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Dear Parents and Athletes;

The South East Alberta Volleyball Club (SEAVC) - pronounced "see'- vick") has been in operation since 1989, and developed a cooperative relationship with the Medicine Hat College Rattlers program. Entering the club's 21st season, the SEAVC Rattlers have drawn 1000's of athletes from all of the city's Jr. and SR. high schools as well as from many of the surrounding communities throughout South East Alberta and South West Saskatchewan. Last year, the club provided 11 teams (8 girls' teams and 3 boys' teams) and had 160 athletes (105 Competitive & 55 Developmental)

The SEAVC program is designed to incorporate "FUN" into the development of individual and team oriented volleyball skills. The South East Alberta Volleyball Club is competitive with other programs in Alberta as SEAVC teams have won: 4 Provincial Tier II Championships (18W - '93 & '98, 16W - '94, 18M - '06); 1 Provincial Tier I - Div II Championship (18M); 2 Div II Silver Medals (16W - '00, 14W - '06, 14W - '07) and 1 Bronze (18M - '98). The club has also garnered 2 Tier I Provincial Consolation Championships (18W- '92 & '94). SEAVC has finished second at the Canadian Western Championships Div II (16W - '02) and the 18U Canadian Open (18W - '03, 18M - '07), and 4th at the Canadian Western Championships (14W - '06). We are looking forward to another successful season and another great turnout for 2010. The SEAVC program has been highly regarded in the province and by the Alberta Volleyball Association as one of the few lead programs that promotes a grassroots development younger than 12 years of age and promotes maximum participation and competitive opportunities for athletes by providing developmental programs and offering as many teams as possible, consistent with Sport Canada's and Volleyball Canada's Long Term Athlete Development Plan (LTAD).

A number of former SEAVC athletes have gone on to play on Alberta Provincial Volleyball teams and for the Medicine Hat College Rattlers or other post-secondary teams. Former SEAVC athletes who have recently played for (2010 MHC Rattlers Team*) the MHC Rattlers volleyball teams include: Michelle Alberts*, Kim Andjelic, Lauren Bardahl, Alex Chesley, Diana Davison*, Sage Fahlman*, Paige Dean, Tiffany Donovan, Desirae Hemsing, Amanda McGarry*, Kayla Stephenson*, Julien VanTol*, Justin Freitag, Chris Sawicki and Brett Zinger. Other relatively recent notable SEAVC graduates having played post-secondary include: Cecilia Enestrom (Rochester Institute of Tech), Marie Muschiol (LCC), Cindy Black (LCC), Kristie Swetnam (LCC), Joel Schellenberg (Briercrest), Jessica Zinger (Briercrest), Natalie Weir (College of the Rockies), Janine Merkl (Grande Prairie College), Jill Walker (Louisiana Tech), Brandie Clark (University of Buffalo); Jill Herman (University of Ottawa), Kim Stonehouse (Montana State), Sara Brunner (Rocky Mountain College - Billings), Janice-Rose Reinbolt (Minot State University). Numerous SEAVC alumni have gone on to coach with volleyball teams at the school, club and college level while a few have managed to gain coaching experience at the provincial and/or national team levels. The SEAVC Rattlers welcome this year's new coaches who are currently playing with the MHC Rattlers Women's Team.

PLAYER FEES (tentative formats): *(Fees may be reduced if teams opt out of, or not able to register for, specified tournaments)

1. 18 & Under (18U & 17U) (born 1992-93):
 - 18U Women - 5 tournaments, including Provincials & Cdn Open (fly to Abbotsford) \$1450
 - 17U Women - 4 tournaments, (plus possible local tourney/exhibition), Including Provincials \$550
2. 16 & Under (16U & 15U) (born 1994-95):
 - 16U Women - 5 tournaments, including Provincials and West Canadian Open (Calgary) \$600
 - 15U Women - 5 tournaments, including Provincials and West Canadian Open(Calgary) \$600
 - 16U Men - 5 tournaments, including Provincials and West Canadian Open (Calgary) \$650
 - 15U Men - 4 tournaments, including Provincials and West Canadian Open (Calgary) \$600
 - 16U & 15U Developmental - Training Sessions and possible SEAVC Exhibition Play \$150
3. 14 & Under (14U & 13U) (born 1996-97):
 - 14U Women - 4 tournaments, including Provincials (plus potential Home Tournament) \$400
 - 13U Women - 4 tournaments, including Provincials (plus potential Home Tournament) \$400
 - 14U & 13U Men - 3 tournaments, including Provincials (plus potential Home Tournament) \$375
 - 14U & 13U Developmental - Training Sessions and possible SEAVC Home Tournament \$150
4. 12 & Under (12U) (born 1997-2001)
 - 12U Developmental - Training Sessions and SEAVC Home Tournament \$150

****Players fees will be required in order to register athletes:**

- Athletes are required to pay the full amount of the Player Fees, even if they are unable to attend all tournaments.
- SEAVC may reduce players' fees in the event of scheduling changes (i.e. team unable to play in tourney, reduced cost of flights)
- Teams may arrange exhibition games and/or tournaments in addition to those stated above. In the event of adding extra tournaments to a team's schedule, teams/players may be required to pay the additional expense.

****Installment payments using post-dated cheques are welcome and are to be made out to 'SEAVC'. To assist in the collection of fees, we ask that post-dated cheques be dated for the end of each month, with all fees to be paid by April 30th at the latest, unless other financial arrangements have been agreed upon with SEAVC.**

SEAVC PLAYER FEES will cover the following expenses:

- FREE admission to all Medicine Hat College Rattlers volleyball matches (*including 2010-11 season*)
- Team registration fees with both Alberta Volleyball Association & Volleyball Canada
- Athlete membership fees with Alberta Volleyball Association & Volleyball Canada
- Coaches' registration fees with both Alberta Volleyball and Volleyball Canada
- Team entry fees into exhibition, AVA Premier & AVA Provincial Championship Tournaments
- Team entry fees into Canadian Open Championships or West Canadian Open Championships (*as indicated*)
- Transportation to/from Canadian Open Championships only (*all other tourneys will be parent-arranged car pools*)
- Coaches' travel expenses (gas expense reimbursement) for all tournaments as required
- Athletes' accommodations only for tournaments as designated (*Canadian Open in Abbotsford*) (*parents are responsible for accommodations for all other tournaments, as required*).
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- Coverage under the AVA Sports accident insurance policy (see AVA website for coverage info)
- A SEAVC numbered uniform T-shirt (*for athletes on Competitive Program teams*)
- A SEAVC warm-up T-shirt (*for ALL athletes - Developmental & Competitive Program*)
- A SEAVC team warm-up jacket (*Included for all athletes in Competitive Programs*)
 - SEAVC team warm-up jackets are optional for Developmental athletes for an additional \$40*
- Coaches' apparel (SEAVC Rattlers warm-up T-shirt, SEAVC warm-up Jacket)
- Coaches' per diem to cover meal expenses at tournaments
- Possibly assist in subsidization of hosting NCCP Volleyball Technical Coaching certification programs
- Alberta Volleyball Association electronic newsletter "Volleywire" (*Monthly*)
- Administrative expenses and office/clerical supplies (paper, ink cartridges, receipt books, binders, etc)
- Ongoing renewal of volleyball equipment (*balls, bags, carts, coaching resources & videos, etc.*)
- First aid and athletic training supplies (*including ice packs, bandages, athletic tape, etc*)

COMMITMENT:

In order to keep the costs of playing club level volleyball down, **SEAVC** athletes may be expected to actively take part in some fundraising throughout the year (i.e. *minor officials* and the '3-ball system' at the MHC Rattlers volleyball matches, officiating at the home tournament or helping coach with the younger Developmental players).

It is not the intent of the **South East Alberta Volleyball Club** to demand that athletes attend practices at the expense of other important activities/commitments (i.e. school teams) or that athletes need to make big sacrifices to take part in **SEAVC**. However, it is important that '*competitive program/tournament athletes*' make the commitment to their team's scheduled practices, tournaments and matches as much as possible. Because of the club's attempt to limit the number of athletes per team (for playing time purposes), athletes that drop out of tournaments, without advance notice, may create significant problems for tournament organizers and **SEAVC** coaching staff, and may jeopardize the ability to field the team. Please notify coaches ASAP if there are any tournaments that the athlete will miss.

***New - parents required to confirm email from Volleyball Canada NRS in order for SEAVC to register athletes**

TRYOUTS and PRACTICES:

****Tryouts for 18M, 16W&M, 15W&M, 14W&M and 13W&M teams will be held in January/February. Check SEAVC website**

- The tryouts and selections for the 18W team were held in December & January (the teams have been finalized)
- Due to the increase in athletes, but limited qualified coaches, there may be a limited number of teams.
- Athletes who are not selected to a Competitive team may participate in the Developmental Program.
- Practices will initially be held at Crescent Heights High School on Sundays, in Jan - March (possibly Apr), with future practice dates, times and locations to be determined (including weeknights).
- Schedules will be posted on the SEVC website at www.seavc.ca Please check it frequently for any updates:

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:

Check out the official SEAVC website at: www.seavc.ca

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