

IPV Travel Team Parent Meeting – 2013/14 - SURVEY

I want your feedback as to what is important to you as you consider having your daughter advance to higher levels of volleyball competition. Realize that no situation will ever be the absolute ideal for every player or every family. Also realize that there are costs and rewards involved with every potential opportunity. We want to get a better gauge for what the priorities are of our families at this stage in your daughter's development with an eye towards the future. Please give consideration to each question and give your honest feedback, keeping in mind that there may be opportunities that may be good for the team as a whole but may not always be optimal for each individual. Your feedback will help provide us guidance as to how to better continue to meet the needs of aspiring young volleyball players as they progress through and beyond their middle school years.

Your name:

Your daughter's name:

Your daughter's grade:

Age your daughter will be on Aug. 31, 2014:

If your daughter is selected to an IPV Travel team:

1) Would you be satisfied with simply playing in the local middle school tournaments if that was what was best and most suitable for the team? YES NO

2) If it was felt the team could benefit from additional competitive opportunities...

A. Would you be *willing* to spend additional funds and travel time and expense to participate in either AAU or KRVA events.

NO - This is sufficient and we do not want to spend any more money or time

Yes - We would be willing to spend the money for AAU membership and some AAU events

Yes - We would be willing to spend the money for KRVA membership and some KRVA events

Conditional - If we could do some fundraising or have some help with finances we would be fine with having our daughter participate

Anything goes - We are willing and able to spend whatever additional time and money needed to pursue to best and highest competitive opportunities

B. Would you be willing to contribute additional funds beyond your daughter's portion to help fund additional opportunities? YES NO

3) Would you be interested in or willing to participate in events that overlapped the PIAA Middle School Volleyball Season? YES NO

4) Would you be interested in reforming the team in early May and practicing for 3 weeks and then participating in the local Happy Volley Tournament. This is a 3 Day AAU sanctioned event over Memorial Day weekend at Penn State. The team would play all 3 days with an estimated additional cost of \$125. YES NO

IF after tryouts and evaluations your daughter was in jeopardy of not making a team please indicated which of the following options would be preferable. Please rank them. 1- Best; 4- Worst

A. Being cut and just moving on to other activities or opportunities.

B. Accepting a practice player position at a reduced cost but not participating in tournaments.

C. Accepting a full roster position on a higher level team with the clear understanding that she may have very limited or no playing time in tournaments but will be a full practicing and traveling member of the team.

D. If possible forming a "B" or "C" team if there are enough other similar players even though the team may not be as competitive overall.

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Obviously no one wants to spend more money than they have too... However there are real expenses involved with renting gym space, travel costs, administration, uniforms, tournament entry fees etc. That being said as you look forward to your daughter's potential future participation in travel volleyball. Realize that "High Level" club team players regularly spend anywhere from \$1,200 to \$3,500 for club dues with additional hotel and travel costs involved on top of that. Please answer the following questions in light of your daughter's future aspirations.

1) In the future what level is your daughter interested in pursuing? (you can check more than one)

- A. Just hoping to make the Middle School Team!
- B. Wants to make the High School Team
- C. Wants to be a High School Starter
- D. Wants to play High Level Club
- E. Wants to play in College
- F. Just playing for fun, no particular aspirations. Will play as long as she can be on a team.

2) What level of club volleyball would your daughter be interested in participating as she moves forward into her upper middle school and high school years?

- A. A 2-3 month season playing in 3-4 tournaments within a couple hours just to stay in the gym and keep her hands on the ball.
- B. A 4 month season playing in 5-6 mid-level tournaments across the state and possibly in Happy Volley.
- C. A 4-6 month season playing in 7-8 tournaments including large multi-day, higher level "National" events.
- D. Not really interested in playing future club volleyball.

3) How much would your family be willing to spend in order for your daughter to participate in club volleyball at the following levels?

- A. 2-3 month season with 3-4 tournaments - (Typical range \$100-350)
- B. 4 month season with 5-6 in state tournaments - (Typical range \$500-\$1200)
- C. 4-6 month season with 7-8 tournament including large multi-day national events -(Typical range \$1,000-\$3,500 plus travel expenses)

4) How much would the competitiveness and quality of the team affect your willingness to pay for an opportunity?

Very Important- Would pay more for higher level team but not for a less competitive team.

Somewhat Important- Would pay for the right exposure as long as the team was competent.

Does not matter- Would not pay thousands of dollars no matter how good the team.

Does not matter- Would be willing to pay for the experience no matter how good the team.

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5) How many days a week would you be willing to practice?

- 1) Once per week
- 2) 2 week days
- 3) 2 week days plus 1 weekend (non-tournament weekends)
- 4) 1 week day and 1 week end
- 5) More than 3 times per week

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- 6) How important is uniform quality?
 - 1) Really want to have the best gear and willing to pay for it
 - 2) Would like quality uniforms but willing reuse uniforms to save some money
 - 3) T-shirt uniforms are fine if we can save money or use the money to play or practice more
 - 4) Does not really matter either way.

- 7) Would you be interested in doing fundraisers to offset the cost of participating in club volleyball?
 - 1) Yes! Willing to do whatever it takes to save some money.
 - 2) Would participate if the team is doing a fundraiser
 - 3) No, not really interested, I would just rather write a check.
 - 4) I would be willing to subsidize opportunities where extra funds are needed in lieu of fundraisers.

- 8) Would your daughter be willing to get a part time or summer job if needed to fund her volleyball activities? YES NO

- 9) Rate the following in order of priority. 1- most important, 6 - least important
 - 1) Playing time
 - 2) Playing position of choice
 - 3) Winning/competitive team (even if not playing all of the time or position of choice)
 - 4) Being with friends
 - 5) Learning & Improving as a player/Coaching - regardless of position or playing time
 - 6) Meeting and playing with quality players from other areas

PLEASE PROVIDE ANY OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION, EXPLANATION OF RESPONSES OR COMMENTS THAT YOU THINK YOU HELP US UNDERSTAND YOUR PERSPECTIVES AND WHAT YOU ARE LOOKING FOR IN A CLUB EXPERIENCE!