

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 mid April.
 - For u15 through u18 the season will end around May 12.
 - There may be options for players to extend their season for national events.
- **When do we practice?**
 - Teams practice twice/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 0E would represent 10 Emerald, for example.
- **When do we play?**
 - Teams will play about twice a month on Saturdays or Sundays and sometimes both. A rough draft tournament schedule can be found on the schedule page. Each tournament is usually 3-5 matches (other than u10, which may be fewer).
- **When is Tryouts?**
 - U9 – U10 may sign up without trying out.
 - U11 - U15 tryouts are Sat, July 8. See the register page for specifics and to pre-register.
 - U16 – U18 tryouts will be in the fall. See the register page for specifics & to preregister.
 - Another fall tryout will be offered for U11-U15 players as well.
- **When is payment Due?**
 - A \$250 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 calendar page for specifics. [Illiana Jrs](#) will practice along the state line & in Lansing, mostly. Practice locations may change based on Covid restrictions at certain locations (especially in IL).
- **Where do we play?**
 - Most tournaments will be in Northwest Indiana or the South 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 distance during practice and games when are county is in 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: [Great Lakes Region - A Region of USA Volleyball \(greatlakesvolleyball.org\)](http://GreatLakesRegion-ARegionofUSAVolleyball.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 includes a jersey, short sleeve practice shirt, long sleeve warm up shirt, and spandex shorts for around \$125. Returning players will not need to purchase the full uniform package.

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 Pleasant Prairie, WI are good examples.
- **How much is the cost? Please note that these numbers are based on the 2022-23 season and will be updated soon for the 2023-24 season. These numbers will increase minimally.**
 - Full season (this fee is all inclusive other than uniform costs):
 - U11/U12 - \$1175
 - U13/U14 - \$1275
 - U15-U18 - \$1375
 - Half season:
 - U11/U12 - \$625
 - U13/U14 - \$675
 - U15-U18 - \$725
 - U9/U10 teams cost \$385 for a 3 month season which includes a jersey.
- **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.
 - U11-U18 players should pre-register for tryouts and show up to tryouts.
- **How can I preregister for tryouts?**
 - You can do that at www.illianajuniors.org/signup

WHO?

- **Who do I reach out to with questions?**
 - The director for Illiana Juniors is Jackie Eader and her email is jeader2424@hotmail.com
 - Answers can also be found at www.illianajuniors.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 to tryout at Epic if they want to play on an all-boys' team. Www.epicvolleyball.org/boys has information.