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What is the difference between a Full Season and Short Season program at Cyclones?

- Our Full Season teams are comprised of our most competitive players committed to participate the full length of the season, including premium tournaments.
- Our Short Season program is comprised of those players that have a passion for volleyball but cannot commit to the full season (due to conflicts with commitments to other sports or other considerations). While they train and compete, they do not participate in any premium tournaments and the season only runs from December to April.
- The difference between the two programs is addressed further on our Cyclones Online Information Sheet for 2022/2023.

What are “premium tournaments”, and are they optional?

- Premium tournaments are those added to each Full Season team that are not considered league play or single-day local events.
- Premium tournaments are *not* optional. When you commit to the Full Season program, and your player is placed on a team, they are responsible for those fees, whether they attend or not.

What is the cost of a “premium tournament” and how are they calculated?

- Premium tournaments are calculated by adding the entry fee, coaching, and any other related fees to the event, divided by the number of participants on the teams attending. There are no “fillers” or hidden fees. This is a straight-line itemization calculated on a per-player basis. Thus, why every member must pay regardless of participation.

How are travel costs determined?

- Same formula as that of the “premium tournaments”
- Please note that when Cyclones attends a travel tournament that would require overnight stay in hotels, players will stay together in team rooms, transported by the club in some form of group transport, or group airfare travel. Parents are given the option to stay in the same hotel as the team via a pre-booked room block. Or, parents do not have to come, as the players are supervised the entire time.

Why aren’t the cost of “premium tournaments” and travel costs simply made part of the tuition fee?

- Simply put, these costs are unknown at the time tuition fees and costs are determined. By waiting for the season to develop and exact costs to be determined, we have greater flexibility to pick the most appropriate tournaments to attend, seek out the best options for travel and housing, etc.

How many teams are at each age group? How are teams selected?

- Cyclones maintains between 1-4 teams at each age group. On average, we have 2-3 teams per age group. Fewer at 12U and 18U, more at 13U, 14U, 15U, and 16U.

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- Teams are selected in early December, after all the selected players from all of the tryouts have been a part of the program and have had a chance to practice for a few weeks.
- After evaluating individual player's skill sets, player dynamics, and the needs of the teams, Cyclones management, in consultation with coaches, then places players on teams.

How are players chosen for which team?

- When evaluating players for team placement, we look not only at the relative demonstrated skills of the players but also take into consideration the needs of the various teams. For instance, we need to consider the various positions on each team and the number of players available for those positions. We also consider how well different players work with each other. Ultimately, while one team may be considered "better" or "more advanced" than another, our goal is to field competitive teams that will provide all our players with the best experiences.
- Importantly, we do not consider team placement to be an accurate measurement of how any individual player is progressing. In terms of measuring progress, as a club we do not consider skills as the only measuring stick. We also consider development of the player as an individual, as a teammate and as a student of the game to be essential. We also urge you to recognize that, while any individual player may develop from season to season, their teammates are also improving. Therefore, length of time with the club, or even prior year placements, does not guarantee or otherwise entitle a player placement on a given team.

When does strength training take place?

- Before or after practice during the week, at the same facility as the team practice. This applies for all Cyclones locations.

What league do our teams participate in at Cyclones?

- For the girls program, most of our Black-level teams participate in the WCPL, some of our Green and White level teams participate in the WCPL, most however participate in the CVL.
- For the boys program, all of our teams participate in The Point Series.

My player cannot make it to (insert Cyclones activity here). Can we get a refund?

- No.

My player has a (family, religious, school commitment) that conflicts with a Cyclones activity. Can they miss that activity?

- Yes; however, we ask that you communicate as far in advance as possible with your team's coach.

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Can my player be placed on a team with their friends?

- Not often. There are times we can make this work, and others it is simply impossible.

Can my player participate in more than one sport?

- Yes! We love multi-sport athletes!

What off-season/Summer activities does Cyclones offer?

- Sand programs, clinics, camps, and private lessons.

What protocols for COVID or other illnesses do we follow?

- We strive to comply with all rules, regulations and guidelines of any governing body as well as those of our host venues. We ask that all of our members and staff refrain from attending any Cyclones events if they are symptomatic or have had close contact with anyone is symptomatic. Key is for members to communicate with us if they suspect there may be an issue.