

Toronto West VBC - Parent Information Night

September 10, 2020

VIRTUAL AGENDA AND POINTS OF INFORMATION

1. Welcome and Introduction of Coaching Teams

- It's good to be back. Let's hope that we can stay that way.
- Your team's coaches are the same as last season:
 - 18U Boys - GOLDEN EAGLES: Ed Turalinski, Kevin Sousa, Jessica Turalinski
 - 17U Girls - IMPERIALS : Richard Serote , Jillian Lesniak
 - 16U Girls - HAWKS : Anwar Diouman, Claire Lesniak
 - 15U Girls - WINGS : John Long, Taylor Pracek
 - 15U Boys - TALONS : Marko Milenkovic, Mark Esteireiro
 - 14U Girls – FALCONS (new) : Byron Long, Sierra Archee

2. Volleyball and COVID-19: OVA and TORONTO WEST during the pandemic

- Our objective is to provide volleyball operations while keeping our Members and their families safe
- These are uncertain times, and we must operate within the guidelines of Province, Region, Community and the OVA. We are presently in Stage 3 of re-opening which allows for how we are presently functioning. A roll-back at any regulatory level would adversely affect our ability to operate.
- Important: We must all be vigilant in adhering to the OVA Protocol's details as failure to do so will jeopardize the rest of the team's ability to train during quarantine of an individual.

3. Toronto West Club Philosophy within the LTAD

- Toronto West is in the "business" of educating young people through the medium of Volleyball.
- We endeavour to support our athletes to achieve their potential as players and people.
- We aim to enable our athletes to face and deal with life's challenges and adversities.
- We provide a fun and secure environment where young people can spend quality time in a positive social setting.
- Our training principles and practices are based on those of the Long Term Athletic Development model.

4. Teams & Training schedules & locations

- This year we have 6 teams:
 - 18U Boys GOLDEN EAGLES – Monday / Wednesday / Friday
 - 17U Girls IMPERIALS – Tuesday / Thursday / Saturday
 - 16U Girls HAWKS – Tuesday / Thursday / Saturday
 - 15U Girls WINGS – Tuesday / Thursday / Saturday
 - 15U Boys TALONS – Tuesday / Thursday / Saturday (change from last season)
 - 14U Girls FALCONS (new) Tuesday / Thursday
- Regular training days & locations will return with the release of gym permits by the TDSB and TCDSB
- Temporary month-by-month court schedules are posted on our website and available from your team Assistant Coach. Please support us by being flexible with your time and driving (car pooling) availability.

5. Seasonal thresholds and events

- Based on the availability of rental courts, new training schedules are posted every month. The September schedule is presently available from your team's Assistant Coach and the Toronto West website **www.torontowest.net**
- We do our best to schedule each team on its usual training days, including Saturday.
- **October 1**: TCDSB may release their gym permits (subject to Covid-19 regulations) which will allow the GOLDEN EAGLES and TALONS to train at their usual school gyms.
- **January 1**: TDSB may release their gym permits (subject to Covid-19 regulations). This will permit all of our teams to return to their familiar training locations.
- **January 1**: The OVA anticipates the start of competitions (subject to Covid-19 regulations)
- The T-WEST Christmas Party is CANCELLED.

- OVA Provincials and VC Nationals have been scheduled, but are subject to Covid-19 regulations
- Toronto West will re-evaluate operations subject to regulatory rules & restrictions after January 1.

6. Tryouts – OVA regulations and club procedures

- Most of our teams have already signed back many of their players from last year and training has started.
- New and non-signed returnees are being evaluated and possibly accepted to the team, starting September 20
- The 14U FALCONS are starting with tryouts on Saturday, Sep 19. See our website for details!

7. Registrations, Protocols and Budgets

- All signed players must have completed the temporary OVA Registration, multiple Acknowledgements and Waivers (13 pages!) by the time they start training with their team. This file is available from your team Assistant Coach and can be done online.
- All players will register themselves in the NEW OVA REGISTRATION SYSTEM, starting on Sep 15. This is a “recreational” free membership which enters the member into the OVA data base.
- All players will upgrade their OVA Membership to “competitive” as the 2021 season firms up. This will include a membership fee similar to last season (Approx.\$80)
- All club functions are subject to Covid-19 Protocols. No exception, as they allow for safe and legal operations as well as Covid-19 contact tracking, should the need occur.
- Budgets:
 - >Each team will operate until Christmas on a monthly cost covering basis. This includes court rental, coaching fees and later incidental equipment like tech shirts and uniforms for new players.
 - >Payment can be made by cheque payable to Toronto West VBC or by e-Transfer to evatw@hotmail.com. Password: Your team’s name (one word)
 - >A comprehensive budget will be communicated later in the fall once the OVA COMPETITIVE SEASON has been confirmed. This will further include gym fees, tournament entry fees, new equipment costs, administrative expenses, etc.
 - > Total base fees for the season should not exceed those from last season
 - > Details available from your team’s Assistant Coach
 - > Costs not included: Personal equipment, optional and “Playing Up” tournaments, Nationals fees

8. Club Registration and Parent and Player Contract

- The Club Registration Package which includes the Parent and Player Contract will be distributed to parents & players when the roster has been established after September 20

9. Respect in Sport Initiative

- This online module does not have to be completed every season. One parent for each player, returning or new, must have is completed, even if it was done for a different sport.

10. Q&A

- 1. Please check the Toronto West website www.torontowest.net for information.
- 2. Your coaches will be happy to address any questions or concerns you may have.
- 3. Please contact John Long, President at **416-239-4388** or email at evatw@hotmail.com

11. Meet your Coaches

- You can read their profiles on the club’s website
- Your coaches will arrange for opportunity to meet
- Please do not approach your coaches with questions or concerns immediately before or during training sessions. Thank You!