

Barrie Elites Volleyball Club 2023-2024 Season Parent Meeting - Tuesday July 4, 2023

The purpose of the meeting was to hold an open forum for parents to attend and ask questions regarding the upcoming season.

1. Early Offers / Age grouping / Playing up or down / Approval
 - All athletes that are given early re-sign offers will be given one based on their chronological age group. Example: someone born in 2009 must be given an offer for 15U this season
 - Any athletes that wish to play for age group that is not based on birth year will need to be given approval by Director of Athletic Development
 - Coaches will be present and will attend and observe athletes in both age groups above and below their age group they are coaching to assess athletes wishing to play in another age division
 - Following tryouts coaches from both teams along with the Director of Athletic Development will discuss these athletes and they will be assigned to teams based on their skill level and what is best suited for their development
 - No athletes will be pre-signed to a team outside of their chronological age group and will be assessed at tryouts for determination of where they will play for the season
2. HP Programming
 - HP teams this year will be for 15U through to 18U for both boys and girls team
 - The HP program will consist of the follow
 - 2 practices per week at 2 hours in length
 - 1 weekly training session with a Performance Training Professional
 - Sports Psychology sessions with Robert Beers November through March)
 - 2 Non OVA tournaments (US or out of province)
 - Recruiting Seminars
 - College and University mentorship sessions
 - The cost of the HP program will be more than regular programming
 - Club working on different sponsorship programming to help cover some of these additional costs
 - More information will be shared as the program is being built
 - All athletes that are offered positions on HP teams will sign a separate contract/offer following tryouts confirming their commitment to this programming
 - Should an athlete not meet the contractual agreement they will be released from the team
3. Coaches Meeting
 - There will be a coaches meeting in the coming week to provide updated coaches manual and review and answer any and all questions prior to tryouts
 - Coaches will be instructed to assign a team parent / manager to assist with much of the administrative duties throughout the year

4. Parent Meeting
 - It is mandated that all teams have a parent meeting at the start of the season during the first week of practices to discuss all expectations for the season and answer any questions that parents have for coaches.
5. Team Parent Meeting & Handbook
 - New this year we are creating a Team Parent handbook to assist team parents with responsibilities
 - There will be a team parent meeting hosted to help answer any questions
 - The meeting will also provide Team Parents with instructions for line and score keeping so that they can share with the team at parent meeting
6. Closing - advised there will be updates to the website in the coming week or so with all of this information as well as other updates as we have them. All were advised that they could contact any of the executive at any time via email provided (depending on role) should they have further questions.