Player Information – Summer 2012**

The High School volleyball league is a great opportunity for girls to develop their volleyball skills. EVERYBODY GETS TO PLAY. There are no ‘tryouts’ or ‘cuts’. Girls signed up through the “Free Agent” program will play in the “JV” league in the summer High School Volleyball Program.

### **TEAMS OFFERED:**

#### **Girls Grade 9/10\***

***\*Girls in grades 11 & 12 for the 2012-13 school year may also sign up to be placed on a team in the JV league as long as they were not a member of their respective high school squad in Fall 2011.***

A minimum of 8 participants must be registered for a team to be organized. (12 players maximum).

### **TEAM FORMATION**

Team rosters are limited to 11 players unless a coach has requested a larger number of players. Participants are assigned to teams in their own public school attendance area with registrations received during the priority registration period (**April 16-May 14**) being processed first. All registrations received during the priority registration period have the same priority. Subsequent registrants will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. In case of limited space, players may be assigned to teams composed of players from more than one school. Rec & Ed reserves the right to reclassify teams on the basis of skill level before or during the season. In the event of the formation of two teams from the same school (public, private, or out of district), the head coaches in conjunction with Rec & Ed staff will assign players to teams in accordance with departmental guidelines. The goal is to have equally balanced teams.

### **SPECIAL REQUESTS**

If you have any special requests that you would like us to consider (if you would like to be assigned to a specific coach’s team or with a specific teammate), you **MUST** indicate that on the Special Request section of the registration form. We cannot honor special requests placed after the priority registration period.

### **PRACTICES AND GAMES**

The season is scheduled to begin with practices the week of May 28, 2012. The first games are scheduled for Tuesday, June 5, 2012, and the season will conclude by July 31, 2012. **No games on Tuesday, July 3!** Games are held on Tuesday evenings with start times between the hours of 5:30 and 9:00 PM. Games are played at area High Schools or Clague or Scarlett Middle School. Practices are held on a day, time & location determined by the head coach. They are held in 90-minute blocks at Ann Arbor elementary schools between 5:30-9:00 pm, Monday through Friday. Coaches pick their practice day at the Coach’s meeting on May 16.

### **COACHES**

The teams are coached and assisted by volunteers, many of whom are parents or adult players. Coaches and team parents are always needed. If you would like to volunteer, please fill out the area on the registration form. **The Coach’s meeting is Tuesday, May 15 at 6:30** at the Rec Office, 1515 S. Seventh Street, Ann Arbor, 48103 (Pioneer High School E Wing).

### **WHAT TO WEAR**

Uniform T shirts are provided in the Grade 9/10 volleyball league. Kneepads are optional and are supplied by the player. All jewelry, rings, watches, bracelets (friendship included) earrings of any kind (starter included), chains and necklaces are illegal. Any player who fails to remove his or her jewelry may not participate until it is removed.

### **REGISTRATION PROCEDURE**

- On-line registration is available starting April 16, 2012.
- Priority registration will be held from April 16 through May 14 at 5:00 pm. All registrations received in the Rec & Ed office during this period will be assigned team placement before registrations received AFTER 5:00 pm on May 14. **All registrations received during the priority registration period will have the same priority.** If there is not room for all priority registrants on a specific school team, staff will consider special requests in order to help determine team assignments. Team assignments are based on school attendance area and when registrations are received in the Rec & Ed office.

- Completed registration forms along with registration fees may be submitted by enrolling online, by mail, or via the drop box located at the front entrance of the **Community Education and Recreation Department, 1515 S. Seventh Street**. The drop box is accessible 24 hours a day. Do not put cash in the drop box!
- Registrations will be accepted (but not processed) before April 16. All registrations received in the US mail or by drop box before April 16 will be “timed in” on April 16.
- Beginning on May 15, registrations received in the US mail or drop box will be “timed in” on the business day on which they are received and do not receive the priority registration fee. **Postmarks will not be honored.**
- On May 15, 2012, at 5:00 pm, all registrations will be put on hold at the Rec & Ed office until teams are formed. Players will only be assigned to teams that have not yet reached their roster limit.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Failure of a parent to sign the registration form, to complete the entire form, and / or to include payment with the registration form may result in possible placement delay or non-placement of your child.

### **FEES**

Persons not residing within the boundaries of the Ann Arbor Public School District should pay the fees listed as non-resident. The non-resident fee is listed in parentheses after the fee for residents.

**Fees for the 2012 Girl’s Free Agent 9 & 10th Grade Volleyball Program are:**

**\*On or before May 14, 2012: \$64 (\$74)**

**After 5:00 May 14, 2012: \$74 (\$84)**

*\*Registrations must be received in the Rec & Ed office by 5:00 pm on Monday, May 14, 2012 to receive the priority registration price. Postmarks will not be honored!*

**Please make checks payable to Ann Arbor Public Schools (AAPS).**

### **SCHOLARSHIPS**

Fee waivers are available to individuals and families in need of financial assistance. A current approved scholarship must be on file in order for your child’s form to be processed. Scholarship applications take 5-7 business days to process. Please apply at least two weeks prior to the registration period to avoid placement delays. Call the Rec & Ed office for information, 994-2300 ext. 53943 or visit our website at [www.aareced.com](http://www.aareced.com). Scholarship recipients may not use online registration.

### **REFUND / CREDIT POLICY**

If you need to cancel your registration, your fee will be refunded according to the following policy:

1. Please let us know as soon as possible if your child does not plan to participate in the 9/10 grade volleyball program so we can allow someone else to register in his / her place. You are entitled to a full **credit on your Rec & Ed account** if you request the credit in writing 24 hours before your child’s first regularly scheduled game. No credits can be given after your child’s first scheduled game.
2. Under certain circumstances, a full **refund** of a participant’s fee will be paid to the registrant. These include certain scheduling conflicts and approved documented medical matters. All refunds must be approved by the Coordinator of Team Sports or his / her designee.
3. Requests for refunds must be made in writing and submitted to: Rec & Ed Refund Request, 1515 S. 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Ann Arbor, MI 48103 or by email to: [refunds @aaps.k12m.i.us](mailto:refunds@aaps.k12m.i.us). You may also email this directly to the Volleyball Supervisor: [draves@aaps.k12.mi.us](mailto:draves@aaps.k12.mi.us)

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

June 11 through August 10, the Rec & Ed office is open Monday through Friday 8 am-4:30 pm. After August 10, the office is open til 5:00 pm. Changes in these hours will be posted on our automated phone system.

Please call Karen Draves at Rec & Ed if you have any questions and / or concerns:

**734-994-2300 ext. 53254 or email to [draves@aaps.k12.mi.us](mailto:draves@aaps.k12.mi.us)**