

Parents,

As we enter the MLK Weekend I wanted to thank everyone for choosing TNT. There are a few items I wanted to share with parents as we send 22 TNT teams to the MLK Showdown.

Download the Volleyball Parent App. (Also known as Volleyball Hub). This is an app that can help you find which tournaments your team is registered for, as well as the daily schedules for pool play and playoffs. If you don't want to always have to rely on that one parent to tell you what time you play next and on which court, you can easily check yourself on the app. Highly recommended for all parents.

What can we bring to the events? The Volleyball parent app will display the guidelines and regulations posted for each tournament. It will tell you if you need to bring chairs, if snacks are permitted, if you need tickets to enter, and if there is a charge for parking.

Team Bonding and hotel stays. It is highly recommended that teams try to do things as a team on tournament weekends. Ideally, the team all stays at the same hotel. The TNT Stack Team App has the list of TNT preferred hotels. Not everyone is required to stay overnight, but trust me, the girls will remember the hotel time with their teammates just as much or more than the on-court time. Parents are encouraged to meet up in the hotel lobby to make new friends or hang out with existing friends. One of the best parts about club volleyball is the down time and the friends you will make during the season.

Dine out or Dine in? Many teams will try to make a large dinner reservation on tournament weekends for the entire team and parents. While this sounds great, consider the alternative of ordering food into the hotel lobby instead. Sometimes a hotel will give you a conference room if you ask. We find this is a much more cost effective solution, and saves the heartache of predicting when your team is finished and finding a reservation for 20+.

Record Game Video. Every team is asked to record their matches on a phone or camera. Do your best to set up the camera directly behind your team's endline as close to the center as possible. If you need to record from a corner, be careful not to get blocked by the line judge or girls on the bench. Coaches would love for a parent to take the lead on ensuring that matches are filmed. You can set up your camera and leave it recording for the entire match and turn it off when done. No need to stop and start. Coordinate with your coach...please. TNT has tripods to use in the case your teams does not have one.

Balltime. Every TNT team has a subscription to Balltime, which is an amazing AI service that captures stats and produces highlight videos of each player. Imagine being able to see every time your daughter touched the ball, every kill, every ace, all with a single click. In order for Balltime to work, we need match videos. After the match, the video needs to be uploaded to Balltime and stats are returned within a few hours or less. These videos can be used by coaches to analyze matches and review them with the team. Parents and players can share video clips on social media or with college coaches. TNT also uses the Balltime stats to highlight players of the weekend and star performers! Please ask your coach if you are willing to help collect and upload the Balltime videos. You will be the team's best friend!

TNT Podcast - Bump. Set. Mic - Did you know that TNT records a podcast? So far there are 19 episodes that feature TNT coaches, players, parents and administration. Each episode is based on a topic that is relevant to club volleyball and TNT. TNT coaches are featured to help you get to know them better. Download the podcast wherever you get your podcasts. Keep an eye out at the Homewood Suites during MLK weekend as there may be the first ever live podcast recording in the lobby!

Free NIL (Name, Image, Likeness) Presentation - Did you know that NIL pertains to ALL players, and not just older girls seeking to play college volleyball. TNT is partnering with [Advance NIL](#) to provide parents and players with a FREE webinar on NIL. We are targeting a January 23 webinar. This webinar will be led by industry experts and will be sure to change the way you view NIL and how it pertains to club volleyball players of all ages. Stay tuned for a webinar link.

Armory Update - It appears that the final hurdles are being cleared and that the TNT Armory will be ready for practice starting next week! All of the permits are finished and the final inspection is scheduled for Friday, 1/17. Coaches will be told when teams can begin using the new facility at 417 Caredean Drive, Horsham, PA. #crossingfingers. Special thanks to anyone who came out to help us lay down floors, and prepare for opening day. We are so grateful for the TNT community.

Academy Sessions - Once the Armory is open for business, TNT will start the Academy sessions. These sessions are aimed at skills training and will be led by great coaches. Players will be split out by positions and not teams in order to learn specific skills. We are so excited to be able to offer these sessions and look forward to being able to supplement team practices with skill development. Schedules are being worked and emails will go out to let everyone know when they begin.

In-House Training and League - For anyone that has friends that are not playing club volleyball, or younger siblings that are looking to start their volleyball journey, TNT is starting up an In-House program on January 25.

Sessions will be held on Saturdays in the Armory and will be led by Former professional player and college coach Ryan Genova, as well as TNT's own Jea Lee and other experienced coaches

Players ages 7-18 - TNT will offer a fun session for 12 weeks that introduces younger players to volleyball, while providing a fun environment for older players to learn and play games.

These sessions are perfect for the younger players looking to start volleyball, the middle school players who play for the CYO/School teams but play other sports, or the High school players that want to stay involved in volleyball, but don't have the time for a club team.

[Sign up online](#)

As always, thanks for choosing TNT and we look forward to seeing you on the courts.

Chuck