

1. **Welcome-** Thank you for taking the time to consider Fort Worth Fire Volleyball Club, we know there are a lot of choices for club volleyball in this area so we appreciate your consideration, for those that are new welcome and those that are returning welcome back...we appreciate your loyalty.
2. **What makes Fire different?** First we are a Christian Club. I have been praying for you even before you decided to check out or join Fort Worth Fire. We follow God's word in our club. Doesn't mean that our players and or coaches have to be Christians, but it is important to know how and why we do things at Fire. We strive to be the best we can without compromising our values or integrity at the cost of winning a set or match.
 - We Work to change players from inside out. Through club volleyball, players build positive self-image, self-esteem, defining character, and confidence in accomplishments, team focus not on self but others....
 - Caring Club, Faith based, Christian values. Honest. If you ask, please be prepared for an honest answer. We try not to beat around the bush.
 - Working with families to BALANCE club volleyball and other activities important to families. We try to schedule tournaments when possible in a way that other family activities and school activities can be accommodated, we take a lot of time to consider each team, its potential, and try to set a schedule that will push them and allow them to succeed and still be challenged as well. Sometimes that is very tough to do.
3. **Tryouts/Evaluations**
 - Evaluations run from July 25 - August 16th. **official signing days are August 2nd for ages 15-18's and August 16 for Ages 10-14's.** We are hosting 4 evaluation clinics per age group. ALL of our evaluation dates are listed online. You can see those dates on the Fort Worth Fire Volleyball Club website.
 - Players should attend **as many Evaluations** as possible until they receive their verbal offer. Then, August 2 / August 16 depending on your age group is merely a signing day/uniform fitting. If a player cannot attend any of the evaluations and doesn't have an offer, be sure to communicate to the coach and let them know you are interested in one of the remaining positions and you should contact them to see if there are any remaining positions available.
 - Ask coaches for feedback and players as well. Be prepared for an honest answer.
 - We cannot follow up verbal offers with text, phone, or email. So it is imperative that when in person and given a verbal offer, you think about it before you leave and please let the appropriate coach know if you will take the offer, or let them know you will come to another evaluation and follow up with them in person at that time.
 - **IMPORTANT TO DO ASAP**

- NEW PLAYERS TO REGION AND USAV VOLLEYBALL MUST REGISTER AS A NEW PLAYER ON REGION WEBSITE. YOU WILL ALSO HAVE TO VERIFY E-MAIL ADDRESS TO WHICH THE OFFER WILL BE E-MAILED.
- RETURNING PLAYERS TO THE REGION MUST VERIFY E-MAIL ADDRESS TO WHICH THE OFFER WILL BE E-MAILED.

[Please go to our website for the link to register for these important steps](#)

Signing day/Tryouts.

1. **If you received a verbal offer**, we will email you an official offer. YOU MUST respond to the offer within a certain period or the offer laps. FOLLOW the steps from the e-mail offer. ACCEPT, DECLINE, WRONG PLAYER. Once you accept then follow the additional steps so we can confirm and you will be officially added to the team. Failure to follow the remaining steps will not allow us to accept you as a player and it won't matter that you accepted the verbal offer. Once you accept the official offer simply bring the paperwork listed to the official signing time from 2-5pm on August 2nd or 16th depending on your age group.
2. If you CANNOT figure it out via computer/phone...don't give up, just come to Game On and we will get it all worked out for you.

4. BRING TO SIGNING DAY:

1. Copy of Birth Certificate.
2. NOTARIZED NTR Medical Release Form for Purple and White Teams.
3. Agreement form
4. Plan to have uniform fittings on signing day. Shoes and accessories are optional and can be purchased separately at GO or any other store of choice.
5. Spirit apparel will be offered through an online store.
6. Purchase \$27 GO membership after signing, uniform fittings before you leave complex.
7. Set up down payment and monthly payments online (or get with Cody directly)

TEAMS/PRICING Purple-top/White-2nd/Black-3rd/Grey-4th.

See [website](#) for additional package information. Includes all Uniforms, coach's expense, and entry fees, hotel costs for players at travel tournaments.

Coaching Staff-

- All are full time professional employees or students.
- Players and coaches should not friend each other on FB. Can text, but need to have a parent included in the text message. Communication should only be for logistical reasons, times, missing practices, etc...
- Coaches are expected to communicate with you weekly once practices begin.

- See parent/player guidelines on the website about proper communication with coaches.
- If a Coach becomes unavailable to attend practice/tournaments we will have a substitute coach fill in.
- In the event a coach is removed we will replace the coach. This does not warrant any type of discount or money back. You commit to a team not a coach.

Practices:

- Purple and white teams only: November 1x practice per week.
- ALL teams will begin in December with 2X practices.
- No practices during Thanksgiving or Christmas. We will have opportunities for open gym for those in town.
- **Spring Break- tournament on both ends of Spring Break. This would only be for 13-17 Purple teams only. (Denver, Co)**
- Players need to give notice if she is going to miss practice/tournament as soon as they are aware.
- Players need to make up practices when possible.
- If a player misses practice/tournament they will have to earn their position back.
- Players who are required to participate in school activities we work with you. Not penalized...one reason for us to take 11 players.
- Practice schedules TBD- We are adding an earlier time slot (5:30-7:30pm 11U-14U / 7:30-9:30pm 16U-18U / 15U can be either time slot)
- **As soon as teams are formed, schedules and practice times will be posted on your team page.**

Tournaments: Individual Team Tournament schedules will be posted on FW Fire Website on each team's page.

What to Expect at Tournaments:

- AM Wave usually starts at 8am. Arrive by 7am, or the PM wave usually starts at 2:30-3pm. Arrive one hour before start. Play pools of 3-4 teams. Everyone plays each other in the pool, then moves onto whatever bracket they qualify for. Usually the top two advance to Gold, others to silver, bronze. Most tournaments are in Plano/Garland/Frisco/ Dallas Convention Center with a few in Arlington. Hotels are not required for local tourneys. Some choose to stay close.
- **One-Day tournaments** for Grey and 11's teams. Play on Saturday's usually, play starts at 8am, finishes usually by 7pm.

Travel Tournaments

- - The club will book hotels for all players on 14u teams and older. The majority of our travel tourneys are considered Stay and Play. That means I have to use a select group of hotels. I will always share with

you what those hotels are and you can choose to book there or not. Players will probably miss school. We will provide you a note, but some schools may not accept it. 12s and 13s attending travel tournaments will stay with parents/guardians. I will create a block of rooms for you to book at.

Playtime

- Each player will receive the maximum amount of touches, reps, and coaching at each and every practice and opportunities to prove herself to participate in tournaments.
 - This is what parents are paying for
- There will be times when a player does not get in the set or match as much as you think they need to. When this happens...please don't run up to coach at the tournament.
 - Have the player speak to the coach, as we want our players to be able to speak to adults about issues they may be having. This is a life skill and one that we feel is important.
- Play time will always be based on several factors:
 - Performance
 - Coach-ability
 - Team 1st mentality
 - Volleyball IQ
 - Volleyball abilities
 - Determined hard work
 - Team Performance when certain players are combined
 - etc...
- Playtime will not be equal as we have several players on each team playing in somewhat specific positions on the court.
- Each player must earn her spot on the court.
- Playtime in club volleyball is not up for discussion. The coach decides who and how much a player will participate in a set or match.
- If you are concerned about equal play-time, Club Volleyball is not the choice you should be making. Join a recreational team like YMCA. Where everyone gets to play equal and everyone wins!

Thank you for considering or selecting Fort Worth Fire. If you have any questions during the season, please contact Cody Hanson- Club Director.

Blessings.....

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