Dear Parents of the ***2015 Varsity Volleyball*** team,

My name is Maurizio Di Donato and I am the coach of the Notre Dame Jugglers Varsity Volleyball team. My team includes: Stephanie Evans, Dawn Borthistle and Carmina Tavares-Pepe.

This letter is to invite you to a parents’ meeting where I will outline my coaching philosophy, and update you on expectations for the season, including the schedule. This is an extremely important meeting, and we expect at least one parent for each player to attend.

I have coached at ND for 3 years now (this is my second year as the Varsity coach), and I am really looking forward to meeting and working with you over the coming months to make your child’s participation in volleyball a positive and successful experience.

My coaching program will emphasize skill development and further advance players ability to work cooperatively on and off the court with the long term goal of a provincial play-off spot. The metaphor of “family” is used often when describing a sports team, and this is what we will strive to become.

I want the girls to become as confident and skillful as they can. I also believe that forming friendships, developing a feeling of belonging and learning to share experiences with others is important to the team. This will require a commitment solely to the ND Senior Volleyball team for the entire season, September – December (or when our playoff run ends).

It is crucial to have parents support to help grow positive feelings on the team. Parents are asked to donate some of their time to drive to and from games, watching/cheering on the team, helping run concession during the BC Catholic Volleyball tournament, BBQ’s and helping with two team dinners.

It is my intention to give all team members equal opportunity to demonstrate their abilities during the season and to earn playing time and starting positions on the team. They will experience playing in a range of positions as I intend to substitute players and change up positions as much as possible so the team is as strong as it needs to be to help us achieve our team goals.

I am inviting all parents to a short meeting at **Notre Dame Rm 237 on September 16 at 7.30pm**. At this meeting I will further outline my coaching philosophy and we can discuss important matters such as training, tournaments & fees, fundraising and specifics on how you might be able to assist the team.

I look forward to meeting you.

Yours sincerely,

Maurizio Di Donato

Training Expectations

* Commitment
* Team
* Respect
* Attendance at the ND Athletic Banquet

Parent Involvement

* Concession BC Catholics (October 29-30)
* Lunch BBQ November 4
* Lunch BBQ December 2
* 2 Team Dinners (TBA)

Senior Volleyball Fees

Warm up dry fit shirt $20

Water Bottle $10

BC Catholic T-shirt $15

Tournament Fees and Expectations

**Mizuno UBC Senior Girls High School Volleyball Tournament** **September 11-12**

UBC 272 - 6081 University Blvd

Vancouver, BC Canada V6T 1Z1

**Vancouver Island University October 1-2**

900 Fifth St, Nanaimo, BC V9R 5S5

**Best Western**

6450 Metral Dr, Nanaimo, BC V9T 2L8 $95.00

Phone: (250) 390-2222 includes continental breakfast

**Timberline Tournament**  **October 22-24**

Timberline High school

1681 South Dogwood St.

Campbell River, BC

**Coast Discovery Inn & Marina**

975 Shoppers Row $130.00

Campbell River, BC V9W 2C4 includes hot breakfast

Phone: (250) 287-7155

**BC Catholic Volleyball Tournament** **October 29-30**

**Total fees: $270.00**

\*Rooms & transportation fees are based on all team members attending. Room assignments will be made 2 weeks before the tournament. There are no refunds 3 weeks prior to the travel date. There are no refunds for volleyball fees.