

**PLAY LIKE  
WINNERS  
VOLLEYBALL CLUB**

PARENTS MEETING

# AGENDA

- Overview of Play Like Winners
- 2015-16 Coaches and Club Director
- Structure of the Club
- Tryout Information
- Fee Structure
- Travel Information
- Tournament Information
- Additional Training Opportunities
- Q & A

# STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

- *Building leaders through competition while developing champions with character...*
  1. The cornerstone of the club is committed to training and developing athletes into dynamic volleyball players
  2. To develop a strong volleyball club representing Montgomery, AL, surrounding counties and Atlanta, GA.
  3. Dedicated to building leadership and developing volleyball skills for all ages that will create opportunities for our young player's future

# MEET THE STAFF



# PENNY LUCAS-WHITE

- Head Coach @ Alabama State University
- 2013 & 2014 SWAC Champions
- 4 time Coach of the Year and appearances at NCAA Tournament
- Recipient of Rebecca Howard Award
- Highest Team GPA, produced Rhodes, Holladay and MIT Scholars under her supervision
- Member of the U.S. National Team
- Professional Player in Italy and Germany
- Professional player for Dallas Belles and Chicago Breeze
- Holds the Best Blocking Efficiency Percentage Record
- Professional player for Colorado Thunder (MVP 1997)
- Played at LSU; MVP as a Freshman, All SEC Tournament Team



# LATOYA CLARK

- Assistant Coach @ Alabama State University
- 3 years assistant coach @ Leon High School
- A decorated 4 year student-athlete @ Jackson State University
- 3 time team MVP, 2 time All-SWAC tournament performer
- 2012 SWAC Woman of the Year
- Nominee for the NCAA Woman of the Year
- Graduated Magna Cum Laude from JSU
- Received Masters Degree of Social Work from Florida State University



# MELISSA ROBINSON



- Head Coach at Tuskegee University
- Assistant Coach at Claflin University 2014; was instrumental in Claflin qualifying for their first NCAA Regional
- Assistant Coach at South Carolina State University
- Coached at Orangeburg Lady Cubs Volleyball Club
- Played at South Carolina State University She's a decorated player. She currently sits 2<sup>nd</sup> in all time digs.

# NIKIA BYNUM-ISLER

- Coach Bynum-Isler will lead PLW-Atlanta
- 17 years of coaching experience at the high school level
- Head Coach at St. Jude Catholic Institute in Montgomery, AL
- Multiple players have received collegiate volleyball scholarships
- Certified Atlanta Area Volleyball Official
- 2012 Cobb County Health and Physical Educator of the Year
- Played at Alabama State University; 2000 Most Valuable Player as a Defensive Specialist





# CLUB STRUCTURE

- Play Like Winners will have the number of teams our personnel permits
- We will play in the appropriate division our skill level dictates
- Evaluation of skill level and age will determine team placement
- Playing time-Everyone makes a team, but playing time is not guaranteed

# CLUB STRUCTURE

- 2-3 practices per week
- We will train at Lockhart Gym on Sundays and True Divine Baptist Church on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- We will compete in 5+ tournaments in different regions
- Travel location: Southeastern region crossing over into the Delta, Gulf Coast, Bayou and Florida regions

# EXPECTATION FOR PARENTS

- Parents constantly support their child(ren) in skill development and personal growth
- Parents also provide support for other players on the team. When we succeed as PLW, we can also succeed as individuals
- Parents who attend games will cheer loud for our teams while maintaining a high level of sportsmanship and maturity
- Energy—Enthusiasm—Encouragement

# EXPECTATION FOR PARENTS

- Let the Coaches coach
- Let the Players play
- Let the Officials officiate
- Let the Parents parent
- Parents will act as an ambassador for themselves, their child(ren) and PLW while attending contest
- Parents will respect the coaches' decisions pertaining to playing time and on court matters

# EXPECTATION FOR PARENTS

- Parents will wait 24 hours after a contest to contact a coach regarding any situation that happened during the contest or practice. A cooling off period before communicating is always good.
- Parents should respect the personal lives of the coaches and try to plan communicating during the day as much as possible.

# EXPECTATION FOR COACHES

- Coaches will be well prepared for practice
- Coaches will give information to parents and players about travel plans once the season begins
- Coaches will notify players and staff members of any changes to the practice schedule as soon as possible.
- Coaches will create a most positive environment conducive to growth and improvement

# EXPECTATION FOR COACHES

- Coaches will maintain an open line of communication with each player in regards to on court development and playing time
- Coaches will return emails with players/parents within 24 hours and phone calls within 48 hours
- Coaches will be consistent with positive energy and enthusiasm during practice and competition

# TRYOUT INFORMATION

- PLW Tryouts @ Alabama State University in Lockhart Gymnasium
- \$40.00 before October 30<sup>th</sup>
- \$50.00 at the door

## **Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup>**

14 years and younger                      9:00am-11:00am

15-16 years                                      11:30am-1:30pm

17-18 years                                      2:00pm-4:00pm

## **Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup> MAKE UP TRY OUT**

14 years and younger                      1:00pm-3:00pm

15, 16, 17, 18 years                      3:30pm-5:30pm



# TRYOUT INFORMATION

- Instructions on the registration process for tryouts are located at [playlikewinners.com](http://playlikewinners.com) under the “2015-16 Tryout Info” tab
- SRVA and medical release form must be completed. Please bring to tryouts
- Go to website: [www.srva.org](http://www.srva.org)
  - Click on member registration (SRVA online)
  - Click registration for individuals
  - Input info if you are a returner: click “find”
  - If you are new: click “add new info”

# TEAM ASSIGNMENTS

- Team Assignments
  - Approximately 9 to 10 players per team
  - Age determination by participants age
    - (age as of September 1<sup>st</sup> )
  - AHSAA Rule—Only 3 players from the same school allowed per team
  - Team assignments will be made after tryouts
  - Once all assignments are made and accepted the teams will be posted

# FEE STRUCTURE

- All team package include:
  - SRVA team registration, uniforms, spandex, shoes and socks, gym space, equipment, balls, supplies, training, coaches salaries and travel stipends, directors fee, tournament fees, web maintenance, college recruiting seminar
  - \$2,200.00
  - Fees are set up in installments: November - April

# TRAVEL INFORMATION

- Hotel information will be provided by PLW: Some tournaments require that teams stay in a particular hotel to play in the tournament
- Parents will be able to call and reserve a room at the group rate on their credit card
- Rooms available on the first come first serve basis

# TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

- Coaches will suggest tournament schedule for each team and will be open to discussion based on dates

# ADDITIONAL TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

- Play Like Winners Academy
  - This allows players to have other opportunities to train
  - This is done in a 6 week segment (90 minutes) Dates will be determined soon and posted
  - \$195 Segment
  - We will host 1 day specialty clinics throughout the year also
  - Private lessons are available

# Q & A

- Thank you for attending!!!
- Please spread the word

# FOR MORE INFORMATION

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