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Kristen Snoddy named first women's volleyball coach

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KOKOMO, Ind. – Indiana University Kokomo has named the first women's volleyball coach for the upcoming fall season, and tryouts are scheduled for mid-April.

Kristen Snoddy, senior lecturer in English, has a 30-year history of coaching volleyball, most recently for Northwestern High School. She encourages all interested students to attend tryouts tentatively scheduled for April 12, 13, and 14, from 6 to 8 p.m., at the Northwestern High School gym.

"I'm really excited about this opportunity," said Coach Snoddy, who has a bachelor's in physical education and master's in English. "It's a challenge getting a new program off the ground, but I like challenges. Coaching volleyball is very much a passion of mine."

Earlier this year, IU Kokomo Chancellor Michael Harris announced the addition of club sports to student activities – offering competitive men's basketball and women's volleyball with an eye on joining the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) by fall 2012. The campus is still seeking a coach for men's basketball.

Coach Snoddy has directed volleyball camps and been a long-time advocate of a variety of sports.

"I've found that women's volleyball is really a great spectator sport that has increased its fan base throughout the years," she said.

Sarah Sarber, dean of students and director of student development and campus life, said the cooperation of area high schools has been an integral part of bringing club sports to campus since there is not an indoor facility here.

"A lot of our decision was based on our having to rely on outside facilities," Sarber said. "By starting our club sports teams with men's basketball and women's volleyball, we're covering a broader section of the calendar and hopefully can draw in more community interest."

The Northwestern High School gymnasium will be used for women's volleyball and competitions, and Western High School gymnasium will be the site of men's basketball.

In addition, plans are underway to create an advisory board, which will include individuals not only from campus but the surrounding communities as well.

“It will be a good balance of persons from the community and campus who understand both academics and athletics and how the two fields work together,” said Kathryn Stremeicki, coordinator of student activities program and applied learning.

The fall schedule for women’s volleyball is set to begin August 24 with a home match against Vincennes University, starting at 7 p.m. Other scheduled games are: August 27 at Indiana Tech; September 6 home game versus Goshen College at 7 p.m.; September 10 at Grace College in Tri-Match; September 14 home game versus Grace College at 7 p.m.; September 23 at Ancilla in Tri-Match; September 29 home game versus Indiana Tech at 7 p.m.; October 1 at Purdue Calumet; October 6 home game versus Trine University at 7 p.m.; October 13 at Goshen College; October 15 Tourney at Trine; October 20 at Vincennes University at 7 p.m.; October 28 at Grace College.

For more information about women’s volleyball, contact Coach Snoddy at (765) 455-9263, or by e-mail at ksnoddy@iuk.edu (<mailto:ksnoddy@iuk.edu>).

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