

## **2019 Regional Team Information**

2019 is the 2nd year of our Regional level teams. Last year we had the opportunity to start with a 16U and 18U level team. As we went through the year, there were some good things that happened and some things we learned from as well. We plan to work this year a little different to make things a little more beneficial for the type of athlete we see at Joe Valley Volleyball Club.

As we continue to promote Multi-Sport Athletes in our club, we have to show respect to the volleyball specific players as well. Having a full team at every practice and tournament is a high priority at this level of play. With this, we have decided to shorten the Regional Club Season to a 4-5 month time period. This will allow the girls the opportunity to attend as many practices and tournaments as possible, to make it a complete team experience. We run into issues in the late softball and track seasons where many weekends are booked with tournaments/meets, make-up tournaments/meets and state level competition.

Regional Teams will compete in 7-8 two-day tournaments within the Regional area of Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky, and Ohio. Regional Teams does not mean regional location, it means regional level of play. The competition level is what we are looking for in these teams. We can get very good level of play right here in Michigan, but based on schedules for both coaches and players...we will reach out to other states. Tournaments will be chosen based on schedules and availability. Two-day tournaments are not available every weekend throughout the year, so that is why we may have to travel to other states.

Some tournaments will be National Qualifying Tournaments.

Our Regional Teams are focused on having the best players we have as a club. As this may not be possible for everyone to do, we do encourage any girl interested in playing at the college level to try out. We work our best to schedule things between events that are going on in each individual's life, but we also know that this has to be something you are dedicated too as well. In the last 3 years, we have had over 11 girls sign or verbally commit to colleges. This level of play will get you ready for the next steps in the future of your volleyball career. All seniors the last 2 years are currently still playing volleyball at the college level.

We are looking to have a 14U, 16U and 18U team at this competition level.

Deric Mostrom, JVVC Coach of 4 Years will be overseeing the Regional Teams with the help of JVVC Director, Brian Jordan and other coaches.