



2012 678 Volleyball Parent Information

It is the mission of this program to offer Christ centered character building, self-esteem, skill enhancing instruction, and spiritual nurturing to children and families of our church and community. As a recreational sports program we always strive to increase skill development, game strategy, game rules, and enjoyment of sports. It is our hope that sports can be **Christ-like and competitive** with an emphasis on

doing one's best while respecting the coaches, officials, and opponents. We as parents have a difficult job that offers great rewards. We must provide a safe, fun environment for our children to exercise and develop physical skills that will lead to a healthy and fulfilling lifestyle. We must encourage them positively with love and always remember that the most important thing to them is to have FUN.

PLEASE NOTE:

CSports is a developmental league which incorporates certain rules that demand that our focus is not on winning games.

Our developmental program, based on the serving rotation, allows all players time on the court as well as coaching from the coach. This means that coaches are restricted from adjusting the serving rotation. For example, there may be a game in which, if the team is behind in score, a coach could put all of the better skilled players in to increase their chance to win (it may not be those players turn to finish the game). Because of the rotation rule, this will not be allowed, regardless of the score. This can be hard for some players and parents to understand but this is the nature of CSports.

Winning is good but our purpose is to develop each player. We are developing sportsmanship and spiritual values more so than a primal instinct to win. We want them to learn to win and lose gracefully. This means that CSports is not for everyone. Some parents and players would enjoy a more aggressive league where the main focus is winning as many games as possible. We encourage parents to read and understand the principles and policies of CSports when determining where their child will play.

League Positive Affirmation Campus Rules:

This program is built by the hard work of many people who are volunteering their time. Coaches, assistant coaches, team moms, umpires and other volunteers are what make this league possible. These people work hard to ensure that all of the children who participate will experience God's love, peace and understanding. Please thank them every chance you get. Please review our campus rules below and instruct visitors you bring:

- 1. Never speak negatively toward your child or any other player.*
- 2. Never speak negatively toward an adult (coach, volunteer or another parent).*
- 3. Never criticize a call made by an official. Direct all concerns to C-Sport's staff.*
- 4. Please do not react poorly if your child does not win a game.*

These rules are in place to ensure that our focus is on what is best for our children. Children want to have fun and play the game. If you witness someone that you feel is not aware of these rules please bring it to our attention.

Volunteer Coaches, Assistants, Score Keepers, Referees, and TEAM MOMS/DADS:

This is a great chance for you to serve God through this ministry and spend time with your child. We need YOU...

All coaches are needed to attend the volleyball evaluation training session on January 30th, 2012 at 7:00pm and assist with the player evaluations on Friday, February 3rd, 2012 beginning at 5:30pm.

Evaluations:

Each player is required to have an evaluation in order to be placed on a team.

Evaluation Schedule:

Friday, February 3rd, 2012

5:30pm – 6th grade

6:00pm – 7th grade

6:30pm – 8th grade

Parent Conference:

All parents & players **MUST** attend the parent conference which is held during the time of evaluations on Friday, February 3rd, 2012.

League assignments:

Players will be assigned to teams by the Recreation Ministry based on abilities of players as determined by an evaluation process of skills. All teams will consist of 6th, 7th, and 8th grade players. Parents are discouraged from requesting teammates (for car pool purposes) or coaches. We do this so all teams have beginner, seasoned and advanced players so that the teams will be balanced. Players will be contacted by their assigned coach *after* February 3rd.

Fees:

Registration fee: \$60.00. After deadline – fee is \$65.00

Registration Fee covers the cost of shirt, shorts, coach's award, assistant coach & team parent gift.

Sizing t-shirts and shorts will be available to view when you register. You must select the correct size you want. Parents who have to reorder for incorrect sizes will be charged for both uniforms.

Equipment:

Volleyballs will be provided or you may purchase your own.

Each child will need to purchase and must wear at all practices and games, their own *non marking court shoe and knee pads. Please put name & phone # on knee pads.

Jewelry:


No player is allowed to wear jewelry to practice or games. No rings, bracelets, necklaces, other body piercings or EAR RINGS.

Practices & Games Procedures:

Parents should remain near their child's team during practices & games. Practice or game schedules or other routine changes may be communicated to you at this time. If you leave campus you should make sure your coach has your cell phone #. Have your child at the game at least 15 minutes early. We will meet for 5-10 minutes after the game to have snacks/drinks and talk about the game and our performance. The team mom will be coordinating a schedule for the parents to provide the goodies for us. Parents will be put to work if they are willing!

Practices:

All practices are on Tuesdays at 5:45-7:00 & 7:00-8:15. An extra practice prior to game season is on Thurs., Feb. 9th as well additional practice with the **FREE** volleyball clinic - Sat. Feb 11th, 2012, 9-11am, put on by the Murphy High School Volleyball team. **Please note:** due to the Recreation Ministry being closed on Tuesday, Feb. 21st in preparation for Ash Wednesday, the regular Tuesday practice will be moved to Monday, Feb. 20th.



A Volleyball Clinic by the Murphy High School Volleyball team & coaches will be held on February 11th, 2012 from 9-11am.

All registered 678 Volleyball players are encouraged to attend this free clinic.

Games Days:

Games are on Thursdays at *5:45pm or 7:00pm. First game is on **February 16th, 2012**. *Depending on number of players registered & teams formed, time of game is subject to change but will be within the 5:45-7:00pm time period.

Tournament:

End of the season Tournament will be on March 27th and March 29th.

Thank you again for allowing us the opportunity to work with your children. We take this responsibility very seriously and we will do all that we can to meet the goals detailed at the beginning of this informative letter. Please call us if there is anything you need or that we can do. We welcome both compliments and criticism (constructive, of course!) – If you see something that CUMC can do better, please speak up!

May God Bless You & Your Family,

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"In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy paths." Prov. 3:6

We would like to thank our Volleyball Director Wanda Dreadin and all of our other volunteers who are working very hard to make our new middle school sports league a great one.