



# 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 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), SNAPCHAT groups, 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 some cases, if the tournament is Stay to Play, the tournament coordinator will be managing those hotel blocks. Please remember, a tournament that is run as a Stay to Play means we must use their booking agency and their hotel selections for those stays. It is part of the requirement of admittance to the tournament. In some cases, you will be staying overnight and you may be responsible for getting a Hotel Block for your team, including the head 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 head coach up to \$200 per night. If this is the case, you will work with your coach on how they would like the money collected for hotel stays. Some may want to collect at the end of the season, some may want to collect after each tournament.

***\*\* Teams are not obligated to pay for or assist in paying for the hotel stay for the assistant coach.***

## **Money collection**

There are times where money needs to be collected. Some examples could be hotel stays for the coach, gifts, the sand fundraiser basket, extra tournaments and team outings. You will work with your coach on what is needed for extra money collection and how to best do that.

## **FUNdraiser**

We hold an annual FUNdraiser at Grand Sands volleyball in February. It is a fun-filled day with morning and afternoon sessions. It's mandatory for all Cincy Crush players to participate in the FUNdraiser sand volleyball lotteries. 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 and overhead cost for the club that allows club fees to remain reasonable. Each team is responsible for donating a basket for this event. The basket needs to be valued no lower than \$150. You will be responsible for coming up with an idea and providing those items by a date that the Fundraiser coordinator will communicate. There will be several emails about the event that start coming out in November.

## **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.

Any questions at all, please contact our Team Parent Coordinator:

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