

NORTH-COUNTRY REGION VIRTUAL CLUB OPEN HOUSE

COMMON CLUB VOLLEYBALL MYTHS

Myth 1 - It's about the club, not the coaches. The reputation of the club your child plays for is important, but it does not guarantee the coach your athlete will play for is skilled and/or right for you. Understand the philosophies, reputation, style, and character of the coach your athlete will be playing for. Interview the coach if necessary. Speak with other players and parents who played for the coach in the past. Also ask yourself, is this person someone you want your child to spend time with? Is this a person of integrity and character?

Myth 2 - The more expensive the club fees the better the club/coaching and the more you get. After all isn't the saying "you get what you pay for "true? Not always. Some clubs charge more because they must cover their overhead (salaries for full time employees), turn a profit and/or pay more for gym rentals. Other clubs charge more because they were formed by a sports complex as a way of filling gym time.

Myth 3 - Playing club for your high school coach's club ensure playing time on the high school team. Fact: the best players will play regardless of the club they play for. Sometimes playing club for your high school coach can be a negative. High School coaches sometime 'pigeon hole' or 'slot' players into the certain positions based on their biases or need they are trying to fill for the high school team an not necessarily the best position for your child. It is sometimes a good idea to get a fresh look from a different coach.

Myth 4: Playing in tournaments across the country provides more exposure to college coaches. While it is true many college coaches attend national tournaments, a LARGE majority of the players from this area who continue to play in college did not participate in national tournaments.