



# 2018 PARENT MEETING

## Low Impact Volleyball Grades 4-6



### I. Introduction of Staff

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### II. League Philosophy

First Friends Church's Staff would like to welcome you to Low Impact Volleyball. We are very excited to have you as a part of the program and we believe that it will be a fun, encouraging and growing experience for your athlete and your family. As a league, church and program, we have three distinctives that set us apart from the other sports leagues:

1. A Christ-centered environment in which to play sports
2. Emphasis on positive competition
3. Family partnership to support Team & Individual Devotional Requirements

### III. Practice Schedule – Start Week of January 7<sup>th</sup>

Based on your child's team, their practices will fall on one of the following 1-hour timeslots.  
MONDAYS 4:00 PM or 5:00 PM or 7:00 PM or WEDNESDAYS 4:00 PM or 5:00 PM

**\*\*Please note that there will be a 15-minute devotional that follows each practice. This is REQUIRED. Any player missing devotionals will sit out their first rotation of the next game.**

### IV. Games Schedule & Other Important Dates

2<sup>nd</sup> ASSESSMENT DAY – Saturday, December 1 (Check [www.firstfriendssports.com](http://www.firstfriendssports.com) for time to report)

SATURDAY GAMES – January 19, 26 | February 2, 9, 16, 24 | March 9

- Between 8:00 AM and 1:00 PM

WEEKDAY GAMES – There will be games the first two weeks of March during practice times

PICTURE DAY – TBA

- Teams will be assigned a time prior to their game for team/individual pictures to be taken.
- Picture forms will be distributed at the practice prior to the Picture Day and will be online.

CELEBRATION DAY – Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup>

- NOON at FFC Gym. Participants & family members are invited to attend. Pizza and drink will be provided, please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

### IV. Divisions/Team Assignments/Special Requests

**RED | WHITE | BLACK** Players are assigned based on assessments with the goal to help improve players' skills. Teams will be announced online on Wednesday, December 5<sup>th</sup>. See back for Special Requests information.

### V. Lindsay's Law Requirement

### VI. Apparel/Uniform - See back page for complete description

### VII. Spectator Rules & Expectations - See back for complete description

### VIII. Cancellations

Any game cancellations will be at the discretion of the League Director/FFC Staff and will be posted on First Friends Sports website [www.firstfriendssports.com](http://www.firstfriendssports.com) & Facebook Page [www.facebook.com/ffsports](https://www.facebook.com/ffsports)

### IX. Closing Prayer



### **Lindsay's Law – Parents Required To Complete**

All parents are required to watch the video, read the handout and sign the online form in order for your child to be eligible to participate. This information helps you know how to respond to a sudden cardiac arrest.

Go to [www.firstfriendssports.com](http://www.firstfriendssports.com) and click on your child's sport to access Lindsay's Law online links.

#### Lindsay's Law Parent Informational Video

Parents of all participants must (1) watch the video below and (2) review the Informational Handout below before signing the Lindsay's Law Form.

[Lindsay's Law Parent Video](#)

Handouts:

[Parent Informational Handout](#)

[Lindsay's Law Signature Form \(Must be signed and turned in\)](#)

### **Apparel/Uniform**

1. Players will be issued a uniform that consists of jersey and shorts that meet league required finger-tip length.
2. Players should try on jersey and shorts during assessment to order correct size.
3. No jewelry can be worn during practices or games.
4. Only fingertip length shorts are permitted during practice. No exceptions. Players can wear uniform issued shorts to practice.
5. Knee pads are recommended.
6. No jersey changes after Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. After this time, new jersey orders will be assessed a fee of \$20; new short orders will be assessed a \$10 fee.

### **Special Requests: Time/Carpool**

As one can imagine, in a program of over 400 girls, there are a lot of requests that we receive. It is IMPOSSIBLE to fulfill every request. Requests are filled based on the following priorities:

- 1) Health Issues/Special Situations
- 2) Immediate Family
- 3) Carpool and Transportation
- 4) Preferences

**Final Day to Submit Requests – Monday, November 26<sup>th</sup> (TODAY)** Send email to [mkayers28@gmail.com](mailto:mkayers28@gmail.com)

In the event a mistake is made and your child is assigned to the wrong Division or a imperative carpool link is not met, please contact First Friends Church Sports Office at [sports@firstfriends.org](mailto:sports@firstfriends.org) to correct. However, any other preference not met was the result of the priorities and the rosters would be set as final. Again, we do regret any inconvenience, but appreciate your understanding that we need to also balance team sizes for fair competition.

### **Spectators Expectations To Model Sportsmanship**

'Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters.'  
Colossians 3:23 The Bible tells us that we are supposed to work at ALL we do with ALL of our hearts as if working for the Lord. At First Friends Church, we believe this truth can be applied to athletics as well. Just as with any gift or ability that God has given us, we should seek to use sports like basketball to glorify Him!

1. The officiating will be done by officials who are in absolute control of the game.
2. Spectators are not permitted in the team sideline areas.
3. Misconduct of players, coaches, or spectators will result in assessment of a penalty, ejection or forfeiture of the game.
4. The Program Coordinator and/or League Director has the power to make decisions on any matters or questions not specifically covered in the rules.