

Illini Elite Volleyball Club

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Dear Parents and Athletes:

Welcome to the Illini Elite Training Center and 2023-2024 informational meeting for the Illini Elite Volleyball Program. We hold this informational meeting at the start of each club season for all potential players and their parents so everyone can make an educated decision about where to play club volleyball. Over the last 20+ years, Illini Elite has grown to become one of the largest volleyball clubs in Illinois with well over 650 players and coaches. Illini Elite is well recognized and well respected nationally in the junior volleyball community as well as among college coaches and programs across the country as the premier volleyball club in Central Illinois for developing youth volleyball players.

The choice to play club volleyball can be, at times, a demanding commitment not only for the players, but also for the parents and families. The Illini Elite programs have a great deal to offer each athlete and throughout this packet, we hope to show that Illini Elite is worthy of that commitment. If you understand the core beliefs of this organization, then it will be much easier to understand how and why we do things the way we do them. At Illini Elite, our programs strive to develop each athlete in every area of volleyball to the best of their ability. Our philosophies regarding the methods and teaching the techniques of all the basic skills, as well as our practice planning and implementation are different from other clubs in the area. We hope to help you understand why we think our program has great things to offer each athlete and that Illini Elite is a club volleyball program and not just a collection of club volleyball teams and coaches. Our goal is, and will always be, to provide the best club experience for our athletes and develop their skills as volleyball players and their integrity as young adults. While athletics are something we participate in while we are young, the lessons learned from athletics can and should last a lifetime. While many of our players simply want to be the best they can be for their junior high and/or high school teams, some of our high school athletes are preparing for competition at the collegiate level. There is no arguing the fact that Illini Elite players have experienced unparalleled success in both the junior high and high school settings in Central Illinois. At the same time, our club players and teams have experienced that same success nationally as well as at the college level.

We hope to continue our efforts of bringing a new level of volleyball excellence to Central Illinois with your participation. We hope that all of you find Illini Elite to be an excellent program, worthy of your support for the 2023-24 club volleyball season.

Sincerely, Andy Erins – Club Director Joe Sanders – Local Director Kyle Caldwell– Associate Director



ILLINI ELITE PROGRAM PHILOSOPHY - Why choose Illini Elite VBC?

Illini Elite is different from other clubs that you may have been involved in for several reasons. Not only is Illini Elite the only club in Central Illinois with its own training facility, but more importantly, Illini Elite is set up as a complete program that allows players to develop and grow as athletes, volleyball players and young adults as they continue with the club. The Illini Elite Volleyball program is completely dedicated to providing its athletes with the technical, tactical and physical training needed to reach their highest possible potential. We strive to help each and every player achieve their maximum performance regardless of age or ability. For the young player we want to develop a solid base of fundamental skill, as well as a passion for the sport. As players get older and progress through the program, we want to provide the path to a level of excellence that allows each and every athlete to test their own limitations. We understand that we are providing a service to you, the players and parents, not the other way around. This understanding is what drives us to provide the best possible club experience for everyone involved. For those that have not been involved with Illini Elite before, we have explained several key aspects of our philosophy below which makes Illini Elite the right club volleyball choice.

Focus on Skill Development - The BEST reason for choosing Illini Elite is that we understand and embrace the idea that the purpose of club volleyball is to assist players in training and developing their individual skills and techniques. This is why we focus most of our training time on developing the player rather than developing the team. Yes, we want our teams to be successful, but not at the expense of developing the individual players. We feel that good players can and will become a good team if trained properly and given the opportunity to succeed. When athletes are young, it is easy for players and parents to make the mistake of getting caught up in trying to find the best team to play on or trying to play with their friends. In the search to play on the best team, however, players often overlook the most important element of long-term growth in the sport of volleyball, which is the training and development of individual skills. College coaches do not recruit elite teams; they recruit elite players with elite skills. By providing the best available training and developing the skills of each athlete, we can provide the best possible club volleyball experience for our athletes.

Master Coach Concept - This type of training allows each athlete to receive the same comprehensive training as everyone else in her age group regardless of individual or team skill level. In most clubs, each athlete is at the mercy of his or her individual coaches' technical, tactical, and physical understanding of the sport of volleyball. If this is the case, practices can be poorly organized, inefficiently executed and often fail to give each player the chance to reach his or her full potential. At Illini Elite, we have adopted the master coach concept to ensure that this does not happen. The master coach oversees developing and implementing the practice plan for all the athletes and making sure that all of the involved coaches understand the practice plan, thereby assuring each athlete the same high quality training during practice. Yes, there is position specific training as well (i.e., setters, middle hitters, defensive specialist, etc.), but with this concept, it can be accomplished simultaneously if all the coaches are working together under the same plan.

Systematic Approach to Training - We have developed a volleyball program, not just a club with a collection of teams and coaches. One of the problems that exists in youth volleyball, especially in this area, is the lack of consistency regarding teaching the basic skills. It is not uncommon for young players to have several different coaches teaching them the skills many ways over the course of their youth and junior playing days. In our program, all the coaches, in every age level and every team, must learn to teach all the basic skills with the same techniques and methods that we have been using for years with a great deal of success. In doing so, players can continue to develop and improve each year and build on what they learn each season instead of starting over again each year with a new coach. We understand that player development is an ongoing process over a period of time, and we try to teach each skill systematically and efficiently with the player's long-term growth, development and health as primary objectives. Our program is modeled, in part, after the Sports Performance Volleyball Club's training program which is recognized as one of the premier volleyball clubs in the country for developing youth and junior volleyball players.

Life Lessons to Learn – Over the years we have learned that when a group of people make a commitment to do something great, success usually follows. Words and concepts such as Hard Work, Commitment, Sacrifice, Responsibility, Accountability, Dedication and Perseverance have great value not only in athletics, but all areas of our lives. These are the concepts that allow people to succeed. It seems more and more parents and athletes approach athletics with a sense of "entitlement". They believe that the concepts above do not apply to them and that they are "entitled" to a position or "entitled" to success. Athletics, just like the real world, do not operate that way. Success, either individual or team, is only accomplished by understanding, believing, and applying those ever-important concepts listed above. Through their participation in sports, young athletes learn lessons about themselves and others, which will carry over throughout every aspect of their lives. As young student-athletes, they must learn the most efficient ways to use time and energy to manage schoolwork, family, practice, social life, etc. They must learn about setting priorities, setting goals, and striving to achieve those goals while at the same time understanding that success comes in the pursuit of excellence. At times it seems that we all have forgotten that future success almost always comes from past failures. Part of becoming a successful adult is learning to deal with failure as a child. That is how we grow. That is how we learn. There is nothing noble about falling down but getting back up each time is one of the most important qualities we can teach. Winning is fun but losing is often much more valuable and the lessons we learn from that eventually shapes us into winners. As coaches, we know that the lessons learned from making a commitment, being part of a team and making some sacrifices in a program like ours can be carried over into other aspects of our athletes' lives. We want our players to understand what it really means to be part of a program, part of a team and what the words TEAM and TEAMMATE really stand for - a group of people who share a common goal together and understand and agree to make the sacrifices necessary to make that goal become a reality. These athletes learn that individual needs are sometimes put aside for the good of the team or the team is destined for failure. We realize this goes against today's "SportsCenter" mentality where individuals have become bigger than their teams, but we also know that individual glory takes a backseat to team success every time. Being a part of a team within a larger program and making sacrifices and commitments to help that team achieve success is possibly the greatest single lesson to be learned from athletics.

Full-time director and full-time staff — Andy Erins is the full-time director of Illini Elite and is involved in all aspects of the club and its operations. Joe Sanders has been working full-time for Illini Elite since the early years and oversees the Local program while assisting with all aspects of the club and our facility. Kyle Caldwell was hired in the fall of 2017 to assist with all aspects of the club including coordinating our social media, website/registration systems, coaching camps/clinics, and other day to day operations. Typically, club coaches and club directors have other full-time jobs requiring their attention every day. This can often prevent them from putting in the time that these athletes deserve. As full-time directors, it is our job to make sure that each practice, regardless of the age level or skill level, is prepared and ready to be implemented and that all other matters regarding the club are taken care of regularly. We also ask that all parent/player issues and communications go through both Andy and/or Joe before going to the individual coaches. This (and our 24-hour rule) will be discussed in depth at the Parent/Player meetings after tryouts. For our athletes looking to play in college, we are also a resource for all questions regarding the college search and the recruiting process.

Illini Elite Training Center – Late October of 2018 marked the opening of our new air conditioned, 6 court Training Center. We opened our first volleyball dedicated Training Center in 2004 and our new facility expands to 6 full competition courts with air conditioning, an expanded concession stand, a volleyball specific retail space and more. We offer private lessons, various skill and specialty clinics, summer camps, leagues and much more. Our facility provides the training environment needed for Illini Elite to continue its past success and growth. This type of environment is extremely helpful in developing a training atmosphere and sense of pride, where players learn to understand that they are not just playing for a team, but rather an entire program. It also allows our coaches and players to learn from each other daily and share ideas since we are all practicing at the same time and all working together.

What's new for the 2023-24 Illini Elite season?

- We do not have any new major changes for the 2023-24 season. We are continuing with SportsEngine again
 this season so if you are new to Illini Elite this year and are unfamiliar with SportsEngine, please read the
 notes below.
 - o Please be sure to use an email address that you check regularly as all communication/billing/invoicing will be sent through SportsEngine to that email address.
 - The most important thing to note is that the e-mail that is associated with your account will be the primary address that we use for billing. All billing (dues, uniform, travel payments, etc) will be completed through SportsEngine again this year.
 - o <u>IMPORTANT</u>: If you will be splitting payments with another adult, you will need to have both adults create an account and then you will need to contact Kyle at kyle@illinielite.com to let him know so we can split up the invoices accordingly. Please contact him as soon as possible to get your accounts set up properly.
 - o JVA WAIVER: The JVA waiver used to be integrated with SportsEngine and used to be integrated in our tryout registration, but that is no longer the case. There is a link in the tryout registration that notes you need to do the JVA waiver separately so please be sure to do both the tryout registration AND the JVA waiver. Again...all players need to fill out the JVA insurance waiver. The link is:

https://jvavolleyball.org/insurance-waiver-player-staff-form/

Payment/Invoicing with SportEngine—

O After tryouts, parents will receive an invoice in their SportsEngine account for the dues. The initial payment will need to be made before the mandatory parent/player meetings listed in the next section. More payment information will be in each program specific section later in the packet, but we do want to let all parents know that collecting payments done the same way this season as the last couple seasons so we do not have a lot to turn in at the parent/player meetings.

• National program changes –

- o Once again, this year our National HS tryouts will be two parts Position Evaluation and Tryouts. We've done this for three seasons now and it is extremely helpful in our evaluations.
- We've been working with the recruiting profile service SportsRecruits for a few years now and our contract is up this December. Their pricing model continues to increase every time our contract is up so this year, we have formed a partnership with HUDL for their recruiting services. HUDL is significantly less expensive and provides all the same benefits. As a result, this season every National player will have a HUDL account as it is included in the dues.
- o Lucas Cook will be back this season to work with our athletes. Lucas, formerly of the Warbird Academy, will create and implement our strength program. The strength program is intended to complement anything we do in the gym and anything any athlete is doing outside the gym as we focus on core muscle groups, shoulder stabilization/health and long-term growth/health of the players.
- o Uniform Changes This season we will start the migration process to the new Zambi uniforms. A rule change a few years ago made our Black and Cardinal jerseys technically illegal due to the "contrasting color" rule. The 15U players will be getting the updated Zambi jerseys in Cardinal and White, but to keep costs down, we will not be making returning players replace theirs. Instead, all players will receive two new "alternate" jerseys (a black and a white jersey) that will be legal. These two alternate jerseys will allow our teams to have at least 3 "legal" jerseys for their longer events.
- <u>Open Gyms</u> –We realize there are many players who finish their seasons long before tryouts so open gym time may provide an opportunity for them to come in and play. Group lessons are also currently offered every Sunday to work on skills before tryouts. More group lesson dates/times as well as any open gym times will be posted on the website.

Frequently Asked Questions

What do I need to bring to tryouts? All players must register online for tryouts. If they have registered online properly, players should not have to bring anything additional to tryouts. At the tryout sign-in time, we will verify that you have registered properly and check positions, age group, etc.

What happens after tryouts? When are the mandatory parent/player meetings? The week after the National tryouts is set aside for our mandatory parent/player meetings. <u>These meetings are required for all players/parents</u>. This is when we will discuss the rules/guidelines for players and parents, inform everyone of important season information, changes from the packet, verify uniform sizing for the National players, etc. At least one parent and the player must attend one of the meetings and we've listed the dates/times here so everyone can plan accordingly.

Monday, November 13th, 5:30 PM:

Local Program Meeting for NEW and ALL 15U LOCAL players

• Tuesday, November 14th, 5:30 PM:

Local Program Meeting for all RETURNING 16U-18U LOCAL players

• Wed., November 15th, 5:30 PM:

National Program Meeting for NEW and ALL 15U NATIONAL players

• Thurs., November 16th, 5:30 PM:

National Program Meeting for all RETURNING 16U-18U NATIONAL players

With SportsEngine, we will invoice all players after tryouts and the first payment will be due prior to these meetings. We no longer need to collect payment sheets at the meeting since all parents will have their dues already loaded in their SE account.

Do I need to tryout for both programs? If I tryout for National and don't make it, can I play Local? Players only need to tryout for one program. If a player has the interest and desire to play on one of the National teams, they should tryout for National. Any player not selected for the National program will automatically be placed in the Local program unless they inform us of other plans.

<u>Can I still make an National team if I did not play here last year?</u> Absolutely. We have an OPEN tryout for everyone and anyone. Each season is a new season and a fresh start. New players are ALWAYS welcome!

<u>Can athletes participate in other sports?</u> An all-too-common misconception is that athletes cannot participate in our National program if they play another sport. This has never been true. National program athletes have always been allowed to play other sports. We understand there could be conflicts if players are multi-sport athletes. We do ask that players inform us if they are participating in another sport that might include some conflicts so we can make any necessary adjustments for them and their teams. Some athletes have chosen to play collegiate volleyball as a goal, and they must understand that serious training and competition is necessary for a player to reach their potential and possibly achieve that goal. The Local program is also in place for those multi-sport athletes that still want the club volleyball experience but may be involved with multiple sports and activities at this time.

How many players are on each team? We strive to have 10 players on each team at all levels and all age groups. More than 10 can make it difficult for coaches to give all players playing time and less than 10 can result in teams being short players in case of injury and/or conflicts. There are of course, scenarios where more than 10 players are an option (developmental possibilities, position changes, experience), but we try to have 10 players per team.

<u>Do all players get "equal" playing time?</u> There is no such thing as "equal" playing time in volleyball. Volleyball is different from other sports in that it is not a timed game; there are no innings, no quarters or halves to base playing time. Due to the nature and speed of the game, you cannot judge "time" by rotations or points either. We understand that all players practice so they can play in games. We strive to give all players "fair" playing time based on practice, ability, attendance, skills, positions, situations, etc.

How/when are teams selected? We always wait to make the actual teams until we can get into practice and see the players in the practice environment. For players trying out for a National team, they will know the night after tryouts if they made an National team, but we will not make the teams until sometime in early/mid-December. All players who try out for the Local program will make a team, but teams will not be announced until mid-December. This gives us the opportunity to properly evaluate all the players fairly.

How many teams will we have in each program/age group? For the Local program, we will have as many teams as needed to accommodate the number of players at tryouts. Typically, we have between 18-20 Local teams divided into all three age groups (~ 6-17U/18U teams, 6-16U teams, 6-15U teams). The number of teams in the National program is based on the number and level of players attending tryouts. We usually have around 10 teams in the National program, typically divided into 3-4 teams in the 15U age group, 3-4 teams in the 16U age groups and 3-4 teams in the 17U/18U age group.

<u>Will the National teams go to OWLS again this year?</u> Yes. The National teams will return to OWLS again this year in January/February. The OWLS program is included in the National team dues. For those that are new to the National program here is a quick overview of what OWLS is:

Our National teams will attend OWLS (Outdoor Wisconsin Leadership Synergies) near Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. OWLS is not a tournament but is a weekend of learning about themselves and their teammates through outdoor adventures, ropes courses, a climbing tower, and other problem-solving scenarios. The entire weekend is extremely challenging and rewarding both mentally and physically and is one of the most valuable things we do every season for the players and coaches. The program will again be specially designed for us and our players to empower the group to combine their efforts to become more effective teams and teammates and at the same time learn about themselves as individuals. It is always cold up there, so be prepared to bundle up!

What role do the parents play at Illini Elite? The landscape of youth sports has changed quite dramatically in the last decade regarding parent behavior and parent actions. We will address these issues in depth at the mandatory parent/player meeting after tryouts but felt it necessary to include something here. We want all our parents to enjoy the experience of club volleyball with their daughters. All we ask is that parents remember who the adults are and to ALWAYS show good sportsmanship with what you say and how you act to support your daughter and her team in a positive manner. Parents should NEVER speak negatively towards or about a teammate, a coach or an opposing player or official. We believe strongly that you (the parents) are representing Illini Elite as much as the players are. Thank you for your continued support of the Illini Elite Volleyball Club. We appreciate you and will continue to do our best to provide your players the best experience we can.

2023-2024 LOCAL PROGRAM INFORMATION

The Local program has always been geared towards those athletes who wish to participate in club volleyball and improve their skills for their high school seasons without the extensive time commitment and/or cost. Local teams practice two days per week during the season. Teams will compete in our local Illini Elite Central Events held at our facility here in Bloomington. We strive to give the Local players competitive matches while at the same time trying to finish the season early enough to avoid the potential spring sport conflicts. We realize that during the season there may be some school sport conflicts with some practices and the occasional Saturday events, so we are willing to work with the players regarding those conflicts. The complete competition schedule is listed for each age group in this packet. In the past, we have had some Local teams "play up" in divisions if we feel that they need to be challenged more or if the competition suits their needs. The Local season will conclude after their final competition date scheduled to be the Central Finale on March 2-3 for the 17U/18U age groups and March 9-10 for the 15U/16U age groups. All the competition dates listed on the competition schedule are included in the Local dues.

Local Practice Schedule:

Practices will begin on Monday, November 27th for all Local players. Each month we will post the monthly practice/competition schedule on our website. At the mandatory parent/player meetings (*the week of November 13th*) after all tryouts are done, we will inform everyone when to be at practice since teams will not have been selected yet. The practice times/days for the Local teams are as follows (note that slight adjustments may need to be made based on tryout numbers):

Monday and Wednesday Nights at 5:00-7:00 or 7:00-9:00 (and once teams are selected, we may practice until 9:30 on some Wednesday nights before competition weekends)

The practice time slots may rotate from week to week to possibly avoid having the same teams always in the early slot where there are typically more conflicts with other school sport practices. If players have conflicts with one of the time slots due to school sport practices on one night, they will be able to attend the other time slot to make up that practice. They may not be with their team, but they will be able to get their practice time in.

Local Competition Schedule:

The tournament schedule is listed on the next page. Typically, teams will play 5-6 matches each event. Start times vary but are usually 8:00 AM for a morning wave or about 2:30 PM for an afternoon wave. There is no way to know what time your daughter might play on any given date until about a week before the event as the start times are based on the number of teams and the format of the event. The schedules are typically posted on our website (www.illinielite.com) the Tuesday or Wednesday before each event (so we can ensure that we have the right teams and there are no late additions/cancellations). Note that the 15U/16U teams will typically play in either the Presidents' Day event or Central Challenge, but typically not both events.

Local Competition Schedule (cont.):

Date	Event	Age Divisions (combined)	Location
January 6-7	17U/18U Central Kick-Off Event	17U/18U	Bloomington
January 13-14	15U-18U I-74 Challenge w/Eastside & Primetime	15U/16U & 17U/18U	Bloomington
January 20-21	15U/16U Central Kick-Off Event	15U/16U	Bloomington
January 27-28	17U/18U Central Winter Event	17U/18U	Bloomington
February 3-4	15U/16U Central Winter Event	15U/16U	Bloomington
February 10-11	15U-18U Central Illinois Classic	15U/16U & 17U/18U	Bloomington
February 17-18	15U-18U Holiday Inn Express Presidents' Day at Illini Elite	15U/16U & 17U/18U	Bloomington
February 24-25	15U/16U Central Challenge	15U/16U	Bloomington
March 2-3	17U/18U Central Finale	17U/18U	Bloomington
March 9-10	15U/16U Central Finale	15U/16U	Bloomington

2032-2024 LOCAL PROGRAM FEES

The dues for the Local program for the 2023-2024 season are listed below. The dues include the uniform (1 practice shirt, 2 uniform shirts, 1 pair spandex), practice times and gym time, tournament entries, all insurance/registrations, coaching fees, etc. The only additional charges would be if players decide to purchase additional equipment. Dues have remained the same as last year.

Local Program Dues: \$900.00

After tryouts, all parents will be invoiced in their SportsEngine account for the \$900.00 dues. Once you receive the notification that you have been invoiced, you will need to go to your SE account and enter your payment information. You will be able to pay by credit card or ACH through the SE account. The initial payment needs to be made by the time of the Parent/Player Meetings starting November 13th. At those meetings, we will not collect any payments since you will have already done it. We will verify that payments have been made and double check any pertinent information, but we will not need to collect payment forms as previous seasons.

Once you receive your invoice notification, you will have 2 options for payment:

- 1) Pay in full
- 2) Pay \$450.00 as the initial payment and \$450.00 on Jan. 1, 2024. The 2nd payment will be automatically set up when you make the first payment.

If you have more than one daughter in either high school program, we offer a 10% discount on the dues for the 2nd player, 3rd player, etc. so please email Kyle at Kyle@illinielite.com to let him know you have multiple players in the program as we will invoice you with the discount already applied.

If player dues are not paid, we will unfortunately not allow your daughter to continue practices or competitions until your account is in good standing.

2023-2024 NATIONAL PROGRAM INFORMATION

The National program is geared for those athletes that wish to excel in volleyball and compete at the highest level possible. Many of our National players have hopes of continuing volleyball at the collegiate level and we have been fortunate to have so many players continue their volleyball careers at the collegiate level (see the Alumni page for a list of players and colleges). The 2023-24 season will see a typical National schedule starting in late November with conditioning/rehab and position training and once again concludes at the end of June with the AAU National Championships (Orlando, FL.). We strive to give our National teams and players maximum exposure to college coaches and recruiters on the regional and national levels and our competition schedule reflects those goals (see the National Competition Schedule pages). We try to give all of our National teams competitive events that will give them a variety of competition not only to challenge them, but also to give them success. Not all our teams can go to all of the same events as some are invite only and some have strict capacity limits, so we try to give every team the same opportunities even if they are different weekends and different events. Any changes or additions to the attached competition schedule will be known well in advance and will be listed on the website and on the monthly calendars. If we have three teams in an age group, our Cardinal teams will compete at the Open level while our Black and White teams will compete at the Premier or Club level throughout the year. With the growth of the AAU National Championships the last few years (well over 2000 teams the last few years!) we will most likely have our Cardinal teams in the Open, our Black teams in the Club and our White teams in the Classic Divisions at AAU's to give all of our teams the best chance to play for a medal at AAU's.

Our National teams will once again attend OWLS (Outdoor Wisconsin Leadership Synergies) at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. OWLS is not a tournament but is a weekend of learning about themselves and their teammates through outdoor adventures, ropes courses, a climbing tower and other problem-solving scenarios. The entire weekend is extremely challenging and rewarding both mentally and physically and is one of the most valuable things we do every season for the players and coaches. The program will again be specially designed for us and our players to empower the group to combine their efforts to become more effective teams and teammates and at the same time learn about themselves as individuals. It is always cold up there, so be prepared to bundle up!

When the National teams travel to <u>out-of-state tournaments</u>, the teams will travel together. The girls will stay together as a team in a hotel, eat meals together and travel to and from the tournament sites together. In addition to allowing the teams to focus on the task at hand and to use that time for team bonding, it allows players to travel to these tournaments even if their parents are unable to attend. Players are allowed to travel home with their parents once the competition and their team's duties have concluded. When we travel to the Chicago suburban area events and local events, everyone can make their own arrangements as we will not travel as a team for most of those events.

2023-2024 NATIONAL PRACTICE INFORMATION

The National teams will practice 3 days per week. A calendar will be available on our website each month with detailed information regarding practices and competitions. Strength training and maintenance will be included during these practice times. Position specific training will be incorporated into each practice. The scheduled practice days and times for the National teams are listed below:

All National teams – 3 days per week – 4:30-8:00 Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday.

Prior to our normal practice routine starting on **Tuesday**, **November 28**th, we will have Position Training along with strength/conditioning sessions (and/or rehab for those players that need it) on the following dates:

Position Training

Saturday, November 18th for ALL 15U and NEW National players (9:00am – 1:00pm) Sunday, November 19th for ALL 15U/16U/17U players (18U optional) (9:00am – 1:00pm) Tuesday, November 21st for ALL 15U/16U/17U players (18U optional) (4:30-8:00pm) Sunday, November 26th for ALL players (9:00am – 1:00pm)

All teams will also practice on some Sundays in December before the competition season starts to get additional practice time. We <u>will not</u> practice on the weekends once the competition season starts until we get to the final weeks of preparation for AAU's in June.

Currently the Sunday practices in December are scheduled for 11:30-3:00 on the following days:

December 3rd
December 10th
December 17th

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Dues this season include all practice and gym time, all individual and team registration fees (JVA and AAU), insurance, all OWLS charges for participation and travel, coaches' salaries, office expenses, equipment purchases, HUDL account, etc. Dues have increased slightly for 15U-17U players to account for all players receiving a HUDL account. The 18U dues have been lowered to account for the 18U team not attending OWLS. Some entry fees for events where all the National teams attend the same local area or Chicago area event are included in the dues. Events where different teams attend different events will be invoiced separately and included in the trip cost that is sent out for each trip.

<u>National Program Dues:</u> 15U/16U/17U - \$2550.00

18U - \$1750.00

After tryouts, all parents will be invoiced in their SportsEngine account for the \$2,550.00 dues (or \$1750.00 for 18U). Once you receive the notification that you have been invoiced, you will need to go to your SE account and enter your payment information. You will be able to pay by credit card or ACH through the SE account. The initial payment needs to be made by the time of the Parent/Player Meetings starting November 15th. At those meetings, we will not collect any payments since you will have already done it. We will verify that payments have been made and double check any pertinent information, but we will not need to collect payment forms as previous seasons.

2023-2024 NATIONAL PROGRAM FEES (CONT.)

Once you receive your invoice notification, you will have 2 options for payment:

- 1) Pay in full
- 2) For all 15U/16U/17U Pay \$450 as the initial payment and then \$350.00 in six (6) monthly installments starting Dec. 1 and running through May 1, 2023. The payment plan will be automatically set up when you make the first payment.

 For all 18U Pay \$450.00 as the initial payment and then \$325.00 in five (4) monthly installments Dec. 1st through March 1. The payment plan will be automatically set up when you make the first payment.

If you have more than one daughter in either high school program, we offer a 10% discount on the dues for the 2nd player, 3rd player, etc. so please email Kyle at Kyle@illinielite.com to let him know you have multiple players in the program as we will invoice you with the discount already applied. If player dues are not paid, we will unfortunately not allow your daughter to continue practices or competitions until your account is in good standing.

For the National teams, there are additional travel trip charges for events when/if our teams travel out of state when van rentals and hotel stays are required and for event weekends when our teams may be playing in different events with different entry fees. Those fees will vary from team to team depending on how much they travel, where they are going and how long the tournament is. Each event to be charged will be invoiced through your SportsEngine account.

2023-2024 NATIONAL PROGRAM UNIFORM FEES

Select Screen and their sublimated uniform addition – Zambi Sports – is who makes our custom jerseys. Our returning players do not need to purchase new Zambi jerseys unless they need to replace ones they currently have. Our warm-up jackets/pants will be the same as the last two years. Below you will find the new player uniform package as well as the "base" package for all returning players. The uniform fees will be invoiced through your SportsEngine account and will be due at the time they are invoiced. Players listed their sizes during tryout registration, but we will have samples to try on at the mandatory parent/player meetings after tryouts (*the week of November 13th*) for players to adjust their sizes. At that meeting, our shop will be open where parents/players can purchase any Spiritwear, additional shorts, Ultra Ankles, etc. Again this year, we will allow players to wear whatever shoes they find most comfortable.

	NEW PLAYER	UNIFORM FEES	RETURNING PLAYER UNIFORM FEES		
Equipment	Quantity	Cost	Quantity	Cost	
Short sleeve practice shirt	3	\$30.00	3	\$30.00	
Mizuno Vortex shorts	2	\$40.00	2	\$40.00	
Workout Training Band	1	\$15.00	1	\$15.00	
Mizuno Crossover Backpack 22 (Black)	1	\$42.00	If needed	-	
Warm-up Pants	1	\$45.00	If needed	-	
Warm-up Jacket	1	\$58.00	If needed	-	
Shipping, sales tax, Coach gear, Screen printing	1	\$70.00	1	\$70.00	
A4 Alternate Jersey (Black/White)	2	\$50.00	2	\$50.00	
ZAMBI Sublimated Team Jerseys (Cardinal/White)	2	\$100.00	If needed	-	
	Total	\$450.00	Total	\$205.00	

Below you will find an estimate of what the travel charges might be for each team for this season. We included all of them so that parents can prepare for what those travel trip costs could be. Please keep in mind that these are just estimates figured based on what we know from past years. The cost is figured by adding the total van costs (rental, gas, parking, insurance), hotel costs (team rooms and coach rooms), coach stipend for meals and any other costs associated with the trip. The estimates may vary depending on what our actual hotel rates and van rental rates are.

Estimated Travel costs (note – not all teams are attending all events and the events listed below are

the events we will travel to as a club/team together)

Event Name	Estimated Cost	15W/ 15Z	15B	15C	16W/ 16Z	16B	16C	17W	17C/ 17B	18U
OWLS (Lake Geneva, WI)	Included in dues	Х	X	χ	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	
All Local Events (IE/Peoria) IE Central Kick-Off, I-74 Challenge, IE Central Illinois Classic, AAU Super Regional	Included in dues	X	X	X	х	X	X	х	X	X
GLC Challenge Series – GLC, Aurora, IL	Included in dues	X	X	Х						
Windy City Power League	Included in dues		Χ	Х		X	Χ		Х	Χ
Central Zone Invite (Indianapolis, IN)	~ \$275-\$300	Х	X	Х	Х	Х	Х			
Triple Crown (K.C. for 16C/17C) or St. Louis Pres. Day Classic (15C)	~ \$395-\$415			х			X		17C	
SPVB Pres. Day (Aurora, IL)	~ \$125	X	X		Х	X		Х	17B	X
The Showcase at the Dells (Wis. Dells, WI)	~ \$350	X			X			X		X
KIVA Bluegrass – 3 day event for 15C/16C/17C, 2 day event for 15B/16B/17B (Louisville, KY)	~ \$275-\$300 (2 day) ~ \$375-\$400 (3 day)		X	х		х	х		х	
MidEast National Qualifier (Indianapolis & St. Louis)	~ \$375-\$400				Х	χ	Χ	Х	Х	
JVA World Challenge (Louisville, KY)	~ \$375-\$400	Х	X	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Χ
Madtown Festival (Madison, WI)	~ \$275-\$300		X	χ		Х	Х		Х	
Prep Dig Chi-Town Classic – (Top Flight, Elgin, IL)	~ \$100	Х			Х			Х		
Land of Lincoln Tournament (Aurora, IL)	Included in dues	X	X	Χ	Х	X	X	Х	X	
AAU Nationals (Orlando, FL)	~ \$700 plus flight costs	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	

			18 Cardinal	17 Cardinal	17 Black	17 White	16 Cardinal			
Jan.	Sat.	6		OWLS (Wisc.)	OWLS (Wisc.)	OWLS (Wisc.)	Windy City P.L (Chicago area)	Jan.	Sat.	6
	Sun.	7		OWLS (Wisc.)	OWLS (Wisc.)	OWLS (Wisc.)	Windy City P.L (Chicago area)		Sun.	7
	Sat.	13	I-74 Challenge (I.E.)	I-74 Challenge (I.E.)	I-74 Challenge (I.E.)	I-74 Challenge (I.E.)	OWLS (Wisc.)		Sat.	13
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	Sun.	28					Windy City P.L (Chicago area)		Sun.	28
Feb.	Sat.	3	Windy City P.L (Chicago area)	Windy City P.L (Chicago area)	Windy City P.L (Chicago area)	Windy City P.L (Chicago area)	Central Zone Invite (Indy)	Feb.	Sat.	3
	Sun.	4	Windy City P.L (Chicago area)	Windy City P.L (Chicago area)	Windy City P.L (Chicago area)	Windy City P.L (Chicago area)	Central Zone Invite (Indy)		Sun.	4
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	Sun.	18	SPVB Pres. Day (GLC)	Triple Crown (Kansas City)	SPVB Pres. Day (GLC)	SPVB Pres. Day (GLC)	Triple Crown (Kansas City)		Sun.	18
	Mon.	19	SPVB Pres. Day (GLC)	Triple Crown (Kansas City)	SPVB Pres. Day (GLC)	SPVB Pres. Day (GLC)	Triple Crown (Kansas City)		Mon.	19
	Sat.	24	Windy City P.L (Chicago area)	Windy City P.L (Chicago area)	Windy City P.L (Chicago area)	Windy City P.L (Chicago area)			Sat.	24
	Sun.	25	Windy City P.L (Chicago area)	Windy City P.L (Chicago area)	Windy City P.L (Chicago area)	Windy City P.L (Chicago area)			Sun.	25
Mar.	Fri.	1	JVA Showcase (Wi. Dells)			JVA Showcase (Wi. Dells)		Mar.	Fri.	1
—	Sat. Sun.	3	JVA Showcase (Wi. Dells) JVA Showcase (Wi. Dells)			JVA Showcase (Wi. Dells) JVA Showcase (Wi. Dells)			Sat. Sun.	3
—	Fri.	8	OVA GITOWCASE (VVI. DEIIS)	Bluegrass - Louisville		OVA GITOWCASE (VVI. Delis)	Bluegrass - Louisville		Fri.	8
	Sat.	9		Bluegrass - Louisville	Bluegrass - Louisville		Bluegrass - Louisville		Sat.	9
	Sun.	10		Bluegrass - Louisville	Bluegrass - Louisville		Bluegrass - Louisville		Sun.	10
	Fri.	15		Mid-East Qualifier (Indy)	Mid-East Qualifier (Indy)	Mid-East Qualifier (Indy)	Mid-East Qualifier (Indy)		Fri.	15
	Sat.	16	TBD	Mid-East Qualifier (Indy)	Mid-East Qualifier (Indy)	Mid-East Qualifier (Indy)	Mid-East Qualifier (Indy)		Sat.	16
	Sun.	17	TBD	Mid-East Qualifier (Indy)	Mid-East Qualifier (Indy)	Mid-East Qualifier (Indy)	Mid-East Qualifier (Indy)		Sun.	17
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	Sat.	6							Sat.	6
	Sun.	7							Sun.	7
	Fri.	12	JVA World Challenge - Lville	JVA World Challenge - Lville	JVA World Challenge - Lville	JVA World Challenge - Lville	JVA World Challenge - Lville		Fri.	12
	Sat.	13 14	JVA World Challenge - Lville JVA World Challenge - Lville	JVA World Challenge - Lville JVA World Challenge - Lville	JVA World Challenge - Lville JVA World Challenge - Lville	JVA World Challenge - Lville JVA World Challenge - Lville	JVA World Challenge - Lville JVA World Challenge - Lville		Sat.	13 14
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	Sun.	21							Sun.	21
	Sat.	27		Madtown Festival - Madison, WI	Madtown Festival - Madison, WI		Madtown Festival - Madison, WI		Sat.	27
	Sun.	28		Madtown Festival - Madison, WI	Madtown Festival - Madison, WI		Madtown Festival - Madison, WI		Sun.	28
May	Sat.	4				Prep Dig Chi-Town Classic (Elgin, II)		May	Sat.	4
	Sun.	5				Prep Dig Chi-Town Classic (Elgin, II)			Sun.	5
	Sat. Sun.	11 12							Sat. Sun.	11 12
	Sat.	18		AAU Super Regional (Peoria/Blm)	AAU Super Regional (Peoria/Blm)	AAU Super Regional (Peoria/Blm)	AAU Super Regional (Peoria/Blm)		Sat.	18
	Sun.	19		AAU Super Regional (Peoria/Blm)	AAU Super Regional (Peoria/Blm)	AAU Super Regional (Peoria/Blm)	AAU Super Regional (Peoria/Blm)		Sun.	19
	Sat.	25				(return to practice Thurs. May 30	<u> </u>		Sat.	25
	Sun.	26			Memorial Day Break - May 22-29	(return to practice Thurs. May 30			Sun.	26
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	Sun. Sat.			Land of Lincoln (GLC)	Land of Lincoln (GLC)	Land of Lincoln (GLC)	Land of Lincoln (GLC)		Sat.	8
	Sun.	9		Land of Lincoln (GLC)	Land of Lincoln (GLC)	Land of Lincoln (GLC)	Land of Lincoln (GLC)		Sun.	9
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	Sat.	29		Return to Bloomington ???	Return to Bloomington ???	Return to Bloomington ???			Sat.	29
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			16 Black	16 White/Zambi	15 Cardinal	15 Black	15 White/15 Zambi			
Jan.	Sat.	6	Windy City P.L (Chicago area)	17U/18U CKO (I.E.)	Windy City P.L (Chicago area)	Windy City P.L (Chicago area)	17U/18U CKO (I.E.)	Jan.	Sat.	6
	Sun.	7	Windy City P.L (Chicago area)	17U/18U CKO (I.E.)	Windy City P.L (Chicago area)	Windy City P.L (Chicago area)	17U/18U CKO (I.E.)		Sun.	7
	Sat.	13 14	OWLS (Wisc.)	I-74 Challenge (I.E.)	OWLS (Wisc.)	OWLS (Wisc.)	I-74 Challenge (I.E.)		Sat.	13 14
	Sun. Sat.	20	OWLS (Wisc.)	I-74 Challenge (I.E.) OWLS (Wisc.)	OWLS (Wisc.)	OWLS (Wisc.)	I-74 Challenge (I.E.) OWLS (Wisc.)		Sun. Sat.	20
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-	Sat.	10	Windy City P.L (Chicago area)	17U/18U CIC (I.E.)	Windy City P.L (Chicago area)	Windy City P.L (Chicago area)	17U/18U CIC (I.E.)		Sat.	10
	Sun.	11	Windy City P.L (Chicago area)	17U/18U CIC (I.E.)	Windy City P.L (Chicago area)	Windy City P.L (Chicago area)	17U/18U CIC (I.E.)		Sun.	11
	Sat.	17	SPVB Pres. Day (GLC)	SPVB Pres. Day (GLC)	Pres. Day Classic (St. Louis)	SPVB Pres. Day (GLC)	SPVB Pres. Day (GLC)		Sat.	17
	Sun.	18	SPVB Pres. Day (GLC)	SPVB Pres. Day (GLC)	Pres. Day Classic (St. Louis)	SPVB Pres. Day (GLC)	SPVB Pres. Day (GLC)		Sun.	18
-	Mon. Sat.	19 24	SPVB Pres. Day (GLC)	SPVB Pres. Day (GLC)	Pres. Day Classic (St. Louis)	SPVB Pres. Day (GLC)	SPVB Pres. Day (GLC)		Mon. Sat.	19 24
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Mar.	Fri.	1		JVA Showcase (Wi. Dells)			JVA Showcase (Wi. Dells)	Mar.	Fri.	1
	Sat.	2		JVA Showcase (Wi. Dells)			JVA Showcase (Wi. Dells)		Sat.	2
	Sun.	3		JVA Showcase (Wi. Dells)		DI	JVA Showcase (Wi. Dells)		Sun.	3
	Fri. Sat.	8	Bluegrass - Louisville		Bluegrass - Louisville Bluegrass - Louisville	Bluegrass - Louisville Bluegrass - Louisville			Fri. Sat.	8
	Sun.	10	Bluegrass - Louisville Bluegrass - Louisville		Bluegrass - Louisville Bluegrass - Louisville	Bluegrass - Louisville Bluegrass - Louisville			Sun.	10
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	Sat.	16	Mid-East Qualifier (Indy)	Mid-East Qualifier (Indy)	GLC Challenge Series (Aurora)	GLC Challenge Series (Aurora)	GLC Challenge Series (Aurora)		Sat.	16
	Sun.	17	Mid-East Qualifier (Indy)	Mid-East Qualifier (Indy)	GLC Challenge Series (Aurora)	GLC Challenge Series (Aurora)	GLC Challenge Series (Aurora)		Sun.	17
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	Sat.	18	AAU Super Regional (Peoria/Blm)	AAU Super Regional (Peoria/Blm)	AAU Super Regional (Peoria/Blm)	AAU Super Regional (Peoria/Blm)	AAU Super Regional (Peoria/Blm)		Sat.	18
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-	Sun. Thu	9 13	Land of Lincoln (GLC)	Land of Lincoln (GLC)	Land of Lincoln (GLC)	Land of Lincoln (GLC)	Land of Lincoln (GLC)		Sun. Thu	9 13
	Fri	14			To AAU's (Orlando, Fla.) ???	To AAU's (Orlando, Fla.) ???	To AAU's (Orlando, Fla.) ???		Fri	14
	Sat.	15			To AAU's (Orlando, Fla.) ???	To AAU's (Orlando, Fla.) ???	To AAU's (Orlando, Fla.) ???		Sat.	15
	Sun	16			AAU Check in	AAU Check in	AAU Check in		Sun	16
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	Fri.	21	AAU's Play	AAU's Play	Return to Bloomington ???	Return to Bloomington ???	Return to Bloomington ???		Fri.	21
	Sat.	22	AAU's Play	AAU's Play	Return to Bloomington ???	Return to Bloomington ???	Return to Bloomington ???		Sat.	22
	Sun.	23	AAU's Play	AAU's Play					Sun.	23
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For directions and/or more information please visit www.illinielite.com or contact us at: (309) 829-3671 or IlliniEliteVBC@aol.com

2023-24 HS Informational Meeting and Tryout Dates

PLAYERS MUST REGISTER ONLINE BEFORE ATTENDING ANY TRYOUTS. (www.illinielite.com).

ILLINI ELITE HIGH SCHOOL CLUB IN-FORMATIONAL MEETING Sunday, October 15th

7:00 PM

Attendance is NOT required in any way. The meeting is for new Illini Elite Volleyball Club parents/players to find out what we do during the club season. All information and any forms from the meeting WILL BE POSTED on our website.

Meeting and Tryouts to be held at:

The Illini Elite Training Center 2229 Valley View Drive Bloomington, IL 61705

(next to Birkey's/Interstate Center behind the Wal-Mart on Rt. 9/Market St. just of I-55/74)

ILLINI ELITE LOCAL PROGRAM TRYOUT DATES

Sunday, November 5th

Local - 15U (9th grade)

8:00 AM Sign-in

8:30 AM - 11:00 AM Tryouts

Local - 16U/17U/18U (10th, 11th, 12th)

12:00 PM Sign-in

12:30 PM - 3:00 PM Tryouts

(The Local make-up tryout date is Nov. 12th from 8:00-10:30 AM for those who could not attend Nov. 5th date)

ILLINI ELITE NATIONAL PROGRAM TRYOUT DATES

(NOTE: NATIONAL TEAM TRYOUTS CONSIST OF TWO PARTS - POSITION EVALUATION AND TRYOUTS)

Monday, November 6th | Tuesday, November 7th **Position Evaluation**

15U/16U Liberos - 4:30-6:30 17U/18U Liberos - 4:30-6:30

17U/18U Setters - 7:00-9:00 15U/16U Setters - 7:00-9:00

Position Evaluation

17U/18U - Outside Hitters/ Middles - 4:30-6:30

15U/16U - Outside Hitters/ Middles - 7:00-9:00

NATIONAL TEAM TRYOUTS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH

National - 17U/18U (11th, 12th grade)

8:00 AM Sign-in

8:30 AM - 10:30 AM Tryouts

National - 16U (10th grade)

10:30 AM Sign-in

11:00 AM - 1:30 PM Tryouts

National - 15U (9th grade)

2:00 PM Sign-in

2:30 PM - 5:00 PM Tryouts

(NATIONAL TEAM PLAYERS NEED TO ATTEND BOTH THE EVALUATION AND TRYOUTS. THE ONLY EXCEPTION WILL BE FOR PLAYERS STILL IN THE IHSA STATE VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT ON NOV. 6 & 7 SINCE THOSE PLAYERS WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND THE EVALUATION DATES)



AAU Volleyball Junior Age Divisions for 2023-24

18 & Under: Must be born on or after July 1, 2005 OR born on or after July 1, 2004 AND be a high school student (12th grade or below) during some part of the current academic year.

17 & Under: Must be born on or after July 1, 2006 OR born on or after July 1, 2005 AND are in the 11th grade during the current academic year.

16 & Under: Must be born on or after July 1, 2007 ----- Cannot turn 17 before July 1, 2024 15 & Under: Must be born on or after July 1, 2008 ------ Cannot turn 16 before July 1, 2024