

Frequently asked Questions

WHEN?

- **When does the season start?**
 - For u9 through u14 the season will start around mid-October.
 - For u15 through u18 the season will start around mid-November.
- **When does the season end?**
 - For u9 through u14 the season will end in mid-April.
 - For u15 through u18 the season will end in mid-May.
 - There may be options for players to extend their season for national events.
- **When do we practice?**
 - Teams practice twice a week. Most practices are 2 hours each (most u9/u10 practices are 90 minutes each). The exact practice schedule, if ready, can be found on the schedule page. The first digit of the team is the age, so 0P would represent 10 Predators, for example.
- **When do we play?**
 - Teams will play about twice a month on Saturdays or Sundays and sometimes both. Last season's tournament schedule can be found on the schedule page. Each tournament is usually 3-5 matches (other than u9/u10, which may be fewer).
- **When is Tryouts?**
 - U9 & U10 may sign up without trying out.
 - U11 – U14 tryouts are Sunday, Sep 28th. See the register page for specifics and to pre-register.
 - U15 – U18 tryouts are Monday, Oct 27th. See the register page for specifics & to preregister.
- **When is payment Due?**
 - A \$300 deposit is due upon acceptance into the club. There is a payment plan option which will be explained when you sign up.

WHERE?

- **Where do we practice?**
 - See the Schedules page for specifics. [Apex Volleyball Club](#) will practice in Eastern Crown Point mostly. U13-U14 players will practice on Sundays in Chesterton with another day in Eastern Crown Point. U11-12 and U15-U18 teams will practice both times in Eastern Crown Point by Albanese Candy Factory.
- **Where do we play?**
 - Most tournaments will be in Northwest Indiana or the Chicago Suburbs.

WHAT?

- **What is the team size?**
 - We always target 10 per team, but sizes can vary some.
- **What is the playing time policy?**
 - We keep our teams small, so rarely have trouble with playing time. Players must earn their playing time, though there is a minimum of 3 repeating rotations (about half a game) per match.
- **What is your mask policy/covid precautions?**
 - We will follow whatever the mandates are of the relative areas that we play/practice. In addition, we will be vigilant concerning social distancing during practice and games when our county is in the red.

- **What is my daughter's age group?**
 - The easiest way to remember is her age will be her age as of July 1st after the season is over. For more details, see "age definitions on the following website: www.greatlakesvolleyball.org
- **What are the additional "hidden" fees?**
 - There are no hidden fees, though uniforms are not included in the price. Sometimes there is a USAV membership cost, though most teams will not have to pay for this. The uniform package typically includes a jersey, short sleeve practice shirt, and spandex shorts which should run about \$175.

HOW?

- **How many overnight events?**
 - U13-u18 will have 2 at most, though many teams will have only 1. Younger teams will not have any unless the team chooses to add one. Overnight events will still be very drivable. Indianapolis or Wisconsin are good examples.
- **How much is the cost?**
 - Full season (this fee is all inclusive other than uniform costs):
 - U11/U12 - \$1275
 - U13/U14 - \$1525
 - U15-U18 - \$1625
 - Half season:
 - U11/U12 - \$700
 - U13/U14 - \$825
 - U9/U10 teams cost \$395 for a 3 month season which includes a jersey
 - Payment plans are offered.

How can I sign up?

- U9-U10 players may sign up on the Register page of the website and pay their deposit and sign up for the payment plan. Registration will open up in August.
- U11-U18 players should pre-register for tryouts and show up at tryouts.
- **How can I pre-register for tryouts?**
 - Yes, you can do that at www.apexvbc.org/signup

WHO?

- **Who do I reach out to with questions?**
 - The director for [Apex Volleyball Club](#) is Tarrah Lasky Bormann and her email is Tarrah.lasky@gmail.com and her number is 219-921-9555
 - Jackie Eader can help with registering online: jeader2424@hotmail.com or 574-993-1094.
 - Answers can also be found at www.apexvbc.org
- **Who is eligible to participate? Boys? Girls? Different ages?**
 - U9 through u18 (usually 3rd grade through seniors in high school) are eligible. We do not currently have boys' teams, though boys are allowed to play on coed teams through 7th grade (u13) and u14s must play on a u15 coed team. We encourage boys that would like to play on a boys only team to check out www.epicvolleyball.org/boys