



# Spartan Wave JO Volleyball



12's / 14's / 15's / 16's / 17's / 18's Program 2011-12

The Booster Club will again this winter sponsor a Junior Olympic volleyball program through the North Country Region of USA Volleyball to run from December through April. This may include one/two 12's teams, one/two 14's teams, one/two 15's/16's team & one/two 17's/18's teams.

The teams will begin practices in December and start their power league and tournament schedule in January. While the practice schedule is not fixed in stone, our gym availability is primarily Mondays and Thursdays from 7:00 to 10:00, but gym conflicts will require some flexibility as practices may be moved to other week nights certain weeks. Typically the 12's & 14's will practice as early as possible while the older teams will practice later, but final times are ultimately dependent on coaches schedules. When the teams are formed, we will create as final a practice schedule as possible through discussions with all the players and teams. We want all teams to practice two times per week. Our intent is to structure the practice schedule so that players can have an effective volleyball experience, yet participate in multiple sports and activities. Family, education, and school activities always take precedence over JO volleyball.

All teams will play in the Burnsville power league (6 league dates – see below attached budget), the President's Day Festival, and regional championships in April. As you know, the power league rotation is subject to change, based on the results of a given weekend.

In addition to the above schedule, the teams may participate in the NL Qualifier, held at the MPLS Convention Center in April, if a specific team decides to do so, as well as other events that will be scheduled on a team by team basis, such as a 2-day event at Ralia Sports Center. Also, a team may decide to travel out of state to compete. We intend to limit teams to a maximum of 10 players per team.

The cost for 12's through 17's teams ranges from approximately \$300 (12's with reduced coaching fees) to \$600 (older teams playing in major events such as the Northern Lights Qualifier - \$75 per player) with 10 players per team. As always, once teams are formed, we can adjust the schedule (not playing in the Qualifier would save \$75 per family), use volunteer coaching, or explore other avenues to reduce the per player cost. Please refer to the attached JO proposed budget for cost breakdowns. This year uniforms and other apparel, such as bikers and warm-ups will be purchased directly online. The uniform jersey will cost approximately \$40 and is the only required apparel item that must be purchased, although black bikers are also required.

One-half of the fees will be collected at our organizational meeting. A post-dated check (Feb. 1, 2012) for the second half of the season is also due at the meeting. The cost of the program includes all entry fees, uniforms, player registration fees, and coaches fees, much of which we have to pay before the season starts. Since the fees cover only the actual costs of the program, there are no scholarships available, but fundraising can be done on a team by team or individual basis. Last season bagging groceries at Cub helped defer several families' cost. The IGH Booster Club runs the JO program at cost; there is no profit built into the budget. You may propose a payment plan if necessary.

If you and your family want to be involved in JO volleyball this winter and spring in the program as outlined above, please return the attached interest form to the Simley HS main office or one of the high school coaches, Mindy Tavernier or Jen Moe, by Friday, November 4th so we can plan effectively for the season. If you have any questions, contact Mark Kaschke at [kaschke@msn.com](mailto:kaschke@msn.com) or 651-303-4765. We will have an organizational meeting, which will include uniform fitting, on Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 PM in the North Gym at Simley HS. Since the bleachers are hard, the meeting will be short.

**Go Spartan Wave!**