



YOUTH NATIONAL PROGRAM
13s-14s Age Division

The [13s-14s Youth National Program](#) is to be considered by athletes who are looking to train and compete nationally and/or at a higher level. This program has a longer season with more practice dates per week and a higher level of competition than the Premier or Select program. As with all of our programs, Club Fusion is dedicated to supporting multi-activity athletes. The National Program teams will compete in a Power League and have a competitive travel schedule.

TRYOUT-EVALUATION DATES FOR 2022-2023 CLUB SEASON

July 16 - SUNDAY

	Position	Age/Grade	Arrival-Check in	Evaluation
National Program	setters & ds	14s (8th)	745am-800am	800am-930am
National Program	pins & middles	14s (8th)	945am-1000am	1000am-1130am
National Program	setters & ds	13s (7th)	1200pm-1215pm	1215pm-145pm
National Program	pins & middles	13s (7th)	200pm-215pm	215p-345pm

ALL players will need to register for the initial tryout date in their age division
for open positions after the initial tryout
an additional tryout maybe scheduled for a later date
date & time to be announced

2023-24 PROJECTED TEAMS by Age Group

This list of teams is what we anticipate based on the previous season along with any changes.

- 13 & Under: 2 teams
- 14 & Under: 2 teams

ROSTERS LAYOUT

Club Fusion's National Program Rosters will include up to:

2 Setters - 2 Liberos/DS - 4 Pin Players (Outsides & Opposites) - 2-3 Middle Blockers

Setters will be selected to set and need to have the ability to run an offense.

Liberos will be selected through an ongoing competition to wear the "shirt" by the 2 defensive specialists.

All Players will be trained in practice, working on all skills.

Club Fusion will make every effort towards the development of each player in their position. The goal is to assist the athlete in their goal of playing at the high school varsity level or at the college level.

Players that accept a position on a National Program team are required to compete in all major events throughout the seasons, including AAU or USA National Championships.



SEASON INFORMATION

Age & Grade	13s - 14s 7th - 8th Grade
Season Length	Nov - Jun Start Early November - Mid June/Early July
Advanced Training	3 Practice Sessions / Week -with positional training *subject to changes based on travel schedule & holidays
Physical Performance Training	2 Sessions / week 34-36 sessions beginning in December *subject to changes based on travel schedule & holidays
Event Schedules	22-25 Competition dates - Competitive Events 2-3 travel parent pay events + 2-3 local parent pay
Apparel-Uniform Package	Jerseys, shoes, spandex, practice ts, top, pants, backpack

PROGRAM FEATURES

Experienced Trained Coaching Staff

At a minimum our Head Coaches will have 1 year of club, college, or high school coaching experience. In addition, will have attended Club Fusion training sessions. Our coaches will have a USA Volleyball membership which requires a background screening and an IMPACT Coaching Certification.

PRACTICE INFORMATION

Practice Schedule *subject to changes due to travel events or holidays

2-3 Team practices/week (Sunday or Monday, Wednesday & Friday) will be held throughout the season.

Team Practices are run and designed by the Lead Coach. The Lead Coach will execute the training plan and see to it that the National Program curriculum is being followed.

Position Training will be incorporated into all Team Practices as part of the practice plan. Players will spend time in each practice working at their positions both individually and in small groups with teammates.

TENTATIVE Youth National Program Practice Schedule:

Sunday or Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
215-415 430-630 645-845 Alternating weeks based on competition schedule		430-655 705-930 +Physical Training		430-655 705-930	

* The practice schedule is considered TENTATIVE prior to the season due to the fact that tryouts have not been completed for all age groups. All reasonable attempts to use the schedule will be made based on the number of teams and court availability in our facility.

Strength & Conditioning on "Team" Practice Nights

Club Fusion will be incorporating a Strength & Conditioning Program into Team Practice. The program will be led by Kale Training at the Fusion facility. The program will be designed to be volleyball specific and age appropriate.

FUTURE ADDITIONAL PROGRAM FEATURES

Recruiting Coordinator (U15-U18)

Club Fusion's Recruiting program will become available when the athlete reaches the 15s age division.

High Exposure Event Schedule (U15-U18)

Club Fusion offers an event schedule that will offer a high level of competition. Based on the individual team, the actual event may vary to ensure the best possible competitive scenario and exposure.



TENTATIVE 2023-24 SCHEDULE of MAJOR EVENTS

Below is a TENTATIVE schedule of MAJOR events. All events should be considered tentative until the schedule is confirmed and announced as final in November. It is possible that these dates may change. All events should be considered tentative until entries are submitted, and teams have been accepted. The remainder of the schedule will be determined as soon as possible based on team level, tournament strength and driving distance.

U13 Youth National Event Schedule			
February 17,18,19	President's Day	St. Louis or Kansas City	Other
March	Mideast Qualifier	St. Louis	
March 29,30,31	Windy City Qualifier	Chicago	
TBD	Northern Lights Qualifier	Minneapolis	
April 12,13,14	JVA World Challenge	Louisville	
June / July	USAV or AAU National Championships	TBD or Orlando	

U14 Youth National Event Schedule			
February 17,18,19	President's Day	St. Louis or Kansas City	Other
March	Mideast Qualifier	St. Louis	
March 29,30,31	Windy City Qualifier	Chicago	
TBD	Northern Lights Qualifier	Minneapolis	
April 12,13,14	JVA World Challenge	Louisville	
June / July	USAV or AAU National Championships	TBD or Orlando	or Asics Navy Pier Champ.

IMPORTANT DATES & HOLIDAY BREAKS

- November 2 First week of practices
- Dec 21-Jan 1 Christmas Break
- March 25-31 Club Fusion Spring Break
- March 29,30,31 Easter (Event - WCNQ/Chicago) tbd

PAYMENT OPTIONS

Club Fusion used Sports-Engine to handle our payment processing for dues and fees throughout the season that will ease the burden of staying on top of your fees. Parents can choose to pay by check or cash or online. Invoicing is spread over a 5-7-month period.

- Pay online by ACH, Debit or Credit Card (Transaction Fees apply. 2.7% + \$.50). Cash and check payments are accepted offline. You can choose to mail or drop off at Club Fusion office.
- If you choose to pay online, you can set it and forget it! Once you set your payment types your accounts will automatically be billed on the Payment Plan due dates throughout the season. Travel invoices will not be automatically paid, as they will be separately invoiced.
- Reminders and receipts ... you will receive automatic reminders and receipts throughout the season.
- You can track your invoices and payment activity through your SE account.

HOW TO MAKE YOUR PAYMENT

There are two methods to pay your invoice.

- Click the "New Bill" button in the emailed invoice to make a payment to that invoice.
- Sign into your SE Account, on the left side of the page, click on BILLS to make a payment.



2023-2024 DUES & FEES

Below are the dues and fees for the 2023-24 Season.

U13-U14 \$2500.00 + Apparel Package

Payment Plan – 13s14s

\$495 - Commitment Fee

\$515 - August 15 New Apparel Package or

\$475 - August 15 Returning Apparel Package

\$335 - September 15

\$335 - October 15

\$335 - November 15

\$335 - December 15

\$335 - January 15

\$330 - February 15

WHAT'S INCLUDED in the DUES of \$2500.00?

- ALL Lead Coaches and Coaches Fees
- ALL Practices/Training Sessions/Court Fees/Practice Equipment
- Entry Fee for League
- ALL Strength & Conditioning Sessions (Provide by Kale Training & Legends Performance)

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED in the DUES?

- Uniform /Apparel Package
Includes: Shoes, 3 Jerseys, 2 Spandex, Top, Pant, 3 T-shirts, (Backpack)
- Molten Volleyball Cost: \$45 (NEW Players)
Required for ALL players to use as warm-up ball for tournaments.
Players are not required to purchase a new one if they own one.
- USAV Membership Fee USAV \$60 USAV is required for all players to participate in practice and some events.
AAU Membership Fee AAU \$14 AAU will be required for some players to participate in events.
- Entry Fee & Coaches' Overnight Travel Expenses
An accurate account for Event/Travel Expenses prior to the season can only be projected. Thus, those expenses are invoiced to the players throughout the season, generally the week before the event is scheduled. These expenses could include coach's travel (mileage/airfare), coaches per diem (food), and coaches' hotel when applicable. The invoices for these events are sent once the total expense has been calculated. (Examples of events; National Qualifier (Indy/St. Louis), Presidents Day (Chicago/St. Louis/Kansas City), World Challenge (Louisville), other JVA events, selected multi-day Chicagoland events, etc.) Fees will be calculated by determining the overall cost for all teams attending the specific event and dividing that cost over the total number of players on the teams attending. This ensures fair and equal distribution of expenses regardless of the roster size of your team which is not determined by the players. (approximate player costs per year = \$950-\$1500)
- Season-Ending Event: USAV Nationals, AAU Nationals or Asics-Chicago Navy Pier (tbd)
The Season-Ending Event is not included in the dues. The tournament entry fee and all travel expenses will be invoiced to each player. Fees will be calculated by determining the overall cost for all teams attending the specific event and dividing that cost over the total number of players on the teams attending. This ensures fair and equal distribution of expenses regardless of the roster size of your team which is not determined by the players. Season-Ending events are MANDATORY. Any player choosing not to attend the season ending event will face possible suspension from returning to the National Program the following season and will be responsible for the full amount invoiced for the event.