

TRI-COUNTY AAU VOLLEYBALL- 2019

We are recently back from the Iowa Girls High School Volleyball Tournament. We qualified for state for the 18th year in a row and were the **State Champs** this year. Western has won 16 State championships, with 11 of those coming in the last 18 years! It has been a blessing and an exciting opportunity to be part of. Our AAU program makes these championships possible at Western Christian! We would like to invite all girls in grades 5-8 to join us in this rewarding experience. We try to keep our teams small, 7-9 players, so everyone gets the opportunity to play as much as possible. We usually have 2-3 teams per grade level, but our practices will be run as a grade and not as a team. This ensures everyone is learning the same fundamentals and keeps the cohesiveness of the grade and not separation by team.

Attached to this letter you will find an AAU participation form. The form must be filled out and returned to Tammi Veerbeek **by Dec.5.** By registering in advance, we can get a jumpstart on the number of girls, how many teams, number of coaches needed, ordering jerseys, etc. **The cost for AAU for players who have a jersey is \$115 per athlete.** 5th Grade players and any new athlete or someone needed a new jersey the cost will be **\$140 per athlete!** This amount covers team jerseys, tournament entry fees, gym rental fees, AAU membership and sanction fees, liability insurance, State tournament entry fees and coach registration fees etc.

Commitments to school or church activities should take priority to AAU commitments and we will try to work around school activities, however, we assume if you sign up for Tri-County AAU, you are committed to practicing and playing in the tournaments. It is important you be there for you teammates! If an unforeseen conflict arises, please discuss with the coach as soon as possible. The teams will be selected after the Jan. 2 practice date. The athlete will then receive an E-mail with a list of her teammates and future tournament dates and sites and be contacted by her coach for future practices. Each grade usually practices once a week. **The first date for the opening tournament is Jan. 19. The Gold AAU State tournament is set for March 16 for 5th and 7th and March 23 for 6th and 8th.** Each team will attend 7 Saturday tournaments and the State tournament if their team qualifies.

All players will be placed on a team with no cuts being made. However, we do feel that the girls gain the most benefit from the program when they are placed with players of similar skill levels. We see growth in every player from year to year and every year the teams tend to change. Every player is important and valuable to our program. Please note that the team placement of the girls this year does not have any connection to future years; it is only an indication of where we see your daughter currently and where we feel she can best improve!

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Please try to be at all practices: We plan to hold practices/try-outs on the following dates:

Practices are held at Western Christian High School unless otherwise noted!!!

5th Grade

Dec. 27: 1:00-2:30

Jan.2: 3:45-5:00

6th Grade

Dec. 27: 2:30-4:00

Jan. 2: 5:00-6:15

7th Grade

Dec. 27: 4:00-5:30

Jan. 2: 6:15:-7:45

8th Grade

Dec. 27: 6:00-8:00

Jan. 2: 7:45-9:15

If one of these dates does not work for you-please contact Coach Veerbeek so she is aware. That is why we hold 2 dates so if you have to miss one- we still have the opportunity to evaluate the player on the other date.

By December 5, Please send the attached form along with your entry fee to:

Tammi Veerbeek

560 16th St. S.E

Sioux Center, IA 51250

Make Checks Payable to: Western Christian Volleyball

\$140 if need uniform and \$115 if have a uniform!

Your cooperation and promptness with these forms is appreciated!!

AAU is a tremendous opportunity for your daughter to learn a passion for the game of volleyball and to develop teamwork, Christian character, fundamental skills and lifelong friendships along the way!

Please don't hesitate to call with any questions regarding our program!

Tammi Veerbeek 541-4457 (Cell) veerbeek@mtcnet.net

We are always looking for people who love the game of Volleyball and working with kids!! So if you as a parent want to coach or know of anyone we should contact- please let me know!!!

2019 TRI-COUNTY PLAYER INFORMATION

NAME _____

PARENTS NAME _____

SCHOOL _____

GRADE _____

BIRTHDATE _____

HOME ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE NUMBERS _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

Do you have Health and Accident insurance? YES or NO (Circle)

JERSEY SIZE: Please Circle (For 5th Grade and those needed a new jersey)

Youth Medium Youth Large Small Medium Large XLarge

Players that played last year and are re-ordering a new jersey please indicate what number you wore last year

***If you are a 5th grader or a new athlete- you will be assigned a number.