

UNION VOLLEYBALL BOOSTER CLUB 2020-21

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The Union Volleyball Booster Club is an organization that promotes school spirit and provides financial support to the Union Volleyball program for girls in grades 7-12. Through encouragement, donations and fundraising, we strive to represent Union in a positive way, as well as to promote a successful volleyball program. We encourage **all parents**, as dedicated fans, to join and support the Booster Club. Funds raised through the collection of Booster Club dues and through yearly fundraising activities are used to provide for items not covered by the Union School District Athletic Department. These may include:

- Providing dinner for the girls before each of the away games and all high school home games
- Hotel rooms for out of town travel to tournaments
- Banquet – players meal, decorations, gifts for coaches
- Senior Night – flowers, decorations, gift bags for players, keepsake albums for players
- Cooler items (food & water) for players during tournaments
- Camp credit available for girls to earn through fundraising activities

Officers: Officers are appointed yearly. Officers for the 2020-2021 school year are:

President: Amber LaPointe

Vice President/Senior Parent Representative: Shea Ludwig

Secretary: Elizabeth Thiessen

Treasurer: Brenda Martin

Hospitality Coordinator: Tamara Stanley / In Training: Elizabeth Thiessen

Concessions: Amber LaPointe / In Training: Dana Turley, Ashley Calloway

Booster Club Membership Dues:

7th Grade: \$50 per player

8th Grade: \$65 per player

9th Grade: \$80 per player

JV/Varsity: \$90 per player

(plus any applicable fees for paying online)

Your booster club dues can be paid the following ways:

CASH – Pay directly to our treasurer, Brenda Martin, a receipt will be presented to you.

CHECK – Made Payable to Union Volleyball Booster Club,

Mail to: 3800 W. Freeport Street

Broken Arrow, OK 74012

PAYPAL – unionvolleyballboosterclub@gmail.com

VENMO – @Unionvolleyboosterclub-Uni

(*NEW) ACCOUNT CREDIT – You can use funds from your player's account credit to pay dues.

Please notify us by email if you would like to use this option: unionvolleyballboosterclub@gmail.com)

Being part of the volleyball program is a **family effort**. When your daughter commits to the program, we need the parents to commit also. The only thing the school provides for us are the facilities, coaches and uniforms.

EVERYTHING else your daughter gets throughout the year (meals, banquet, coolers for tournaments, etc.) is provided by the booster club. We are asking that **EVERY FAMILY** join the booster club by paying your player dues and **work at least 3** volunteer opportunities throughout the year (concessions, hospitality, tournaments, committee member, etc). We communicate through email, so please make sure that you enter correct email information when your player registers with the program, and please check your emails that come from us.

Activities:

******Volleyball Banquet**

An end of the season banquet is held each year to recognize the efforts of all the players, coaches and teams. It is usually held in the Redskin Room at the UMAC. At the banquet, the coaches from each team introduce and recognize all the girls. Players whose Booster Club dues have been paid can attend the banquet for free. Parents will pay a fee associated with the cost of the meal. We try to keep the cost to a minimum and encourage all players and parents to attend.

******Hospitality Rooms: Home Volleyball Tournaments**

The Hospitality room is set up by the parents of the Union teams that are hosting the tournament. (ex. 9th Grade tournaments, items are provided by 9th Grade parents, etc.) Food and drinks are provided for the coaches and officials participating in the tournament. All items are provided by parents or can be obtained by donations from area businesses. These tournaments fund our volleyball program more directly, providing money for equipment and coaching supplies, as well as building and promoting the image of our program, and providing our girls with opportunities to play. (*Items provided for Union tournament hospitality rooms are considered a 'donation' to the program, and are not reimbursable*)

******Team Promotion and Fun Activities**

The Booster Club supports the girls in organizing and executing several activities such as: Big/Little program (Senior mentoring of underclassmen), Game Night Shirts, the annual Varsity Promotional Poster, Senior Banners, pre-season group outings and get-togethers, and anything else the girls decide to do!! We want them to own the vitality of the volleyball program with our encouragement and support.

******Food**

The Booster Club is proud to provide meals for our players and coaches at all away matches. Because of the logistical challenges of travel, this typically involves conveniently packaged food or catered box meals from local restaurants. In this way, we can make sure that all of our girls and our coaches have what they need to be successful without worrying about how to get food in the middle of long bus rides or other travel obstacles. We also provide food for all home high school matches (9-Varsity). As the host team, we provide food for visiting coaches and officials for our home matches. We have not traditionally provided meals at 7th/8th grade home matches. They are typically much shorter than the high school matches (which consist of 9th, JV, and Varsity all back to back), so there is more opportunity to eat a proper meal after a home 7th/8th grade match. Team parents are encouraged to add to our traditional program in any way that they can support. We also do strive to ensure that there is an abundance of water available to our players at all events through team coolers of water bottles, refillable water jugs, and any other means possible.

******Team Camp**

The JV and Varsity teams will attend a team camp before the season starts or an early season tournament at a location outside of Oklahoma. In the past, our teams have gone to UNLV in Las Vegas, Colorado State in Ft. Collins, CO, and Walt Disney World in Orlando, FL. The Booster Club supports these activities by helping the coaching staff arrange logistics and providing fundraising activities to defray the costs of these wonderful experiences. At every venue, the girls will experience a huge volume of play, high quality coaching, and fun team activities outside of volleyball.

******Senior Night**

To honor our seniors, the Booster Club organizes and supports several activities on Senior night, including: materials and setup for senior memory boards and tables, special meals for the senior players and managers, flowers for our seniors and those of the visiting team, organizing the underclassmen to make banners and decorate. This is a special night and a very important way to establish and honor tradition and the contributions that these leaders have made to our program. We try to get parents of non-Seniors to take the lead on this, so the Senior parents can relax and enjoy the evening (and focus on not crying!!).

******Fundraising: A YEAR ROUND activity**

Concessions are one of our main fundraisers!! Please plan to help with this during school volleyball, and the remainder of the school year. The Booster Club is fortunate to have the opportunity to run the concessions for all volleyball and basketball games that are held at the 9th Grade Center. We own this concession stand and everything in it. So we have to buy and stock the supply, but this also means that our profit is higher. Working concessions gives the players the opportunity to earn camp credit throughout the year. Once schedules are available, we will be soliciting help to work in the concession stand. In addition to the 9th Grade Center, we are the primary group for staffing the UMAC. This means that when the UMAC develops their event schedule for the year, they give us the majority of the dates for working the concession stand. At the UMAC, we only provide labor, and we make 15% of the profit or \$150 per 4 hour shift. For all concession activities, we require a minimum of 1 adult in the concession stand and usually 2-4 other workers (players or other adults). We do ask that 7th and 8th graders work with their parent, until the player feels comfortable enough to work alone, and the UMAC Stand manager approves them for solo shifts. Players who work can also get their service hour forms signed in lieu of camp credit, **but not both**. Other fundraising activities could include: Cookie Sales, car washes, spirit nights at local restaurants etc. New suggestions are ALWAYS needed and welcomed!

******Club Volleyball Tournaments**

From December to late April, our coaches organize and host club volleyball tournaments (usually 3-5 events). For these events, we help setup nets (the girls typically do this during 6th hour and after school on the Friday before). The girls earn credit to their camp account for any hours worked outside of school. We also run a concession stand at every venue when we're allowed. Hours worked count toward our overall concession credits. In addition, we setup and monitor the hospitality rooms at every location. For anything you contribute to one of these hospitality rooms, you are reimbursed (by turning in receipts to our Treasurer) to your player's camp account. And we reimburse 2x the cost of ingredients for homemade items. In addition, we credit players accounts for parents that work on their behalf setting up, monitoring, keeping stocked, and cleaning these hospitality rooms throughout the tournament. This job also typically involves being a "runner" to other sites when we run out of things, need change for concessions, etc. There will be signups available for these roles as the tournaments approach.

THE SCHEDULE FOR THE 7th, 8TH, 9TH, JV & VARSITY GAMES CAN BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE AS SOON AS IT IS AVAILABLE:

<http://www.unionvolleyball.net/>

INFORMATION ABOUT CLUB TOURNAMENTS THAT WE HOST CAN BE FOUND AT:

<http://www.clubtournaments.net/>

HOW DO I EARN CAMP CREDIT AND WHAT DOES THAT MEAN TO ME??

I want to take this opportunity to explain what earning “Camp Credit” means to you and your daughter. Through our fundraising opportunities, concessions, club tournaments, sport courts etc. the Booster Club keeps track of all of the hours you and your daughter put in to help our organization succeed. At the end of the volleyball club season (usually around the beginning of May), we net out our expenses and we are able to figure out an average hourly credit and attribute that to the hours worked. We then can credit your daughter’s camp account for the time and hard work you have dedicated to the program and that will help offset the cost of the big camp that Coach McKee takes the JV/Varsity girls to every year.

WHO GOES TO CAMP AND WHERE DO WE GO???

JV & Varsity players are invited to go to summer camp. The location of camp changes each year; In the past the teams have traveled to Colorado, Las Vegas, and Orlando. At each camp, the girls also have time for team bonding and fun activities like white water rafting, site seeing, shopping, specialty shows and dinners as well as other fun outdoor stuff like hiking etc.

CAN I CARRY A BALANCE AS AN 7th/8th/9th GRADE PLAYER???

Yes, you will be able to carry over your balance each year as a younger player. These balances will remain with your player until they are utilized for summer camp in their JV & Varsity season(s).

WHAT HAPPENS IF I LEAVE THE PROGRAM OR DON’T MAKE THE TEAM???

If you choose to leave the volleyball program or do not make the team during tryouts, then any credit you have in your account will roll to the Booster Club general fund. This is sanctioned by NCAA rules and is out of our control. *(This is also the case for seniors with a credit balance at the end of their regular season)*

WHAT IF I DO NOT HAVE ENOUGH CREDIT IN MY ACCOUNT TO COVER CAMP COST???

As a player, you are invited to go to these camps regardless of the credit you have in your account. Parents will be able to pay for the remaining balance of the camp cost. We realize that these camps cost a lot of money but they are a wonderful experience for the girls and no other program offers this kind of opportunities to their players. We also recognize that it takes **A LOT** of parent and player support to make this program successful and so we came up with the idea of “camp credit” to help alleviate some of the costs of these camps to the parents.

I hope this has answered a lot of your questions but if you have more, please feel free to e-mail me at: unionvolleyballboosterclub@gmail.com, or adlapointe43@gmail.com

We are excited to get the season started!! You can begin paying your Booster club Dues immediately, and please make sure you and/or your child have joined the TeamSnap App for the latest messages and schedule changes from the coaching staff.