

January 26, 2018

Dear Coach,

We are pleased to announce that the Farragut High School Lady Admirals, the Hardin Valley Academy Lady Hawks, Karns High School Lady Beavers, and the Oak Ridge High School Lady Wildcats will again co-host the **Early Bird Volleyball Tournament** on <u>Friday and Saturday, August 24 & 25, 2018</u>. Teams will be registered on a "first-come first-serve" basis.

Last year, we had several TSSAA State Tournament, Sub-State and Regional tournament teams providing strong competition along with new teams joining us providing fierce competition. Our JV Division hosted the most JV teams ever and it was great to see all the teams compete at a very high level! What a great sign for the sport of volleyball growing in and around the area!

The Early Bird Tournament is a great opportunity to have both of your teams play so, please plan on bringing your JV team, but remember, the JV and Varsity will not be playing in the same locations as the Varsity teams. Therefore, bring your JV team if you have enough girls to play and if there is a dedicated coach for that team.

We offer a two-day format, beginning Friday late afternoon and continuing through Saturday so that teams can get maximum competition for minimum cost and time. We will continue to use the format as in the past, however, this year, we have decided to drop one match on Friday. This will allow teams enough time to travel and hopefully, you won't have to wait until midnight to get your Saturday seed.

You are guaranteed a minimum of 6 matches. The registration fee for the tournament will be \$400 for Varsity teams and \$275 for JV teams. This fee helps us cover the cost of extra gyms, referees, security and all custodial services.

There will be a final bracket play on Saturday with Gold, Silver, Bronze and Copper divisions for Varsity teams and Gold and Silver for JV teams (more divisions will be formed if there is a need to do so). Scoring and scheduling will again be tracked using the AES System.

If your team would like to participate, please register using the registration link on our website:

http://earlybirdvolleyballtournament.yolasite.com/

Please remember that registration is on a "first come – first serve basis". Confirmation in the form of payment is requested by August 1, 2018. Send payment at your earliest convenience to:

Payee:	Oak Ridge HS Volleyball Boosters
Address:	ATTN: David Kolodney
	1450 Oak Ridge Turn Pike
	Oak Ridge, TN 37830

If you need additional information or have any questions, please feel free to contact me or please check our Early Bird website at http://earlybirdvolleyballtournament.yolasite.com/. More information will follow as we get closer.

Sincerely, Carmen Foster *Tournament Coordinator* pepperguru@yahoo.com Cell phone: 865.621.2167