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Dear MAVS Families,

We hope this letter finds you enjoying the season so far. In addition to the play and skill development on the court the team building activities, Big Sister/Little Sister programs and the community service volunteering off the court make us extremely proud. Keep up the hard work and support.

We are aware talk will begin shortly (if it hasn't already) about team building for the 2017-2018 season. There are certainly a large number of opportunities for girls to play club volleyball in the Kansas City area. We continue to be grateful that you have chosen MAVS and your hard work to make that a positive experience. In consideration of the potential for you to be contacted by other clubs we respectfully ask you to remain fully committed to this season until the end.

MAVS has qualified for and voluntarily participated in the HOA Gold Standard Club, which means we have committed to not contacting kids from outside MAVS until their season is over. Additionally, we are not scheduling open gyms or evaluations until July for teams that could participate in Junior National Championships. For teams that will not participate in JNC evaluations and team building will begin in May with specific dates to be determined. We are doing this because the overwhelming feedback we received from past seasons where kids were trying out before the end of the existing season was negative. That practice was harmful to players and distracting to teams and we are taking steps to eliminate the negativity and allow players and teams to enjoy to the fullest extent the current season.

The actions we are taking do not mean we are not intent on building competitive teams. It just means we are prioritizing the completion of the existing season. We started this season 100% committed to your daughters and we will remain 100% committed through the end of this season. We are hopeful these steps to enhance the positive experience garner your support and your willingness to not participate in evaluations/tryouts until your season is completely over. Everyone wins if this movement gains momentum and participants help shift the team building process back.

Respectfully,

David Beach Kathy Bates