



Subject: Request for Sponsorship

Dear Sir/Madam:

Houston Juniors VBC is an elite volleyball program based in Houston, Texas, established in 1985 to advance the opportunities for dedicated young women who are committed to achieving excellence in athletics and personal development. The goal of the program is to prepare athletes for success in all phases of life through the institution of teamwork, sportsmanship, and integrity in their play.

Houston Juniors VBC is also home to Tara Cross-Battle, a four-time Olympian and four-time All-American and two-time Player of the Year and volleyball Hall of Fame player 2014. Mrs. Cross-Battle is one of our Head Training Coaches and is supported by one of the most respected coaching and administrative staffs in the state of Texas. The club is registered and operates under the rules and guidelines of USA Volleyball and the Lone Star Volleyball Region and competes in city, state, and national level competitions.

The club volleyball season spans a period from November to July of each year. Houston Juniors VBC currently ranks in the top 20 clubs in the country at #18. During the season Houston Juniors VBC teams, ranging in age from 11-18 years old, practice 2 to 3 times per week and participate in competitions at many out-of-town locations. The young ladies within the club have achieved numerous successes; with many having qualified to compete at the national level with a few having represented the USA at international level competitions.

In addition, many Houston Juniors VBC athletes have already secured scholarship offers to attend top universities, including Baylor University, Clemson University, High Point University, Houston Baptist University, Jackson State University, Nebraska University, New York University, Penn State University, Quinnipiac University, Texas A&M Kingsville, University of Houston, University of Iowa, University of Pittsburgh, University of Texas, San Antonio, and West Texas A&M University. These scholarship offers are just a few of the most recent testaments to the caliber of the Houston Juniors training program, athletes, and coaches. In 2019, Houston Juniors VBC was home to the #1 Prepvolleyball #1 Senior Ace in the country. In 2021, Houston Juniors VBC is home to the first ever State and National Gatorade Player of the Year, Ally Batenhorst.

To achieve the club's goals and provide athletes the continued competition necessary to further their development; some athletes are looking for financial support from individuals and businesses to help meet their individual and team goals. Your support will provide the necessary equipment (i.e., volleyballs, carts, on court blocking/hitting apparatus, and other) to ensure our athletes are receiving the best training at the highest level we can offer. In addition, your support will be offering an opportunity to those athletes and teams who might not be financially capable of participating in this sport or by extending their playing experiences at a higher level in out of state competitions and the USA Junior Nationals Championships in Columbus, OH (18's), Minneapolis, MN (11-13's) and Chicago, IL (14's-17's) and or the AAU Championships in Orlando, Florida. Tara Cross-Battle states without the support of individuals and businesses she never would have reached her goals of becoming an Olympian.

We graciously ask you to consider supporting Houston Juniors VBC and the athletes therein. If you have any questions or concerns or need tax information, please feel free to contact Houston Juniors VBC Director, Stephanie Rhodes via email at [stephanie@houstonjuniors.com](mailto:stephanie@houstonjuniors.com) or by phone at 832-678-4670.

We thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Stephanie Rhodes, Club Director

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