



TEAM PARENT HANDBOOK

A team parent helps organize and coordinate behind the scenes so the coach can focus on the athletes and the team. This person can be the heartbeat of the team. A team parent just needs a little bit of extra time and a lot of organization skills to help the coach throughout the season. You can work with your coach to determine what they need from you, but below are some of these responsibilities:

Communication

Communication is KEY to a successful club and successful season. There are many ways and options to setup your team's communication preference. Here are just a few: email distribution lists, Texting Apps (ie GroupMe), Shutterfly team pages, PRIVATE team Facebook page, etc. You will work with your coach to find out what works best and then setup whatever will be the chosen option. Most teams do a few listed above.

Hotel Blocks

Your team may have the need to stay overnight for a tournament. In those cases, you may be responsible for getting a Hotel Block for your team, including the coach. Please check with your coach to find out which tournaments you may need to get hotel blocks for. For our Regional and American teams, the team is responsible for covering the hotel costs for the coach up to \$175.

Money collection

There are times where money needs to be collected. Some examples could be hotel stays for the coach, gifts, and team outings. You will work with your team on how you want to collect money.

FUNdraiser

We hold an annual FUNdraiser at Grand Sands volleyball. It is a fun-filled day with morning and afternoon sessions. There are also raffle baskets! The FUNdraiser funds many things for the club, including scholarship money for families that need help paying their club fees. Each team is responsible for donating a basket for this event. You will be responsible for coming up with an idea and providing those items by January 15th.

Team-bonding

Teambuilding allows the athletes to get to know each other both on and off the court. These activities can be fun group activities that will help them celebrate each other and learn to trust their fellow teammates. Trust helps win games! You will work with your coach on what activity or activities would be appropriate and then coordinate that activity with the team. Some teams like to kick-off the season with a team-bonding activity before tournaments start; some do several throughout the season. This will be up to your coach and your team.

End of season

At the end of the season, it is time to celebrate the team, the coach and the parents! You will work with the coach on what the preference is and then coordinate with the team. Hint: don't forget to coordinate a coaches' gift.