

PLAYER/PARENT HANDBOOK 2025-2026

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 to it as needed.

We will form approximately 26-30 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 12 times in the last four 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 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 STAFF

UPCOMING DATES AND DEADLINES

(some dates are subject to change before Sept. 1)

- **Regular Tryouts July 5-7 and Deposit Due** (or on the date of verbal team commitment) – Deposit to be paid online \$650 due (NON-Refundable).
- **July 13, Mandatory Uniform Fitting for all ages. Times TBD.**

- **August 5, 2025** - 1st Club monthly payment due.
- **August 5, 2025 – March 5, 2026** - Club monthly payments due on the 5th of each month (late fee of \$40 for payments made 3 days late)
- **August 10, 2025** - FINAL Uniform fitting for club players (MANDATORY for players to attend one fitting).
- **September 2025** - USAV memberships (after Sept 1st). Wait for club invite! Tournament schedules completed by the end of the month.
- **September 28, 2025, 6pm** Parent Meeting at KU
- **Late October/Early November** - JR Scorer Clinics at KU location. Date/Time TBD
- **November 10-14, 2025** – First Week of Practices
- **November 24-28, 2025**– No Practices, Thanksgiving Week
- **December 22, 2025 – January 5, 2026** – No Practices, Winter Break
- **January 2026** – Team and Individual pictures
- **A more detailed schedule will be available in the fall**

NAMES YOU NEED TO KNOW and CONTACT INFORMATION

- **Michael McCrary** - Owner, Executive Club Director, Managing Member - McCrary@katyunited.com or McCrary@TWUnited.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 Director, Club Coach - kaeL@katyunited.com
- **Arielle Calcote** – KU Summer Program Director, Club Coach – arielleC@katyunited.com
- **Bailyn C Dagley** - KU Pro Shop Manager, KU Tournament Manager (tickets/concessions) - bailynC@katyunited.com

Leadership Team: Michael McCrary, Tiffany Dagley, Dani Dagley, Jade Askren, Jojit Coronel, along with additional Managing Members.

Age Group Coordinators: 11/12s Kae Lockhart, 13/14s Dani Dagley, 15/16s Phil Guerrero, 17/18s Kailyn O’Neal

PAYMENT INFORMATION

All payments are made payable to United Sports Academy which is our Not-for-Profit Organization encompassing Katy United and The Woodlands United.

April 2025, we launched our new website, powered by Crossbar. (no longer using SportsCRM) All accounts are NEW as of April 15, 2025. New parent accounts must be made. **ALL accounts MUST BE in a parent's name and add players as a participant.**

Billing Help:

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

All payments made to KU or TWU club are non-refundable

Payment Commitment: Once you've accepted a team offer, you are committed to the entire season and fees. Failure to pay will result in player's sitting out (No Pay No Play Policy) and collections once deemed necessary.

Total Season Fees: Included are Team Deposit + Club Monthly Payments

- **Team Deposit:** non-refundable \$650 due upon accepting a team spot (to be paid immediately once an offer is accepted)
- **Club Monthly Payments:** Due on the 5th of each month from August to March (late fee of \$40 for payments 3 days late)

Payment Options (New 2025): There are ONLY 2 payment options, and BOTH are on your online club account. ACH bank debit (no fees associated with this option) and Credit or Debit Card (fees apply). We do NOT accept AMEX.

ZELLE PAYMENTS ARE NO LONGER ACCEPTED.

Autopay: All programs with monthly installments are automatically set up as an AUTOPAY (New 2025)

YOU MUST SAVE A WAY OF PAYMENT on your account when accepting a club offer. ACH OR CARD.

Late Payments: If late payments occur due to insufficient funds or the card declines, there will be a \$40 late fee for payments made 3 or more days late. Please keep an eye on your account during payment dates. **THERE WILL BE NO REFUNDS FOR LATE FEES.**

No Pay No Play: Delinquent accounts (2 weeks or more) will result in the player sitting out of practices and tournaments.

For payment extensions or change of due date, 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: Most meeting requests are regarding playing time. Please follow the meeting process above prior to reaching out to a director.

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

Addressing Issues: We highly recommend a cooling off period prior to reaching out to a coach. Email coaches after completed tournaments to set up meetings. Meetings need to be scheduled 48hrs after a completed tournament.

Inappropriate behavior towards coaches, players, or officials is grounds for suspension or dismissal.

Open Door Policy and Urgent Matters: Email McCrary@katyunited.com and TiffanyD@katyunited.com.

GENERAL CLUB INFORMATION

Practice Schedules (will be set by mid-September)

- 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 Documents on KU online account

1. Payment agreement (sent with team offer)
2. Handbook agreement (sent with team offer)
3. Risk acknowledgment waiver (during tryout registration)
4. Upload player's birth certificate or passport (during tryout registration)

Adidas and Molten teams are expected to play until early July. Club fees cover Post-Season practices, the College Coach Camp, the Pre-Nationals tournament and Nationals.

National Team Mentality (Adidas & Molten Teams):

Players on our **Adidas and Molten teams** are expected to carry a “**national team mentality.**” This means striving for excellence **on and off the court**, with a commitment to personal and team growth.

We expect these athletes to:

- Maintain a **high level of physical and mental competitiveness**
- **Fuel their bodies properly** with smart nutrition and hydration
- **Prioritize rest** by getting adequate sleep
- **Arrive early** and prepared for practices, workouts, and games
- Take initiative to **train beyond scheduled practices** (4+ hours/week is not enough at this level)

We also ask that **parents support this commitment** by encouraging healthy habits and helping ensure players get **adequate rest—especially during travel and tournament weekends.** Players should be in their hotel rooms early enough to rest and recover for peak performance the next day.

Success at the national level requires a lifestyle of discipline, responsibility, and support. We expect our Adidas and Molten families to embody this mindset throughout the season.

Attendance: Players are expected to attend **every practice and tournament.** Excused absences should follow **school district's guidelines for excused absences**, and you must **email your coaches in advance** if your player will miss a practice or tournament.

We recognize that many of our athletes participate in **multiple sports or activities**, and we support their well-rounded development. However, if your daughter is on an **Adidas or Molten team**, we ask that you make **Katy United activities a priority**.

Please be aware that **missed practices may impact playing time**.

Essential Qualifier Tournaments: Mandatory attendance.

School Excuse Letter: Players **will miss school** for some qualifier 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. Excuses are only for tournament dates and not personal travel dates.

Schedules:

Team Schedules are generally final by mid-September. We will upload all to the website once they are finished. If a team schedule is changed for any reason, we will let the team know as soon as possible.

Tournament day/weekend schedules are generally not released until the Wednesday prior to the tournament day. We highly recommend parents double checking the tournament site the night before and the morning of for any changes the tourney director may have made last minute. These changes could be but limited to; game time change or venue change.

Most of the tournaments we attend are on www.advancedeventsystems.com

Lone Star Memberships: Please wait until after September 1st when we send you a link to register your daughter for the season's USAV membership. This membership is **MANDATORY! Parent/Guardian will register and pay for player's membership** after September 1st through the parent SportsEngine account. This is NOT your KU website account. Wait for KU/TWU invite.

USAV Junior Certified Scorebook keeper: Each team will need several certified USAV Jr Scorebook keepers. **Completed Certification is 2 parts.** (attend a clinic and scoresheet submission after working a tournament). KU/TWU will pay for players to attend certification clinics, but if the player doesn't complete their certification by end of February, they will be charged \$25.

Recruiting: Each 15-18s player has full access to our full-time recruiting coordinator Jojit. For college volleyball information, contact Jojit Coronel at JojitC@katyunited.com or JojitC@TWUnited.com.

Team Changes/Player Movement: Teams are set in July and at the players skill level at that time. We understand a lot of KU kids play school ball and their volleyball skill can increase during this time. Please keep in mind, players moving teams is rare and will only change teams at the Club Director's discretion.

UNIFORMS AND FAN GEAR

Contact:

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

Uniform Fittings: ONE Fitting per player is MANDATORY with a parent/guardian present. Parents will 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

Replacements: Lost, stolen, or damaged uniform pieces must be replaced at the parent's expense. The Adidas uniform replacement cost is \$65 each and could take approx. 6-8 weeks. In some cases, the whole set will need to be replaced, and players could have a jersey number change.

Extra Gear: Non-mandatory pieces can be pre-ordered at the fitting or purchased in the pro shop. (ie: extra practice t's, spandex, kneepads or long tights)

Unauthorized Gear:

KU/TWU logos are registered trademarks. Unauthorized use is prohibited. All extra gear must be approved by Tiffany, tiffanyd@katyunited.com. Your team may have extra shirts made but must be approved prior to print.

PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT

- Carry yourself with a Katy United Mentality.
- Be a good sport and show respect to all.
- No rude behavior; treat everyone with kindness.
- 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 uses during practice.
 - Be mindful of social media posts and the way they could be perceived.
 - Follow Katy United and The Woodlands 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 guidelines for resolving issues. Do not approach a coach at practice or a tournament. Please see communication guidelines above.
 - 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 by email. Meetings to take place 48 hrs. after a completed tournament.
 - Please do not withhold practices or games as personal 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 (early to prep before taking the court)
 - 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 uniform to practices. T-shirt, spandex, kneepads and shoes.
 - 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. Check AES for schedules.
- Carry all uniforms in backpack during a tournament.
- Wear KU apparel at tournaments. (not tournament swag)
- 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.
- When flying to a tournament, put all uniform pieces in your carry-on.
- Do not schedule a returning flight prior to 5pm on the last day of a tournament and expect possible need to change flight times.

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: _____

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United Sports Academy– 2025–2026 Season
Addendum to Parent-Player Handbook
Social Media, Alcohol, and Drug Use Policy

At United Sports Academy (Katy United and the Woodlands United), we are committed to providing a positive, respectful, and competitive environment for all athletes. As representatives of our club, **both players and parents** are expected to uphold high standards of behavior on and off the court, including conduct on social media and in public spaces.

Social Media Expectations

All players **and parents** are expected to use good judgment and personal responsibility when posting on social media platforms such as Instagram, TikTok, Snapchat, X (formerly Twitter), Facebook, and others. This includes:

- **No posting or sharing of inappropriate or offensive content**, including but not limited to photos or videos involving nudity, middle fingers, suggestive poses, or gestures or language that could reflect poorly on the player, family, or Katy United.
- **No posts promoting or engaging with content related to alcohol, drugs, vaping, or illegal activity**, including liking, sharing, commenting, or reposting such material.
- **No posts referencing Katy United or the Woodlands in connection with inappropriate content**, including the use of team uniforms, team names, hashtags, bios, or locations that link the club to offensive material.
- **No bullying, gossiping, or disrespectful behavior** directed at teammates, opponents, coaches, officials, or other families.
- **Parents are expected to refrain from negative, critical, or hostile posts or comments** about the club, coaches, players, or decisions made by United Sports Academy, whether in private groups or public forums.

Alcohol and Drug Policy

United Sports Academy maintains a **zero-tolerance policy** regarding underage drinking and illegal drug use while participating with our club. Players are prohibited from:

- **Using, possessing, or being under the influence** of drugs, alcohol, or vaping products at any time during the season.
- **Attending team events** (games, practices, tournaments, travel, team parties, etc.) under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
- **Referencing drugs, alcohol or vaping on social media.**

Parents Policy

- Parents are expected to model responsible behavior and avoid creating or encouraging environments that normalize underage drinking, drug use, or vaping.
- Parents must be sober and of sound mind at all Katy United and the Woodlands United events, including practices, games, and travel tournaments.

Please note: Club tournaments are not personal vacations or getaways—they are important opportunities for your athlete. Your presence and conduct directly affect your child's performance, team morale, and the overall environment.

Why It Matters

College coaches often follow prospective student-athletes on social media. Inappropriate content, even if deleted, can be screenshot and shared without your control. One poor decision online can cost an athlete a scholarship or roster spot. Likewise, parents' public posts or actions that damage a club's reputation can affect the perception of both the athlete and the program. Your online presence reflects not only on you but also your team, your family, and our club.

Consequences

Violations of this policy may result in disciplinary action, which may include:

- A formal warning and meeting with club leadership
- Suspension from practices or competitions
- Removal from the team or club
- Notification to college coaches of disciplinary action (if applicable)
- In severe cases, parent behavior may also lead to restrictions on attending events or involvement with the club

Each situation will be reviewed by the Katy United leadership team and handled accordingly.

Electronic Signature Acknowledgment

By signing below, both player and parent/guardian acknowledge that they have read and understood the United Sports Academy Social Media, Alcohol, and Drug Use Policy. They agree to abide by these expectations for the duration of the 2025–2026 club season.

Player Name: _____

Team: _____

Player Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____