

NWI Knights Volleyball Club

AAU Volleyball Information and Registration (5th - 8th)

December, 2018

Dear Volleyball Players and Parents/Guardians:

We are very excited to get another year of NWI Knights volleyball underway. This AAU (Amateur Athletic Union) program is a club team offered to girls in grades 5-11. Year after year, we have seen the benefits these practices and tournaments can bring! Therefore, we would like to invite your daughter to participate in this rewarding experience.

OUR GOALS:

- * Learn, develop, and improve their skills & knowledge in the game of volleyball.
- * Experience the excitement of being on a team & learn how to be a good teammate.
- * Have fun, build friendships, & explore the gifts and talents God has given them.
- * Learn that volleyball is one aspect of their life to glorify God.

TEAMS:

Depending on the interest shown, we hope to have one, two, or three teams for each grade level. All participants 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. An average player's opportunity for improvement will be held back should she begin to always rely on a stronger player. The highest level of accomplishment comes through when a player is challenged to succeed. 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.

SCHEDULE:

Each team will be entered in approximately 5-6 Saturday tournaments from the end of January to the middle of March, with a possible Gold (state) tournament on March 17. During the season, practices will typically be held on Thursdays, but to begin the team selection process, we will have a couple practices around Christmas break and a Saturday right before the tournaments begin. A detailed schedule will be sent out later in January once registration is complete and teams selected.

The schedule for the AAU Team Selection Process has been set as follows:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>GRADES</u>
Thursday, Dec 20	Unity	3:30 - 5:30 pm	5 th & 6 th grade
Friday, Dec 21	Unity	3:30 - 5:30 pm	7 th & 8 th grade
Saturday, Dec. 29	Unity	12:00-2:00 pm 2:30 - 4:15 pm	5 th & 6 th grade 7 th & 8 th grade

We encourage participants to attend both sessions. If you are unable to attend a session, please contact **Coach Patty Timmermans** (ptimmermans@unity.pvt.k12.ia.us). We realize that these dates could have conflicts with your family holiday plans, however your daughter is still very welcome to participate.

REGISTRATION FEES:

Program fees cover: AAU membership & sanction fees, tournament entry fees, coaches, gym rental, liability insurance, and other miscellaneous expenses. We will be using the same jerseys as last year, so if yours still fits, please only pay the registration fee. **All 5th graders & new participants will have to order a jersey, so please pay the registration fee and the \$20 jersey fee.** We typically keep the same jersey for around 3 years.

5th - 8th Grade Registration Fee	\$100
High School Registration Fee	Pro-rated
Jersey Cost	\$20

REGISTRATION — DUE FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2018:

If you are interested in having your daughter participate in NWI Knights Volleyball:

1) Click on the following link and fill in the Google form by Friday, December 14.

Online Registration Link: <https://goo.gl/forms/2twv8O3zJOqYWTk83>

2) Send payment to Unity Christian by the first practice (Dec. 20) — ATTN: Patty Timmermans (made payable to NWI Knights Volleyball)

* Bring payment to school and give to the office or Patty Timmermans.

* **OR** Mail to Unity Christian, 216 Michigan Ave SW, Orange City, IA 51041

OTHER NOTES:

It should be noted that every effort is made to avoid conflicts with the local schools and the events that they sponsor. Priority should always be given to those school events. Should an unforeseen conflict arise, please discuss this with the coach AND Patty Timmermans as soon as possible.

We are in NEED of approximately 30 – 40 coaches for the program! Please consider becoming involved in this capacity! It is a remarkable experience to see the players develop and the team bonding that occurs. Coaches or assistant coaches can be parents, older siblings, current or former players. Please call or email one of the committee members for more information or to volunteer your services as a head or assistant coach.

Thank you for your continued interest in this program. We will always be happy to hear your input or answer any questions.

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