



# BRAVO Beach Informational Meeting 2025



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# About BRAVO



- Intro...what does BRAVO stand for?
- BRAVO is the premier and longest running volleyball club in the region in our 18th year!
- BRAVO is a USA Volleyball sanctioned indoor club. USAV is the National Governing Body (NGB) for the sport of volleyball in the United States.
- BRAVO is the only club in the region to offer an AVPAmerica sanctioned Juniors Beach Volleyball Program for ages 12U to 18U. (AVP - Assoc. of Volleyball Professionals - PRO League)
- **\*\*NEW\*\*** BRAVO is also the only USAV sanctioned Beach program in the State of Kentucky!
- We seek to teach individuals to excel, promote competitiveness, and develop leadership skills
- Our objective is to give individuals the training and playing experiences necessary to improve their overall volleyball skills and to give leadership skills to carry on with them through life!

## BRAVO Beach Facilities

- Rock's Beach - 974 Richpond Rockfield Rd. - 2 lighted courts
- Marsh Pit - 812 Plum Springs Loop - 1 lighted court



# What You Can Expect?

- There is no stress over tryouts or which team you'll make.
- There is no "Bench in Beach". Everyone makes the Beach Team!
- Quality Instruction
  - Certified coaches with years of combined coaching experience and playing experience.
- Extended Training Schedule beyond club and school ball
- New Friendships (girls from different schools playing together)
- Increased Discipline
- Leadership Skills
- Education/IQ of the game - smarter players, not just better players
- Fun!



# Why Beach Makes You Better!!

- Playing 2v2 is one of the best ways to improve your all around volleyball skills. Players have to cover more court, read the play better, and they must build their skill in all aspects of the game. i.e. - Hitters set, Passers Hit, etc.
- The best part about playing 2v2 is the fact that there's no competition for playing time. At tournaments, all players play all the time. Again, there is no bench in beach.
- Also, it's a much more individual game than 6v6 indoor. It's just you and your partner, finding ways to make each other more successful and strategizing how to beat the other team.



# What You Can Expect?

- Beach is relaxed, tailgate atmosphere, family fun in the sun
- Free admission for spectators. Free parking. No hard bleachers.
- No whistles or loud gyms.
- Individual sport - Earn individual points
- Build your own schedule! Register for your own tournaments and practices.
- Things to bring to every practice and tournament:
  - Sunglasses
  - Towel
  - Water bottle (filled with water)
  - Visor/hat
  - Bug spray
  - Sunscreen - Yes, even on cloudy days!
  - Good attitude 😊



# NO, You DO NOT need a Partner

- We actually encourage that players do not have PERMANENT PARTNERS. This is a chance for athletes to explore their own skills!
- We have seen players being held back because they only play with one person the whole summer.
- Players & Parents find their own partner within BRAVO or even with players outside our club.
- If you cannot find a partner, then you can ask a Coach or Director to help.
- It is recommended to travel to other areas and play. Nashville area, Louisville, Lexington and beyond. You can find a list of other area tournaments @ [bravovbc.com](http://bravovbc.com) on the Beach tab under “Other Area Tournaments”. You can also do a radius search on [VolleyballLife.com](http://VolleyballLife.com)



# BRAVO Beach Fees

- BRAVO Beach “Membership” is \$200 for the season.
  - Includes: Ability to sign up for practices, BRAVO Beach team shirt, admin costs, insurance, Inter-Club Tournament
  - Sales tax and SE fees additional
- Practices are “a la carte” so you can make your own practice schedule. Practices are \$17 per practice and will be registered for individually.
- Please try to attend at least 12-15 practices! We will offer practices (weather dependent) every Tuesday and Thursday. Practices will be 1.5 hours long and be split by age group (12u, 14u, etc). North and South practice locations available.
- Membership fee does not include: Tournament registration fees, travel fees, AVP membership fees, or any NEW, USAV/Pioneer memberships



# BRAVO Beach Season Dates

- Registration opens tomorrow, **April 1st** @ [bravovbc.com](http://bravovbc.com)
- Practices will begin the week of **April 28th** and will run through the start of dead period in late June.

## BRAVO Beach Tournament Info

- Tournament registration will open 3 weeks before each tournament @ [bravobeach.volleyballlife.com](http://bravobeach.volleyballlife.com)
- **\*\*NEW\*\*** - All tournaments will be held at Preston Miller Park ("The Water Park") in Bowling Green.
- Start times can change slightly based on the weather.
- Tournaments typically last 4-5 hours per wave based on how deep the team goes into playoffs.
- Tournaments and practices are rain or shine unless lightning or severe weather. Decisions will be made right up to and through the event as needed. It is always a "GO" unless we officially tell you otherwise.



# BRAVO Beach Tournament Info (cont.)

- Tournament Schedule:
  - Inter-Club Scrimmage @ Rock's Beach - May 10
  - May 17-18
  - May 31-June 1
  - June 7-8
  - June 21-22
  - July 12-13
  - July 20 - "UTL"
  - August 2-3
- "Tentative" Tournament Format:
  - Saturday AM Wave: 14U
  - Saturday PM Wave: 18U and 12U
  - Sunday PM Wave: 16U
- Players are encouraged to "play up" and play both days,  
Example: 12's in the 14's division, 14's in the 16's division,
- Age groups are alternated with other area tournaments.



# AVP & USAV Memberships

- All BRAVO Beach players will need an AVP and USAV Membership. The links for membership will be included in the registration.
  - AVP Silver Membership: \$35 (Silver level is sufficient unless going to one of the Championships, can upgrade at any time.)
  - USAV Membership: If you played indoor in for a club in **Kentucky** then your existing USAV/Pioneer membership is valid through the Beach season as well. If you did not play indoor, the USAV Beach Membership is \$15
- BRAVO will be hosting AVP Bid Qualifier tournaments. These bids (depending on date won) will be awarded for the AVP National Championship or West Coast Championships in California or the East Coast Championships in Florida.
- Additional memberships (p1440, BVNE, etc.) may be needed for outside tourneys, but only AVP and USAV for BRAVO hosted tourneys.



# AVP & USAV Age Requirements

- 18 & Under - Graduating High School in 2025 or later.
  - % 2025 and/or 2026
- 16 & Under - Graduating High School in 2027 or later.
  - % 2027 and/or 2028
- 14 & Under - Graduating High School in 2029 or later.
  - % 2029 and/or 2030
- 12 & Under - Graduating High School in 2031 or later.
  - % 2031 and/or 2032+
- These dates will change on 9/1/2025 and bump up 1 year.
- Players can play up but cannot play down.



# Closing thoughts...

- You DO NOT have to play indoor club for BRAVO to play in the BRAVO Beach program. They are completely separate programs. Everyone is welcome regardless of indoor club affiliation.
- There is NO COACHING IN BEACH VOLLEYBALL unless you are a Certified Coach!
  - Spectators are only allowed to clap and cheer. Things like “Good job” and “Way to go” are generally safe words.
  - Comments like “Start passing”, “Watch her cut shots” or “Serve Short” etc. are considered coaching in these cases. In some instances spectators have been warned for saying “Good thinking on that one”.
  - The players are their own referees. They call their own lines and violations. If an agreement can’t be made, we replay.
  - **Parents are prohibited from yelling at the scorekeepers that the score is wrong and that a ball is in/out, etc.**
  - *Let the kids make their own decisions and play the game. After all, that is a big part of the learning process in beach volleyball.*
- Don’t forget sunscreen, tents and umbrellas.
- Hydrate, Hydrate, Hydrate!



# Questions?

You can always contact us with questions at [bravovbc@gmail.com](mailto:bravovbc@gmail.com) or through our website.



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