

Sports Performance Newsletter – January 2010

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Good luck to all the boys' teams as they attempt to qualify for the USAV National Championships.

Congratulations to B16 Mizuno who qualified at the CanAm Bid tournament by taking 2nd place!

Upcoming Travel Information – Girls Program

Note: we will not give specific flight or hotel information in this newsletter for safety reasons. We will send that information home in a separate letter along with costs

President's Day, Chula Vista, Wisconsin Dells - February 13-15, 2010: 15 Mizuno, Runbird, Wave and Lightning

- Depart on Friday, February 12th at 4:00 pm from the GLC in 15 passenger team vans
- Housing – each team will stay in a home (each team will need a house mom)
- Tournament – Saturday, 13th – Monday, 15th
- Teams will return Monday, February 15th after the last SPVB team has completed play
- Tournament location: Chula Vista, Wisconsin Dells

Dells Showcase, Chula Vista, Wisconsin Dells - March 5-7, 2010: 18 Elite, Red, White, Blue, Navy, 17 Mizuno, 16 Elite, Soph, Red and White

- Depart on Thursday, March 4th at 3:30 pm from the GLC in 15 passenger team vans
- Housing – each team will stay in a home (16's teams need a house mom)
- Tournament – Friday, March 5th – Sunday, March 7th
- Teams will return on Sunday, March 7th after the last SPVB team has completed play
- Tournament location: Chula Vista, Wisconsin Dells

Blue Grass, Louisville, KY - March 13-14, 2010: 16 Red, White, All 15's teams, 14 Elite, Red, White and Blue

- Depart on Friday, March 12th at 12:00 pm from the GLC (motor coach or vans-TBA)
- Housing – Country Inn & Suites (we will send address in private email to each family) (3-4 players per room)
- Tournament – Saturday, March 13th – Sunday, March 14th
- Teams will return on Sunday, March 14th after the last SPVB team has completed play

JVA World Challenge, New Orleans - April 2-4, 2010: All 18's, all 16's, 15 Elite, Frosh, Red and White

- Depart on Thursday, April 1st – teams will be flying (detailed flight information will be finalized shortly)
- Housing – Embassy Suites (we will send address in a private email to each family) (4-5 players per room)
- Tournament – Friday, April 2nd – Sunday, April 4th
- Teams will return on Sunday, April 4th on a late flight out
- Anyone who would like to attend Easter mass (Saturday or Sunday) will be able to do so.

Indy Jrs., Indianapolis, IN April 17-18, 2010: 17 Mizuno

- Depart on Friday, April 16th from the GLC at 3:30 pm in 15 passenger team van
- Housing – Fairfield Inn North (we will send address in a private email to each family) (3-4 players per room)
- Tournament – Saturday, April 17th - Sunday, April 18th
- Team will return on Sunday, April 18th after they have completed play

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Youth Gala, Louisville, KY – April 16-18, 2010: All 14's and 13's teams

- Depart on Thursday, April 15th from the GLC at 4:00 pm (vans or bus TBA)
- Housing – Crowne Plaza Expo Center (we will send address in private email to each family) (3-4 players per room)
- Tournament – Friday, April 16th – Sunday, April 18th.
- Teams will return on Sunday, April 18th after all SPVB teams have completed play

Youth Gala, Louisville, KY – April 17-18, 2010: 12's and 11's

- Depart on Friday, April 16th – TBA on departure site and time
- Housing – same as above (players will stay with their parents)
- Tournament – Saturday, April 17th - Sunday, April 18th
- Teams will return on Sunday, April 18th after all SPVB teams have completed play

Premier, Ohio – April 24-25: 18 Red and White

- Depart on Friday, April 23rd – TBA on departure (Rick will give information to players at a later date)
- Housing – Country Inn Suites Maumee (4-5 players per room)
- Tournament – Saturday, April 24th - Sunday, April 25th
- Teams will return on Sunday, April 25th after both teams have completed play

Indy Dunes, LaPorte, IN – Saturday, April 24-25, 2010: 18 Blue, Navy, 15 Blue, Navy, Mizuno and Runbird

- Depart on Friday, April 23rd at 4:00 pm from GLC (IF the tournament begins later in the day on Saturday the teams may leave Saturday morning. We will keep you updated as we hear more)
- Housing – Hampton Inn LaPorte, IN (we will send address in private email to each family) (3-4 players per room)
- Tournament – Saturday, April 24th – Sunday, April 25th
- Teams will return on Sunday, April 25th after all SPVB teams have completed play

T.I. Classic, Indianapolis, IN – May 8-9, 2010: 16 Red and White

- Depart on Friday, May 7th at 3:30 pm from GLC in 15 passenger team vans
- Housing – Hampton Inn Indy East (we will send address in private email to each family) (3-4 players per room)
- Tournament – Saturday, May 8th – Sunday, May 9th
- Teams will return on Sunday, May 9th after both teams have completed play

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Munciana, Muncie, IN, June 5-6, 2010: 18 Blue and Navy, 15 Red and White

- Depart on Friday, June 4th at 3:00 pm from GLC in 15 passenger team vans
- Housing – Best Western Muncie (we will send address in private email to each family) (3-4 players per room)
- Tournament – Saturday, June 5th – Sunday, June 6th
- Teams will return on Sunday, June 6th after all SPVB teams have completed play

AAU's, Orlando, Florida (see dates below): All 18's, All 16's, 15 Elite, Frosh, Red, White, 14 Elite and Red teams

Depart June 15th and Return June 21st: 14 Elite, 14 Red, 15 Frosh, 15 Red and 15 White (Group #1)

Depart June 18th and Return June 25th: 18 Elite, 18 Red, 18 White and 15 Elite (Group #2)

Depart June 19th and Return June 25th: 18 Blue, 18 Navy, 17 Mizuno, 16 Elite, Soph, Red and White (Group #3)

- Housing – each team will have their own home (address of home will be sent at a later date)
- All 14's, 15's and 16's team will need a house mom
- Airline information will be sent home once it is finalized

Tournament days:

Group #1: June 16th – June 19th, off day on the 20th

Group #2: June 19th – June 22nd, watch Group #3 finals on the 23rd, off day on the 24th

Group #3: June 20th – 23rd, off day on the 24th

Tournament Location: Disney Wide World of Sports and Orange County Convention Center

All travel for the players is done as a group through Sports Performance. If any parents are interested in setting up travel through our travel agent her name is Terri Freeman and you can email her at freeman@abbeytv.com. I will be getting flight information for teams traveling by plane and will forward that information to everyone. It is being finalized at this time.

For any tournaments that we drive to you are welcome to take your daughter home with you after the last Sports Performance team has completed play on the last day. You will need to let your daughter's coach know when we meet at the end of the tournament before departing.

Remember every team will eat all meals together when traveling. We will need 1-2 parents who help with one meal at the playing site since many times the food selections are not the best for our athletes. I will have every coach work on getting volunteers to help with their team.

House mom for Dells and Orlando for 16's and younger – your responsibility will be to make sure players go to bed on time (per coach), get up on time, eat breakfast, make their meal for the playing site, keep house clean (girls will clean you will oversee!) and overall be with them when they are at the house. You will need to have your own transportation and will only be responsible for the players when they are in the home. The rest of the time the coach will have all responsibility. If you are interested please email me at cheryl@greatlakescenter.com.

Sports Performance Picture Day

All teams will due this during their scheduled practice time.

Girls 14's and 13's and Boys 14's – Tuesday, February 2nd

Girls 18's, 17's, 16's and 15's – Thursday, February 4th

Boys 13's – Friday, February 5th

12's, 11's, 10's and mini – Friday, February 12th

All picture packets will be handed out at your next scheduled practice. Please make sure to complete form and send a check if you are going to purchase pictures. We will take a team picture and anyone who would like an individual picture can do so.

Girls' teams – match jersey / match warm-ups

Boys' teams – match jersey / match shorts

Practice Updates

Due to our 12's starting practice we have the following changes to accommodate them until the high school boys are done.

Tuesday, February 9th – B14's will practice on courts with high school boys. Same practice time as usual.

Tuesday, February 9th – 14 Elite, Red, White and Blue NO practice.

Tuesday, February 9th – 14 Club teams have practice as usual but will only be on 3 courts

Friday, February 12th – 14 Elite and 14 Red will practice 7:00-9:30 pm

Sports Performance Parent Week – Girls program and Boy's 13's and 14's

We will be opening up practice for parents to come and watch the week of February 22nd – 26th. You are welcome to come to your son or daughter's practice that week and watch. If you would like to attend an older age group practice you are welcome to do that as well. The 18's, 17's and 16's practice Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 3:30pm - 7:30pm and the 15's practice Monday, Thursday and Friday between 4:00pm - 9:30pm. If any of the younger players would like to come and watch the older girls practice along with your parents please do. This is a great opportunity for our younger athletes to watch some of the top players in the country train.

We will be serving refreshments and snacks upstairs during this time. You are welcome to sit downstairs in the bleachers, up stairs by the railing or bring your own chair, YES; I said bring your own comfortable chair!

All practices and tournament schedules have been updated as of 1/26/2010 so please make sure to go to www.greatlakescenter.com and then go to girls or boys home page to view that information.

We have had to make some changes to the original tournament schedule due to tournaments being full or cancelled.

Travel Reminders

Please make sure to email me this week if for some reason your daughter will not be traveling to any of the out of town travel listed in this newsletter. I will be putting a budget in place for all teams and once that goes out you will be responsible for paying even if your daughter does not attend. I need to receive an email from you by Friday, January 29, 2010 explaining why she will not be attending as all tournaments are mandatory.

If you plan on staying longer in New Orleans or Florida with your daughter you will need to contact Terri Freeman immediately to have her make the changes necessary to your daughter's airline ticket.

Sports Performance Presidents' Day Challenge

February 13-15, 2010

All 18's will be playing at the Great Lakes Center on Saturday and Sunday, with some teams going off site on Monday.

All 17's, 16's and 15's will be playing at the Schaumburg Convention Center, with some teams going off site on Monday.

We are looking for 8-10 parents to help out at the Schaumburg Convention Center to help with admission and manage the entrance at the facility. If interested please email June Jasnica at jjasnica33@sbcglobal.net for more details.

We have over 190 teams total coming: Baotou High School from China and club teams from North Carolina, Georgia, Indiana, Kentucky, Missouri, Iowa, Wisconsin, Michigan, Illinois, Texas and Canada!

We hope you will come and support all the SPVB teams playing!

Parent Sign-up

Please make sure to stop in the lobby of the GLC to sign-up to volunteer 2 hours of your time for either the National Junior Classic (NJC) or SPVB Youth Classic.

The team work schedule will be sent home no later than February 22nd.

KIVA / Bluegrass Pre-Qualifier Showcase

On Friday, March 12th from 6:00-9:00 pm they will be hosting an unsigned high school 9th – 12th grade recruiting showcase. If anyone is interested in attending please go to www.ovvc.com

For any players that are interested and your parents are not attending one of the coaches will drive you to the Kentucky Exposition Center for the showcase. Please email me at cheryl@greatlakescenter.com.

Kentucky Exposition Center * 937 Phillips Lane * Louisville, KY

Dells Showcase

They will also be offering a recruiting night. If we get information on that we will email you that information.

Good luck to all the teams attending this event!

Parent Travel

Here are some sites to help you with your reservations:

Terri Freeman – Abbey Travel 630-420-0400 / tfreeman@abbeytv.com

aautravelplanner.org – AAU trip

Brand NEW Hilton (adjacent to a new Waldorf Astoria with shared facilities) in Orlando, Florida email Leslie at leslie.o'laughlin@hilton.com.

Boy's Bid Tournaments

We wish the boy's teams the best of luck as they attempt to qualify for the USAV National Championship.

Wisconsin Festival – February 6th -7th

GL Festival – February 13th -14th

Good luck to all of you!

Team Selection

In the younger age groups, teams were selected to make sure every player is in a position to grow and develop their individual skills. We have done our best to balance the club level teams so every team will have success and each team has players who will carry a big load until the newer players develop. We ask that everyone continues to support all the teams as each player progresses in their individual development. Remember the goal for our younger teams are for the players to become good all around skilled players. Everyone is working very hard at practice and we have seen a great deal of improvement overall and are very excited about watching the growth of all of the players.

Rick and Cheryl Butler, Sports Performance Club Directors