

Parents and Participants of 2020-2021 Club Tryouts,

Thank you for signing your daughter up for Katy United 2020-21 Season Club Tryouts. This year's tryouts will be like no other we have experienced in the past. We will be strictly following the guidelines and mandates set by the State of Texas and Harris County. With the mandated capacity restrictions and social distancing, it will be extremely difficult to accommodate all parents in the gym to watch tryout.

We know this is not the most ideal of situations but this is what is needed to be compliant and keep everyone as safe as possible. We are allowing ONE family member per player in the gym and parents must stay in the front area of the gym. There will be no seating provided. We will open one of the cargo bay doors to allow for more viewing. Spectators must understand we cannot safely social distance everyone so we will require all to follow the KU Covid-19 procedures; waiver signed, wear a mask over face and nose at all time, and body temp will be checked when you enter. We also ask that if a volleyball comes into the parent area, please DO NOT touch the volleyball with your hands. Our bathrooms will only be for KU staff and athletes trying out. We understand that our protocols might be different than some of the other area gyms, but due to our building size and lack of spectator area, this is what we are requiring.

Due to Covid-19 instability we have lowered our fees for this upcoming season 2020-2021. We will also extend our payment months from August – May.

To help us speed up our team placement process; please make sure your best contact phone numbers are clearly written down. You will receive a phone call if your daughter has received a team offer. Once you receive that phone call, you will have 60 minutes to discuss with your family and get back to us with a decision. If you accept the team offer, we will need the \$600 Commitment Fee paid online before your daughter' spot is secured. If we are not able to offer your daughter a spot on a team, you will be sent an email with a waitlist offer. The waitlist will be filled by positional need.

If your daughter is offered and accepts a team offer, a \$600 Commitment Fee will be added to your account as an open invoice, which will need to be paid immediately to secure her spot. Her spot is NOT secure until this Commitment Fee is paid. This season, much different from the past, we WILL NOT be taking checks due to covid-19. You may pay with a credit card on your KU account OR with PayPal to KU's account. Email for PayPal is tiffanyd@katyunited.com.

We will be forming as many teams per age group as the positions will allow. If you are an experienced volleyball parent, you know that this is a numbers game. There is usually a surplus of defensive players and a lack of middle hitters. If this is the case, we will only form as many teams as our positional needs can fill. The normal average breakdown of a team consists of 2 setters, 2 defensive players (libero/DS), 4-5 pin hitters (Left/Right), 3 middle hitters. We will carry between 10-12 players per team.

Due to the threat of COVID-19, we have limited our travel schedules for 2020-21. We will only be traveling out of state 1 time and the only other trips outside of the Houston Metro area will be Lone Star Classic and Lone Star Regionals (if played outside of Houston). Teams will decide if they want to attend a post-season tournament. Teams can choose either Girls Junior National Championship Patriot Division or AAU National Championship for an additional cost of \$350 (does not cover player travel or hotel expenses).

Please NOTE: If a team “Qualifies” in a bid division (American, National, or Open) they are EXPECTED to attend at an additional cost of \$350.

Our team ranking are as follows -

- Top team - Adidas - National travel schedule for ages 13's-17's. Regional travel for 11's, 12's and 18's (can buy in for an out of state tournament)**
- 2nd team - Molten - Regional schedule**
- 3rd team - Navy - Regional schedule**
- 4th team - Red - Houston metro schedule**
- 5th team - White - Houston Power League and local schedule**

All National and Regional Teams ages 15s-18s will be on our SportsRecruits online platform. This is included in your club dues.

There are legitimate concerns over the season possibly ending early due to another COVID spike, like in the 2019-20 season. Having a season cut short is something that was never expected. Going into this season, we now have a pandemic credit/refund policy in place. For any time missed, you will receive the following credit for events missed - \$15 per practice, \$30 per 1 day local tournament, \$60 for 2 day local tournament, \$115 for a 2 day out of town tournament, \$175 for Lone Star Classic, \$225 for out of state National Qualifier. Any buy in tournaments, you will receive the full cash refund for the buy in amount. In the event of a season cancellation, club dues will cease. Our coaches are so valuable to us and we will once again be paying them if we are in another shutdown.

Building Update: Due to Covid-19's instability, our KU Management team is looking ahead and wants to protect our customers and our business this season. With that said, we have decided to delay our move-in date into the new facility. The construction is still moving forward, but without solid answers from USAV, or the Government, we don't want to experience another shut down in a new gym with higher rental fees. We will continue to keep our club families updated as news is shared with us.

Once again, thank you so much for trusting your daughter's growth as an athlete and person with Katy United.

We Wish Your Daughter All The Best At Tryouts!

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