**Cincinnati Youth Volleyball Association Questions and Answers**

Q: How do I register?
A: Registration is available online at www.courts4sports.com and select the youth volleyball league link. If you do not want to register online and pay with a credit card you can download the registration form and send a check payable to CYVA and mail it to: Courts 4 Sports, attention: Volleyball, 854 Reading Road, Mason, Ohio 45040.

Q: What are the age requirements for CYVA?
A: This league is for current 3rd through 8th grade girls and boys. We have had a couple 2nd graders play, but it needs to be approved by the CYVA Director, Ginger Hineline

Q: Do you have anything for 2nd grade and younger players?
A: We do have 1st and 2nd grade Volleykids class. Our Volleykids class will run year round. We will have a class in the fall, winter, spring and summer. These classes will use a bigger lighter volleyball, a lower net and a smaller court. The class will focus on movement to the ball, ball control, footwork and developing a passion for the game. All classes will be a fun positive learning environment. The class will take place once a week for 50 minutes. Registration and information is on the courts 4 sports website under youth volleyball.

Q. Do you have anything for advanced players that want more advanced training and still participate in the league?
A. Yes, we have Advanced Training Teams that practice twice a week (instead of once a week) with an experienced coach. We have tryouts for our training teams to ensure proper placement of players. Our training teams are for those players that want to take their skills to the next level. The practices are more intense with the emphasis on working hard, staying focused and discipline. The training teams cost more but you get more practice time and an experienced trainer. Usually the training teams will be up a division in the league. Courts 4 Sports has training teams in the fall session and the summer sessions.

Q: What does the individual registration fee cover:
A: If players sign up individually to be placed on a team the registration fee covers one hour a week of practice, one match a week, ref fees, league tournament and a uniform shirt. A coach will be provided if you sign up individually to be placed on a team. We will do our best to place everyone on a team. We will not place beginners with more experienced players on the same team for 5th-8th grade.

Q: What does the team registration fee cover:
A: If you register as a team, the cost covers the league matches, tournament matches and ref fees. If you register as a team, you are responsible to provide your own coach and your own team uniforms. CYVA t-shirt uniforms are available to purchase for $10 each. Teams do not have to practice; court rental is available at Courts 4 Sports for an additional fee.

Q: What are the different divisions of the league?
A: The divisions are 3rd and 4th grade division, 5th and 6th grade division and 7th and 8th grade division. Teams are welcome to play up in a higher division if they choose, but no team can play lower than the youngest player on the team.

Q: Are boys or co-ed teams allowed to play in your league?
A: Yes, we definitely encourage boys to participate in our league. If we have enough teams, we will just have a boy's league, but if there are not enough boys' teams, the boys will play in the girls division. 3rd and 4th grade boys will have to play up in the 5th and 6th grade division and 5th and 6th grade boys will have to play up in the 7th and 8th grade division. CO-ED youth teams are also welcome to play, but these teams will have to follow the rules for the boys and play up as well. All 7th and 8th grade boys' teams will play in the advanced league of that division.

Q: What are the uniform requirements?
A: All teams need to have the same color shirt with numbers on the back of the shirt.

Q: Who coaches the CYVA teams?
A: Each CYVA team will be provided a coach. All coaches will go through a coach's clinic provided by CYVA. Courts 4 Sports volleyball trainers will over see the coaching staff and practices.

Q: Are all the matches played at Courts 4 Sports in Mason?
A: Yes, all league matches and league tournament will be played at Courts 4 Sports.

Q: Is there a gate charge to attend the matches?
A: Yes, there is a minimal gate charge to attend the matches.

Q: How many matches will the team play?
A: Each sessions may be different on the number of matches and tournaments. The fall league, all teams will play 9 regular season matches and a single elimination league tournament for a total of 10 matches. Typically, our spring league all teams will play 10 matches without a league tournament.

Q: When do the leagues start?
A: Practices for the fall league typically start the third or fourth week of August with the first matches being the week after Labor Day. Depending on the number of teams, the fall league will play matches on Sundays and one of the weeknight evening. The spring league typically will start the third week of March with the first matches starting the last week of March. Matches for the spring league typically will be played Sunday late afternoons/early evenings. We will start our summer league in 2012. This league will start in June. Practice and match nights will be posted on www.courts4sports.com.

Q: What are the guidelines and rules for the league?
A: Please refer to the "Rules and Guidelines" link under youth volleyball for playing rules and descriptions.

Q: For the players that sign up individually to be placed on a team, how do you place players on a team?
A: When players sign up, we ask for level of play on the registration form. We need to know if players are beginners – intermediate or advanced. To confirm a player's skill level, we will have an evaluation process the first week of practice before we determine the teams. We want to place players on teams with other players of equal skill level. Each grade will practice on the same night. This will help with the evaluation of skills to place players on the same skill level teams. Players can play up but can never play lower than their current grade. There will be a head trainer for each age division attending the practices. This head trainer will be in charge of the practices to ensure that the practices are run efficiently and good drills are being implemented in the practices. Each team will have a head coach, but we want to have an experienced trainer for the practices. We feel that the training is just as important as the match experience for the total development of the player.

Q: How many players are placed on a team?
A: 9-10 players

Q: What is your refund policy:
A: Any player who becomes injured within the first month from the day of the first practice and can no longer continue will receive a pro-rated fee refund less $30 administrative fee and a $10 shirt fee with a doctor's note explaining the injury. Any injuries after the first month will receive a pro-rated refund credit that can be used on any other Courts 4 Sports activity. If you registered and paid individually and we cannot place your son/daughter on a team a full refund will be given back to you. No refunds or credits will be given for any other reason.