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Dear Sponsor:

This is an invitation for you as a sponsor to participate in the continuing growth and success of the Texas Tornadoes Volleyball Club, as we celebrate our 31st season of serving our community. For the past twenty-nine years, our club has provided girls between 5-18 years of age with an opportunity to train and compete at the local, state, and national level in the sport of volleyball.

Many of our girls require financial assistance to keep up with the rising costs of training and travel. For several consecutive seasons, the Texas Tornadoes Volleyball Club has enrolled between 200-300 young girls into our program and we anticipate the same number of girls for the 2025-2026 season. The Club continues to seek funding through corporate and individual sponsors, advertisement, and participant fees. These fees ensure girls the opportunity to pursue their dreams of playing the game they love and get a college education for up to 5 years paid.

Each year, the Texas Tornadoes Volleyball Club trains from November through May and extends their season into July, as teams compete at Junior Nationals and AAU's. We have been highlighted in Volleyball Magazine as one of the new clubs to watch as well as articles about a 13-year-old team for their outstanding 53-1 record and 3rd place finish against Puerto Rico at the USA Junior Nationals. From 1994-2022, Tornadoes qualified over 100 teams to this prestigious tournament, not only winning medals, but also teaching life-long lessons along our journey to our players.

In 2011, Texas Tornadoes sent 2 teams to AAU Championships, 2 teams to USA Girls Junior Nationals and in July of 2011 and 2012, we sent 31 players, coaches, and parents to Nicaragua for a week to help with community service projects. Programs such as teaching English to local employees, traveling in an old bus called a "Mobile Library," to deliver books to the small villages that do not have access to education. Our team also spent time in the schools, orphanages, and training with the Nicaraguan National Team. The group also brought 70 bags of donation items collected from our club (books, school supplies, clothes, sports equipment, and financial donations) that we distribute throughout our trip. Check out our Facebook Page "Texas Tornadoes Nicaragua Trip 2011" for details, pictures, and videos of the trip...it was a life-changer for all who participated!

In 2012, the Texas Tornadoes sent 4 teams to AAU Championships and 5 teams qualified for the USA Junior Nationals. We are proud to announce that our 12 Mizuno team finished 2nd in the Nation and are hoping to return next season to claim the National Championship.

For the 2013 season, Tornadoes sent 19 teams to AAU Nationals, while 5 qualified for USA Junior Nationals. We also had three teams of players play internationally this season. One group flew to Nicaragua to compete and provide much needed community service. The other two teams participated in the universally recognized Global Challenge in Pula, Croatia. Here our teams competed with Junior and Youth National Teams from 9 participating countries, giving our athletes an experience they may never have had in the USA.

In 2014, the Texas Tornadoes sent 11 teams to AAU Championships and 5 teams qualified for the USA Junior Nationals.

In 2015, the Texas Tornadoes sent 7 teams to Girls Junior Nationals, 3 teams to AAU Nationals and 2 teams to Volleyfest this past summer.

In 2016, the Texas Tornadoes sent 7 teams to Girls Junior Nationals, 2 teams to AAU Nationals and 1 team to Volleyfest this past summer. Our 17 Mizuno team medaled with a 3rd place finish. Our 14's finished in 5th place and our 11's and 15's finished 11th.

In 2017, Texas Tornadoes sent 5 teams to Girls Junior Nationals, 4 teams to AAU Nationals and 1 team to Volleyfest. We earned two bronze medals in the 17 and 18 divisions at Girls Junior Nationals. We also had over 20 teams placed in the top 10 at a National Qualifier. Tornadoes beach also qualified several teams to Beach Nationals this past season.

In 2018, the Texas Tornados sent 5 teams to AAU Nationals and 6 teams to Girls Junior Nationals. Our 17 Mizuno team won the Silver Division at AAU's. In addition, we also earned two medals at GJNC. 18 Mizuno placed 3rd in the 18 Open division and 13 Mizuno finished second place in 13 American. Our 13 Mizuno team was televised live nationally in the championship match.

In 2019, the Texas Tornados sent 4 teams to AAU Nationals and 6 teams to Girls Junior Nationals. The 12 Mizuno team placed 5th out of 43 teams, 16 Mizuno finished 12th out of 111 teams and 17 Mizuno finished 5th out of 134 teams, in their respected divisions, at AAU's.

Our 2020 season was unfortunately cut short due to COVID-19. However, we are excited to get back in the gym, and the opportunity to represent Texas on a National level, for the 2020-2021 season.

In 2021, the Texas Tornados sent 11 teams to AAU Nationals. 14 Adidas and 15 National brought home 3rd place finishes, and 15 Adidas finished 5th. In addition, our 17 Adidas teams qualified and competed with the best teams in the nation, at Girls Junior National Championships, in Las Vegas, Nevada.

In 2022, the Texas Tornados sent nine teams to AAU Nationals, with 14 Adidas finishing 5th and 14 Adidas finishing 9th in the nation. In addition, our 17 Adidas and 16 National teams qualified and competed with the best teams in the nation, at the Girls Junior National Championships, in Indianapolis, IN. Our 17 Adidas team placed 11th overall in the American division.

In 2023, the Texas Tornados sent five teams to AAU Nationals and five teams to GJNC Nationals, with 17 Adidas finishing 3rd in the nation, and earned a bronze medal.

In 2024, the Texas Tornados sent six teams to AAU Nationals and Volleyfest, and three teams to GLNC Nationals, in Las Vegas and we qualified three more teams in 2025.

For the past 30 years 90% of all graduating seniors have been playing volleyball at the next level. We have girls playing in Division I, II, III, NAIA and Junior College programs throughout the county. Throughout the season college coaches from all divisions come into our gym to recruit our players on a consistent basis. Over the years we have had players ranked in the top 5 to 25 in the nation.

Our coaching staff consists of strong role models, many from Division I and high school sport programs that have been with our club for many years. The consistency and personalities of our coaches is what draws many new players to the program.

Along with a competitive spirit, the club presents a nurturing environment where girls learn the game of volleyball in a supportive climate and life lessons to apply to daily situations. Texas Tornados provides our athletes with confidence, life skills and a sense of belonging to a winning program that aids in enhancing each member's self-esteem. As a member of our sport program the girls gain skills in developing leadership, cooperation, responsibility, and discipline. We believe that our program teaches individuals to excel, promotes family unity.

We also spotlight girls seeking scholarships to NCAA colleges and universities. Part of our full-time staff includes a recruiting coordinator to promote our 15-18-year-old recruit-able athletes and to help focus our female athletes on the importance of attending a university and pursuing an athletic scholarship.

By personalizing the participation in our club, it extends to the families at home. Parent participation is strongly encouraged, and special attention is given to those families that need additional assistance. With sponsorship support we have been able to assist those in need and provide National exposure for those seeking scholarships.

As a **501 (c) (3) non-profit** organization, we hope you will consider assisting one of our players from the Texas Tornados Volleyball Club with financial support. Thank you in advance for providing an opportunity for our girls to succeed.

Sincerely,

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President / Founder
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