

PLAYER/PARENT HANDBOOK 2024-2025

WELCOME to UNITED SPORTS ACADEMY

United Sports Academy is a 501c3 organization encompassing Katy United (KU) and The Woodlands United (TWU).

To ensure a smooth season, please read this handbook thoroughly and refer back to it as needed.

We will form approximately 24-30 KU Club teams and 6 TWU Club teams this season. Your attention to detail will help us efficiently begin our activities and focus on our strengths.

Players, you have a unique opportunity. Make the most of it! Parents, support your child and allow them to be held accountable to be their best in their team role.

Over the past few years, we have grown significantly and achieved notable accomplishments. Our players have progressed to collegiate levels, excelled in JH and HS tryouts, and we have qualified for nationals over 10 times in the last three years, including a 2nd place finish at the USAV Jr Nationals. United Sports Academy is dedicated to developing elite athletes who excel both on and off the court. The lessons learned in our program will shape each athlete's future. The Katy United family will support your growth as an athlete and individual.

Our Mission:

Our mission is to cultivate an atmosphere of excellence and passion as we train our athletes to compete and succeed at the highest national levels. We strive to develop the whole athlete (mind, body, and spirit) through teaching Judeo-Christian principles, high values, good morals, and faith.

Thank you for reading this Information Packet. We will send an E-Document to all KU/TWU account holders in the Fall for signatures from club players and parents, acknowledging their understanding and agreement with these statements and expectations.

KU and TWU STAFF

UPCOMING DATES AND DEADLINES

- **June 26-27, 2024, July 13-14, 2024** (or on the date of verbal team commitment) - Team Commitment Fee of \$650 due (NON-Refundable).
- **June 28, 2024** - Mandatory Uniform Fitting for 11-14s.
- **July 28, 2024** - Mandatory Uniform Fitting for 15s-18s.
- **August 5, 2024** - 1st Club monthly payment due.

- **August 5, 2024 – March 5, 2025** - Club monthly payments due on the 5th of each month (late fee of \$40 for payments made on the 8th or later).
 - **August 11, 2024** - Make-Up Uniform fitting for club players (MANDATORY for players to attend one fitting).
 - **September 2024** - USAV memberships (after Sept 1st). Wait for club invite! Tournament schedules completed by the end of the month.
 - **September 30, 2024, 7pm**, Parent Meeting at KU
 - **Late October/Early November** - JR Scorer Clinics at KU location. Date/Time TBD (Mandatory for all players).
 - **November 11-15, 2024** – First Week of Practices
 - **November 25-29, 2024** – No Practices, Thanksgiving Week
 - **December 23, 2024** – January 5, 2025 – No Practices, Winter Break
 - **A more detailed schedule will be available in the fall**
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NAMES YOU NEED TO KNOW and CONTACT INFORMATION

- **Michael McCrary** - Owner, KU Club Director, Managing Member - McCrary@katyunited.com or McCrary@TWUnited.com
- **Mike Kent** - Owner, KU Technical Director, Managing Member, Club Coach - mikeK@katyunited.com
- **Tiffany Dagley** - Owner, Administrative Director, Billing, Managing Member - tiffanyD@katyunited.com or TiffanyD@TWUnited.com
- **Danielle Dagley** - KU Assistant Director, KU/TWU Uniforms, KU/TWU social media, KU Club Coach - daniD@katyunited.com
- **Jade Askren** – HR Director, Club Coach – jadeA@katyunited.com
- **Phil Guerrero** - The U Director, KU Classic Tournament Director, KU Club Coach - philG@katyunited.com
- **Jojit Coronel** - TWU Club/Training Director, KU/TWU Recruiting Coordinator, TWU Managing Member, Club Coach - jojitC@katyunited.com or JojitC@TWUnited.com
- **Allison Lanik** - TWU Administrative Assistant, Club Coach - AllisonL@TWUnited.com
- **Kae Lockhart** - KU Starlight's Director, Club Coach - kaeL@katyunited.com
- **Bailyn C Dagley** - KU Pro Shop Manager, KU Tournament Manager (tickets/concessions) - bailynC@katyunited.com

Managing Members: Michael McCrary, Mike Kent, Tiffany Dagley, Dani Dagley, Jojit Coronel, and additional Board Members.

PAYMENT INFORMATION

All payments are made payable to United Sports Academy. Do not make payments payable to Katy United or The Woodlands United. The Pro Shop payments go to Katy United.

SportsCRM Account Portal

Your KU/TWU Account must be in a parent/guardian's name, and your player must be added as a "family member." Ensure the profile has a parent's email, not the players.

Billing Help:

- KU players: email tiffanyD@katyunited.com
- TWU players: email allisonL@TWUunited.com

Non-Refundable Payments: Once committed to a team, you are committed to the entire season and fees. Failure to pay will result in collections.

Total Season Fees

Include Team Commitment Fee + Club Monthly Dues (two separate invoices).

- **Team Commitment Fee:** non-refundable \$650 due upon accepting a team spot (paid within 1 hour).
- **Club Monthly Payments:** Due on the 5th of each month from August to March (late fee of \$40 for payments made on the 8th or later).

Payment Options

- **Katy United:** Cash, check payable to "UNITED SPORTS ACADEMY," online debit/credit card on KU SportsCRM account portal, or Zelle to tiffanyD@katyunited.com.
- **The Woodlands:** Online debit/credit card on TWU SportsCRM account portal or Zelle to tiffanyD@katyunited.com.

Card payments incur an approx. 3.4% merchant bank fee. Use alternative payment options to avoid this fee.

Mailing Address (KU ONLY): Katy United 25707 Field House Rd. Katy, TX 77494

Late Payments:

- \$40 late fee for payments made online on the 8th or later.

- Alternative payments must be received by the 1st day of the month to avoid late fees.

Autopay: Set up with the first club monthly payment (August) at checkout. Confirm enrollment with tiffanyD@katyunited.com or allisonL@TWUUnited.com.

No Pay No Play: Past due accounts will result in the player sitting out of practices and tournaments. For extensions, email tiffanyD@katyunited.com.

COMMUNICATION GUIDELINES

All meetings must be scheduled by email.

Meeting Process:

1. Player requests to meet with Coach.
 2. Player and Parent request to meet with Coach.
 3. Player and Parent request to meet with Coach and a managing member.
- Meetings must include the player.
 - 11-13s may have a parent as a listener in the first meeting.
 - 14-18s should confidently approach coaches independently.

Coach Recording: All meetings are recorded and can be shared with managing members and parents.

Playing Time: Not guaranteed. Equal training time is provided.

Addressing Issues: Email coaches after tournaments to set up meetings. Inappropriate behavior towards coaches, players, or officials is grounds for suspension or dismissal.

Urgent Matters: Email McCrary@katyunited.com and TiffanyD@katyunited.com for urgent matters during a tournament.

GENERAL CLUB INFORMATION

Practice Schedules

- KU: M/W or T/Th, 5:30-7:30 pm or 7:30-9:30 pm;
THE U Practices Friday 7:30-9:30 pm.
- TWU: M/W 7:00-9:00 pm.

Required E-Documents:

1. Payment agreement.
2. Handbook agreement.
3. Risk acknowledgment waiver.

Team Changes:

Teams are set post-formation but can change at the Club Director's discretion.

Attendance:

Players must attend every practice and tournament. Excused absences align with school district policies. Email coaches in advance of an absence.

School Excuse Letter: Players will miss school for some tournaments. To request a UIL excuse letter, please email KU, tiffanyD@katyunited.com or TWU, allisonL@twunited.com. Send player's full name, team name, tournament name and tourney dates.

Non-Travel Teams: More lenient on practice attendance (2 per month).

Essential Qualifier Tournaments: Mandatory attendance.

Lone Star Memberships:

Mandatory for Parent/Guardian to register and pay for player's membership after September 1st through the parent SportsEngine account. Wait for KU/TWU invite.

USAV Junior Certified Scorekeeper:

Mandatory for all players. United Sports Academy covers the clinic fee if attended at our site. Clinic dates will be available by September. Certification is 2 parts. (clinic and scoresheet submission after working a tournament) Failure to finish 2 parts will result in a \$25 fee in March.

Buy-In Tournaments:

Fathom teams participating in Extended Season National Championship must pay the tournament fee by February. Payments are non-refundable

Recruiting:

For college volleyball information, contact Jojit Coronel at jojitC@katyunited.com or JojitC@TWUnited.com.

UNIFORMS AND FAN GEAR

Contact:

- Uniform questions: DaniD@katyunited.com.
- Fan gear/pro shop questions: BailynC@katyunited.com.

Uniform Fittings:

1 Fitting per player is mandatory with a parent/guardian present. Parents place orders and are responsible for accuracy.

Uniform Package Includes:

- Backpack
- 3 jerseys (2 for local teams)
- 2 spandex
- 2 practice shirts
- Kneepads
- Volleyball shoes
- Pullover
- Pants
- Socks

Lost, stolen, or damaged uniform pieces must be replaced at the parent's expense. Non-mandatory pieces can be pre-ordered at the fitting or purchased in the pro shop.

Unauthorized Gear:

KU/TWU logos are registered trademarks. Unauthorized use is prohibited. All extra gear must be approved by Tiffany, tiffanyd@katyunited.com.

PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT

- Be a good sport and show respect to all.
- No rude behavior; treat everyone with respect.
- Communicate with coaches when discouraged.
- Commit to the team and finish the season.
- Prioritize team goals over personal goals.
- View athletic contests as educational experiences.

- Keep practice areas clean.
 - No smoking, alcohol, or drugs.
 - No device use during practice.
 - Be mindful of social media posts.
 - Follow Katy United on social media.
 - Understand consequences for not following guidelines.
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PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

- Offer constructive criticism to your own child only.
 - Support coaches and avoid sideline coaching.
 - Do not speak negatively about coaches or players.
 - Follow communication procedures for resolving issues.
 - Respect officials' decisions and avoid criticism.
 - Stay off the court during practices and games.
 - Use no profanity or inappropriate behavior.
 - Address issues promptly and professionally.
 - Do not withhold practices or games as discipline.
 - Follow doctors' decisions regarding player health.
 - Maintain professional relationships with coaches.
 - Any infraction could be grounds for suspension or removal from the venue or club.
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GYM AND PRACTICE RULES

- Be on time for practice.
 - Notify coach 48 hours ahead of absences or lateness.
 - Hustle during practice.
 - Water only on the court.
 - No cell phones during practice.
 - Wear KU/TWU practice shirts.
 - Keep equipment in zipped backpacks.
 - Clean up practice areas.
 - Celebrate events upstairs or outside at the end of practice.
 - Spectators must stay upstairs unless handicapped.
 - Kids 11 and under must be accompanied by an adult.
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TOURNAMENT AND TRAVEL RULES

- Arrive courtside 1 hour before the scheduled game.

- Tournament schedules available mid-September.
 - Inform coaches of tournament absences immediately.
 - "Stay and Play" hotel policy for out-of-town tournaments.
 - Support all KU teams at tournaments.
 - Wear KU apparel at tournaments.
 - Keep equipment in zipped backpacks.
 - Coaches may enforce no cell phones and team stays together.
 - Follow team's work schedule during tournaments. All players will stay courtside during the work schedule
 - Do not leave tournaments until dismissed by the coach.
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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Please sign and return to acknowledge understanding and agreement with the handbook.

Club Name: _____

Player Name: _____

Player Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____

Thank you,
KU/TWU