

## Joe Valley Volleyball Club

### FAQ's

**Q: What is club volleyball?**

A: Club volleyball is an avenue for players age 10 (and even younger) to 18 to receive advanced training and competition on local, regional and national stages. Many volleyball clubs exist both locally and nationally, most composed of multiple teams. All of these clubs compete under the same rules laid out by our national governing body: USA Volleyball.

**Q: What is Joe Valley Volleyball Club (JVVC)?**

A: Joe Valley Volleyball Club is a club focused on St. Joseph County and other area volleyball players. JVVC is concentrating on girls between the ages of 10-18 for travel opportunities and will also host clinics and camps for 10 and under. JVVC was created to help generate the skills, performance and knowledge of the game of volleyball to help the local schools and players better their game of volleyball. JVVC is a non-profit club with their main campus located at Glen Oaks Community College.

**Q: What is the club season and how long does it last?**

A: JVVC club season starts in early December with tryouts on October 20<sup>th</sup> & November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Practice will start around a soon after the last tryouts. Tournaments will begin in early January and end in June if you continue to National Tournament.

**Q: When are tryouts?**

A: Tryouts for the first session will take place on October 20<sup>th</sup> (8<sup>th</sup> Grade & Under) from 9:00am-12:00pm at Glen Oaks Community College and November 3<sup>rd</sup> (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>) from 9:00am-11:00am. Regional Tryouts for 8<sup>th</sup> Grade and under will be at the same time as Local tryouts on October 20<sup>th</sup>. High School Regional Tryouts (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>) will be at 12:00pm-1:30pm at Glen Oaks Community College on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. We will have a general parents meeting at the beginning while the girls are warming up. If you went through the first session tryouts, you will not be required to do a 2<sup>nd</sup> tryout to play in the second session. Each new club year requires a completed tryout to make a team.

**Q: Is there a 2<sup>nd</sup> tryout opportunity if I can't make the first one?**

A: JVVC realizes that we won't be able to fit everyone's schedule when it comes to try out dates. If you cannot make the tryout date, we will have a second tryout on November 6<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-7:30pm at Glen Oaks Community College. You will be required to contact us if you need to come to this tryout date.

**Q: Are there different sessions or do I have to play the entire 6 months? I can't play at the beginning because of basketball, but I would like to play after basketball is done.**

A: JVVC does realize that high school athletes are busy and all can't commit to a 6 month season. Therefore, we have the option of 2 different types of teams. A standard option, which focuses on a 3 month session and a 6 month option which focuses on committing to all 6 months. If you want to just start with playing the first 3 month session to see how it goes, you can still play in the second 3 month session if you would like to continue. If you start with the 6 month session, we request that you plan on committing to all 6 months as your team will also be counting on you. Regional Teams will be played for a 4-5 month time period. There will only be one regional team opportunity.

**Q: What are the costs? What is all included in those cost?**

A: Standard 3 month session = \$385 (If paid during the 1st week of practice in full, you will receive a \$20 apparel credit)

- Includes:
- 2 Jerseys, Embroidered Backpack, warm-up shirt, and water bottle.
  - Up to 8 tournaments (Saturday and Sunday Tournaments)
  - Covers court rental costs for minimum 1 practice per week. Located at Glen Oaks Community College and other area Schools or Gym locations.
  - Coach pay

B: Standard 6 month session = \$660 (If paid during the 1st week of practice in full, you will receive a \$20 apparel credit per session)

Includes: 2 Jerseys, Embroidered Backpack, Warm-up Shirt, and water bottle.  
Up to 8 tournament per session (Saturday and Sunday Tournaments)  
Covers court rental costs for minimum 1 practice per week. Located at Glen Oaks Community College and other area Schools  
Coach Pay

C: Regional Teams = \$680 (If paid during the 1st week of practice in full, you will receive a \$40 apparel credit)

Includes: 2 Jerseys, Embroidered Backpack, Warm-up Shirt, and water bottle.  
Up to 8 two-day tournaments (Saturday and Sunday Tournaments)  
Covers court rental costs for minimum 2 practice per week. Located at Glen Oaks Community College and other area Schools  
Coach Pay  
Traveling Expenses for Coach

**Q: How does a player get picked for a particular team?**

A: JVVC assigns players to teams based on a combination of tryout results and building a complete team. There will be an opportunity to request playing with certain girls. However, our goal is to generate the best situation for each athlete. We know that each individual girl is paying to be a part of this club, so it is JVVC's responsibility to put each athlete in a place to give them the best chance of individual success and be able to contribute to the team's success. JVVC wants the girls to play at a level that **matches** or is **just above** their own level so they can continue to grow and gain confidence as a volleyball player.

**Q: Will teams be split up evenly across the age groups?**

A: Club Volleyball in general is put together to help raise the level and experience of all athletes participating in the Club experience. With this, we **do not** evenly spread out the teams. We will put teams together based on the results of tryouts and past experience with the girls at the levels we feel like they are at and how they can contribute.

**Q: What are the age breakdowns for teams?**

A: The age determination date for AAU Volleyball is September 1.

Below are the 2018 age requirements for each age division (effective Sept 1, 2017 - August 31, 2018).

**10 & Under** - Born on or after September 1, 2008

**11 & Under** - Born on or after September 1, 2007

**12 & Under** - Born on or after September 1, 2006

**13 & Under** - Born on or after September 1, 2005

**14 & Under** - Born on or after September 1, 2004

**15 & Under** - Born on or after September 1, 2003

**16 & Under** - Born on or after September 1, 2002

**17 & Under** - Born on or after September 1, 2001

**18 & Under** - Born on or after September 1, 2000

OR born on or after September 1, 1999 AND be a high school student (12th grade or below) during some part of the current academic year.

***Once a player participates in a club or varsity program for any university, college, community college or junior college, he or she is ineligible to play in the National Championships.***

**Q: Can a younger athlete play in an upper aged group division?**

A: Yes, there is an opportunity for this. This would have to be discussed between the director and the parents to make sure both parties are ok with it.

**Q: How many players are on a team?**

A: JVVC will try and build each team with a minimum of 8 players and no more than 12. It depends on the needs of the team, but we will try and keep the amount of players of each team down for the chance of more playing time.

**Q: Where and when are practices?**

A: Practice locations will all be based on gym availability. We will work with local schools, if available, to try and make things easier when it comes to travel time for specific teams. JVVC will be based at Glen Oaks Community College for most practices and home tournaments, but could vary based on availability. Practice times and locations will be decided by each coach with feedback from the team as a group.

**Q: Where are the tournaments located?**

A: Tournaments will be different based on each team. As a team, they will work with the coach to pick which tournaments they want to participate in. The general distance we would like to stay within Centreville, MI is 3 hours of travel time. This does not require each team to do this. If there is an opportunity to play further away and the team decides this as a group, they are more than welcome to travel where ever they would like. JVVC will try and host a tournament in each division for each 3 month session at Glen Oaks Community College.

**Q: Is playing time guaranteed?**

A: No, playing time is at discretion of every coach. As this is a touchy subject, each coach has the responsibility to put the best team on the court based on their ability, work ethic, attendance in practice, attitude, etc. JVVC will focus on building the team so that each player gets equal opportunity to play, but it is not always ensured.

**Q: Can I play club volleyball if I am involved in another high school sport?**

A: Yes! Many club volleyball players are involved in more than one sport and activities outside of club volleyball. It is the job of the player to communicate any conflicts with the coach and work out any issues. Understand that coaches will be flexible, but making practice times is very important and absences need to be minimal.

**Q: Will there be other apparel available for purchase?**

A: JVVC will offer apparel at different times each year. An online store will be developed and opened towards the beginning of each session to purchase apparel. Once the store "closes", you will have to wait till the next session to order again.

**Q: Will there be availability for specialized training in different skills areas?**

A: Yes! JVVC has put together a coaching staff that have specialized skills in each of the different areas of volleyball. If you would like one on one training outside of normal practice, it is available at a nominal fee.

**Q: What is the cost to tryout?**

A: \$10 for any tryout for a local team. \$20 for the Regional Team tryout. If you make the regional team, you will receive a JVVC Regional Team T-shirt as well.

**Q: Who is the director of JVVC and how can I stay up to date?**

A: Brian Jordan is JVVC's director. You can get ahold of him with any questions through email at [JVVCclub@gmail.com](mailto:JVVCclub@gmail.com) or by phone at 269-503-3999. JVVC also has a Facebook page called, "Joe Valley Volleyball Club" and you can follow us on Twitter: @JVVCclub. Please also visit our website for updated info at [jvvc.weebly.com](http://jvvc.weebly.com).