

Preseason Parent Info Meeting



2023-2024

AGENDA

- Welcome / Appreciations
- By the Numbers
- Team Info
- Why NYC Juniors?
- Tryout Info
- Questions
- Celebrations

By The Numbers...

2022-2023 Season

- 2 new teams in Westchester - growing the game!
- 3 Regional Championships and 5 earned bids to USAV Nationals
- 10 teams attending postseason events
- 24 graduating seniors, with 9 committed to play volleyball in college!
- 30 years of building the NYC Juniors community!
- \$115,000 raised towards financial aid

Our Progress

For 30 years, NYC Juniors has provided opportunities for high-quality volleyball training and competition for the youth of New York City. Our simple mission has always been to “**Grow the Game**”, and we have done so in a variety of ways.

Travel Teams

First organization to offer travel teams in NYC (1993)

Expanded teams to Queens, Brooklyn, Staten Island and now Westchester

Variety of team options 11U-18U

Camps & Clinics

Summer camps reach a larger number of athletes and increase opportunities for off-season training

Skills Academies for grades 3-8 and Mini-League for non-club players, grades 7-12 serve players who cannot play on club teams

Outreach & Leadership

Partnerships with school networks to provide free training for athletes and coaches

Consulting with schools and community organizations looking to offer volleyball programming

Sit on board of USA Volleyball's regional governing body, GEVA

Financial Aid

Over \$250,000 annually given to families to support the cost of training and travel

Financial aid is 100% funded by personal and corporate donations, and revenues from camps and clinics

College Exposure

National travel for top teams for elite competition and college recruiting opportunities

New York City's first recruiting camp (2017) annually attracting athletes and college coaches from across the country

Our Priorities

- ★ **Caring for the needs of our athletes, coaches and families**
- ★ **Providing consistent and inclusive high-quality volleyball training**
- ★ **Preserving our sense of community**
- ★ **Maintaining financial stability**

Our Plan

As we look to the future, NYC Juniors envisions the continued growth of a volleyball community committed to equitable opportunity for all, and increased success and recognition at the highest levels of the game.

- **Deepen partnerships with elementary and middle schools throughout the city**
- **Commit to professional development of coaches and continuity of training across teams**
- **Increase high-level training, competition and showcase opportunities for our athletes**
- **Increase fundraising efforts to support growing financial need**

Administration & Leadership



Doug Levine
Co-Founder &
Executive Director



Kendra Wilson
Director of
Operations



Andy Mueller
Administrative Director
& Recruiting Coordinator



Nailah Waterfield
Directors of Player
Development and Culture



Jeme Obeime

Coaches

NYC Juniors coaching staff is comprised of hard working individuals dedicated to the development of our student-athletes and growing the game of volleyball in New York City.

Coaches' responsibilities:

- **Support the safety and well-being of all athletes**
- **Be positive role models**
- **Instill life lessons**
- **Teach volleyball skills and strategy**

Our coaches work full-time in **education, physical therapy, social work, accounting, marketing, management, hospitality, film, finance,** and **collegiate athletics**

As an organization focused on the development of young women, we are incredibly proud to have a coaching staff that is **70% female**

2023 Coaches Focus: Continuity of technical training and culture across all age divisions and teams

THREE coaches will be assigned to each team: Head Coach, 1st Assistant, 2nd Assistant

(only two coaches will travel to overnight tournaments)

New and Returning Coaches for 2023-2024



Andy Mueller

Head Women's Coach
Iona University

17 Travel



Luke Pope

Assistant Men's Coach
Long Island University

18 National



Olivia Lathrop

Former Assistant
Women's Coach
Dartmouth College

16 National



Matt Winkler

Former Head Coach
Women's National Team
of Honduras

18 National

2023-2024 Team Info

- (3) 2-hr practices per week: 2 weeknights + Sunday
- 4-5 single-day tournaments + 4-5 overnight tournaments January-April
- Striving to qualify for USAV National Championships in late June

“National” Teams

11 National

12 National

13 National

- One National Qualifier

- Guaranteed Postseason

14 National

15 National

16 National

17 National

18 National

- Two National Qualifiers

- Guaranteed Postseason

“Travel” Teams

13 Travel

14 Travel

15 Travel

16 Travel

17 Travel

- One National Qualifier

- Opportunity for postseason

play by earning a bid to

Nationals, or by tryout for a

postseason team in May

Practice Locations

Weeknights

Trevor Day School

The Spence School

The Chapin School

Nightingale-Bamford School

Sundays

Convent of the Sacred Heart

Avenues: The World School

The Post (Greenpoint, BK)

“Rye” Teams

14 Rye

17 Rye

- one National Qualifier

- Opportunity for postseason

play by earning a bid to

Nationals, or by tryout for a

postseason team in May

Practice Location:

Rye Country Day School

What am I getting myself into?

Club volleyball can be an incredibly rewarding experience, but is also a MAJOR commitment.

Are you able to commit to...

- Getting your child to and from practices 2 nights per week + Sundays
- Approximately 2 weekends per month dedicated to competition
- Getting your child to and from tournaments in NY, NJ, PA, DC...and beyond
- Spending holiday weekends at volleyball tournaments
- Supporting your child through the highs and lows of competitive sports

Tournaments

GEVA Tournaments

USAV Garden Empire Region (GEVA) will run regional tournaments in our area

- Locations include Long Island, Westchester County, & central New Jersey
- Events will be a full-day, Saturday or Sunday
- Teams will participate in 3-5 of these events January-April

Overnight Tournaments

National, Travel, and Rye teams will attend multi-day tournaments

- Dates include: MLK Weekend, President's Day Weekend, and sometimes Easter or Passover
- Hotel stays for athletes are NOT included in season fees
- Families are responsible to travel to and from tournaments, housing, and cost of food

National Team Travel

National Teams will travel to multiple nationally competitive events (locations vary by team)

Goals

- Elite-level competition → Accelerated development to better compete with top teams nationally
- Increased exposure/visibility → Expanded college recruiting opportunities

11N-18N will attend USAV Girls Junior National Championships. Cost is included in team fees.

18N: April 26-28 (Baltimore, MD)

11N, 12N, 13N: June 21-24 (Dallas, TX)

14N & 15N: July 3-6 (Las Vegas, NV)

16N & 17N: July 8-11 (Las Vegas, NV)

Team Fees & Financial Aid

18 National Team: **\$7,000**

14 -17 National Teams: **\$8,600**

11, 12 & 13 National Teams: **\$8,300**

14 -17 Travel Teams: **\$6,800**

12 & 13 Travel Teams: **\$6,500**

Rye Teams: **\$6,000**

Financial Aid

- Flexible payment plans and need-based financial aid are available.
- Families will indicate need for financial aid as part of the tryout registration.
- Any team offer will be accompanied by a financial aid package.
- Upon acceptance of an offer, all families must pay a \$100 deposit. Admin will then contact you to set-up a personalized payment plan.

***Families should expect to pay an additional **\$300** for uniforms and **\$3,000-\$6,000** for travel*

Breakdown of Team Fees

Average cost of gyms:

\$200/hr per court

Average coaches pay:

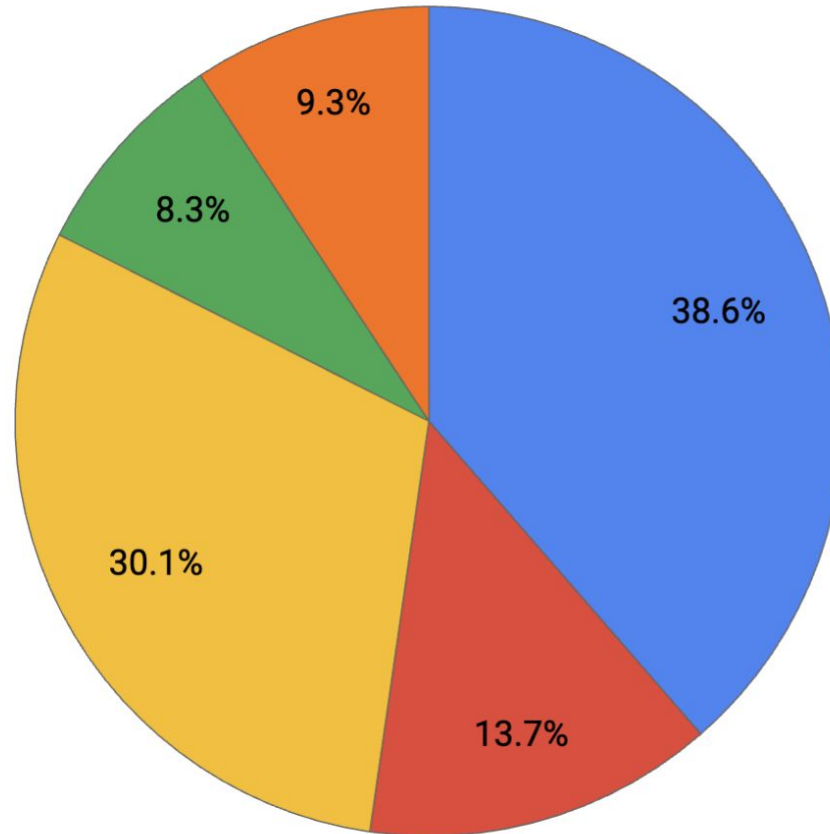
\$30/hr

Average tournament fee:

\$800 per team

Average hotel cost:

\$250/night



- Gym Rental
- Admin
- Coaches' Pay
- Tournament Fees
- Coaches' Travel

What is included?

- 6 months of high level training (8 months for National teams)
 - 6 hours per week **1:4 coach to player ratio**
- Quality facilities, coaches, equipment and practice gear
- College recruiting assistance and networking
- Chance to compete with teams from all over the country
- Invaluable learning experiences & life-long friendships

*Teams fees DO NOT include include **travel expenses and uniforms***

Travel Responsibilities

NEW for 2023-2024 Athletes will travel and stay with a guardian for all tournaments.

Due to increased liability and cost of travel, NYC Juniors will no longer have athletes stay together in hotel rooms. If a guardian is not able to attend, families must arrange for their athlete to travel and stay with a teammate.

This change will accomplish the following:

- **Reduced cost for families** - In our experience, a majority of families travel with their athletes to most events, which previously meant a family would be paying for their own accommodations in addition to paying for their athlete's hotels as part of season fees.
- **No team chaperones** - It has often been a struggle to secure team chaperones, and the undertaking is immense, including significant time, money and responsibility supervising athletes, and balancing budget.
- **Hotel Options** - NYC Juniors will still secure blocks of rooms to fulfill tournament housing requirements, and to provide an opportunity for teams to stay in close proximity to one another. We will not need to block as many rooms, and families will have the option to choose where they stay, allowing for personal needs and preferences.

Why Choose NYC Juniors???

Tradition of Excellence

NYC Juniors is the most established volleyball club in New York City, with **30 years** of competitive experience. We have a long-standing stellar reputation throughout the region, and are constantly evolving to better serve the volleyball community of New York City.

Professionalism

We are a self-sustaining 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, and we pride ourselves on providing a highly professional working and playing environment for our coaches, players, and families. We value timely and transparent communication, and expect professional behavior from everyone representing NYC Juniors at all times.

Why Choose NYC Juniors???

Experienced Coaching Staff

NYC Juniors is incredibly proud of our coaching staff, which consists of more USAV CAP certified and collegiate coaches than any other club in the area. Other coaches include long-time high school coaches, and former collegiate players. Multiple coaches on NYC Junior's staff also have international playing and/or coaching experience, and several currently coach in the USA Volleyball Junior National Team Pipeline.

Quality "Whole-Athlete" Training

We are committed to training athletes physically and mentally, on and off the court. In addition to weekly team practices, athletes will participate in team workshops. Athletes will have access to skill-specific training as well as at-home conditioning, injury prevention, and nutrition guides provided by certified professionals.

Why Choose NYC Juniors???

Safety and Convenience

Our practice facilities are all conveniently located, easily accessible by car/taxi or public transportation, and are monitored by professional security personnel.

In case of injury, NYC Juniors is independently insured, and athletes can be referred to various specialists connected with our organization. All NYC Juniors coaches are SafeSport certified, and many have first aid and CPR/AED training.

Proven Success

NYC Juniors has won more Regional championships and earned more bids to USAV Junior Nationals than any other club in the Garden-Empire Region.

Regional Success

Teams earning bids to USAV Junior National Championships

2018	2019	2021	2022	2023
NYC 11 National	NYC 11 National	NYC 11 National	NYC 12 National	NYC 11 National
NYC 12 National	NYC 13 Blue	NYC 12 National	NYC 13 National	NYC 13 National
NYC 13 National	NYC 13 National	NYC 13 National	NYC 14 National	NYC 14 National
NYC 14 National	NYC 14 National	NYC 14 National	NYC 15 National	NYC 16 National
NYC 15 National		NYC 14 Travel	NYC 16 National	NYC 17 National
NYC 16 National		NYC 15 National	NYC 17 National	
NYC 17 National		NYC 16 National	NYC 18 National	
NYC 18 National		NYC 17 National		
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College Connections/Recruiting

Coaches and alum currently on staff at the following schools:

Iona University, Manhattan College, NYU, Wesleyan University

Recent graduates on staff from:

Duke, UNC, Cornell, Northeastern, LIU, Univ. of Portland, Cal State Fullerton, Colgate, Williams and more!

Recent NYC Juniors athletes have committed to play at the following colleges and universities...

Division I: Stanford, Northwestern, Iowa, Fairfield, Bucknell, Stonybrook, Marist, Columbia, Dartmouth, Cornell, Jacksonville, U Pacific

Division III: Emory, UChicago, NYU, Wesleyan, Amherst, Middlebury, Williams, Hamilton, Bowdoin, Bates, Vassar, Catholic U, Oberlin, Ithaca, Haverford, Clarkson, Pace, Franklin and Marshall

Coaches who have attended NYC Juniors **High-Academic Elite Prospect Camp...**

Harvard, Princeton, Yale, Columbia, Brown, Dartmouth, MIT, Syracuse, Georgetown, Boston College, Davidson, Univ. of Chicago, Middlebury, Williams, Trinity, Colby, Emory, Vassar, Wash U, Connecticut College



CELEBRATIONS!

Who's Ready for
TRYOUTS???

Tryout Info & Important Dates

14U-18U Tryouts	11U-13U Tryouts
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Begins Saturday, Aug. 19th or Sunday, Aug. 20th● Initial tryout + make-up and callbacks as needed● Offers will be given on a rolling basis	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Begins Sunday, Aug. 20th● 4 Tryout dates - attend as many as you can!● Offers will be given on a rolling basis

72 hrs after official offer: Team acceptance due with deposit

September-October: School seasons - no team training (Sunday clinics for 3rd-8th graders)

October 1st: Team commitments are binding per GEVA rules

November 1-9: Optional skill-specific training sessions for all athletes

November 12: Club Kickoff Night! (all teams)

November 13: Team practices begin (3x per week)

Choosing a Club or Team

Educate yourself on the process

- There are many clubs in the area to choose from. Consider your options.
- Ask questions about the team, coaches, schedule, and history of success
- Ask coaches about the role they see you playing on the team (position, impact, etc)
- Per GEVA rule, you must be given AT LEAST 72 hours after an offer to accept or decline
 - after 72 hours you may ask for an extension if needed, but it is at the club discretion if they are willing to hold your roster spot
- Commitments are not considered binding by GEVA until **Oct. 1st**

If you receive an offer from another club, and are getting pressure to commit...

1. Kindly ask for additional time to make your decision
2. Email us to let us know your situation. We will give you an honest assessment of where you stand, and if we might be able to extend you an offer

To-Do List

1. Confirm your USAV age-group
2. Register and pay for NYC Juniors Tryouts online
3. Note your age-group's [Tryout Schedule](#)
4. Complete [USAV Medical Release Form](#) & **bring a hard copy to tryouts**
5. Familiarize yourself with [GEVA Commitment Policy](#)

Come ready to work hard and have fun!

Email questions to: nycjrsvball@gmail.com

Skills Academy

NYC Juniors is committed to the continued growth of all motivated volleyball players, even if they cannot commit to, or are not chosen for a team.

Sundays 3:00-4:30pm @ [Avenues: The World School](#)

- 6-session seasons of sequential training (Fall & Spring seasons)
- 3rd-8th grade beginner/intermediate level
- Fundamental skill development and modified game play

Dates TBD

Questions?