

## VERY IMPORTANT UPDATES TO THE 2024 SEASON, PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

1. ALL TEAM REGISTRATIONS, CONFLICTS, AND GYM AVAILABILITY WILL BE REQUIRED TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE LEAGUE BY **JULY 1, 2024**. PAYMENTS WILL BE EXPECTED BY JULY 15, 2024. Organizations unable to meet this deadline will be placed on a wait list and are not guaranteed registration for the Fall 2024 season.
2. Fees will stay at \$125 for the 2024 season, but will increase to \$150 in 2025 as we continue to invest in the growth and enhancement of the PAL Volleyball organization including enhancements of the website software platform, referee training and retention, and end of season tournament and awards.
3. All teams will be expected to play on all days of the weekend: Friday evening, Saturday all day, and Sunday afternoons. The league can no longer accommodate requests for playing only on certain days; there are just too many teams and limited gym space to accommodate these requests, and in fairness to all teams, we want to keep the playing field equal for all. There are no exceptions. Please keep this in mind as you complete registration, including arrangements for coaches and teams.

In addition, schedule conflicts will only be considered for parish/organization related events. Please contact your parish or organization office now to get dates for such events as confirmation retreat, festivals, parish fund raisers, etc. to be provided with registration materials by July 1<sup>st</sup>.

4. The league needs as much gym availability from each organization as possible. Last year the gym availability was quite limited, and it created great difficulty with scheduling. Due to this challenge, we are instituting a minimum requirement for each organization to provide gym availability for 5 Fridays, 5 Saturdays, and 2 Sundays for regular season league play (August 22<sup>nd</sup> – October 13<sup>th</sup>). Guest team matches will still be utilized as part of the gym availability. We may not need to use all of your availability, but we do need to have gyms to use in our short 7 week regular season to accommodate 9 league games for all teams.

We will also need to know your gym availability for the weekends of October 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> and October 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> for end of season tournament play. We ask that you please provide this availability as well and we will circle back later in the season to confirm and finalize needs for tournament use.

If your organization can provide more than the minimum gym availability it is greatly appreciated.

5. For schools that do not have a dedicated gym: for 2024 season the league is asking that your organization make arrangements, such as gym rental, for at least two days of gym availability per team registered with the intention that in 2025 the minimum gym availability will be enforced.

Organizations not providing the minimum gym space will move to a wait list, and the organization teams will only be slotted if there is space available from remaining days and times left after scheduling everyone else.

6. Team registrations and rosters will be completed on the league website. Each volleyball director will set up an account on the website for your respective school or organization to register all your teams and provide all rosters via the league website. More details, including instructions, will follow in a separate email. . You will be notified when the site registration is live. Gym availability and team conflicts will be gathered through email, similar to past seasons.