

Pittsburgh Men's Club Volleyball Grant

Abstract

This proposal seeks a grant from the University of Pittsburgh to sponsor the Pittsburgh Men's Volleyball Club, otherwise known as PMVBC, during their upcoming trip to nationals. This year's annual national collegiate club volleyball tournament, held in Minneapolis, Minnesota, provides an opportunity for the club team to showcase its talents. Fulfillment of this proposal will directly affect student-athletes, who might otherwise miss participating in the national competition. With this funding, we will finance jerseys, travel and housing accommodations, and other miscellaneous costs.

Introduction

We cannot overstate the integral role sports plays in so many people's lives. Sports provide an amazing way to not only foster healthy competition, but also relieve stress and stay active. Although some people may not truly appreciate sports, they offer immense societal influence and reflects much about a community's values. For many athletes in college, club sports offer a chance to continue competing at a high level and a sense of community. A 2018 study, on student participation in club and intramural sports, found that 11% of students participated in club sports. With so much more student participation on club teams than NCAA teams, schools ought to consider reallocating additional resources towards club sports.

Collegiate Volleyball Nationals, similar to the NBA or NFL championship, epitomizes club sports and is what many players look forward to the entire season. However, recent circumstances, caused by the pandemic, sidelined many club athletes who are now itching to compete again. The team has been steadily growing, and now includes over 60 members. PMVBC has hosted fundraisers in the past and plans continue in the future to prepare for this upcoming competition. Nevertheless, due to the growth and resulting higher team registration fees and travel costs, it is unlikely that the money raised will make a substantial impact on the cost. For these reasons, a grant from the University would aid students, allowing those who can't afford it to experience a once in a lifetime opportunity.

Project Description

This grant would help the Pittsburgh Men's Volleyball Club (PMVBC) fund their expenses for the 2022 collegiate club volleyball tournament, hosted in Minneapolis. The grant money will supply new quality jerseys, which can be passed on to future players,

ensuring PMVBC looks presentable at all tournaments and represents The University of Pittsburgh well. The new uniforms will also permit the team to replace the current system that entails purchasing cheaper jerseys every year. Furthermore, the capital provided will offset the cost of housing and travel. Lastly, a larger budget provides players safer accommodation during the trip, which is the team's highest priority. This proposal seeks \$2000, but any amount is appreciated.

Budget

Budget Breakdown

