



What is Summer Elite?

A travel sand program for athletes who want to play beach volleyball during the summer months. Available to athletes 12-18 yrs. old with 1 or more seasons of volleyball experience on a club team. This program takes experienced volleyball players and allows them to train with our current year-round players and attend events on the YR team calendar.

When does the season start, and when does it end?

The Summer Elite season begins May 13 and runs to July 1.

What is the cost for Summer Elite, and what's included?

The cost for the S3 Summer Elite season is \$650.00 per athlete.

Payments can be made in full by May 10th or broken into 2 payments of \$400 by May 10th and the balance of \$250 by June 1st.

Cost Includes: • 2 two-hour practices per week • 3 to 4 coached tournaments • (2) S3 t-shirts, (2) S3 tanks and Lululemon shorts!

Do I need to bring my own beach partner?

You do not need to bring your own beach partner. A friend that has also been accepted into the Summer Elite program can be a preferred partner for tournaments.

Which age division do I play?

Unlike indoor volleyball, sand/beach junior age divisions are broken into even ages. 14s are 13U/14U; 16s are 15U/16U; etc.

What if I am a 12U player?

It is best for players who are 11 or 12 (12U) to come into the program with a pre-set partner. The two 12U players will be subject to the tryout process as a team. However, should a 12U player not have a pre-set partner, she will be evaluated as if she is a 14U level player.

- 12U players must have played 1+ years on a high-level club team.
- 12U players or teams must be capable of competing at a 14U level.

What if I am a male player?

Over the last year we have started building our boys program! We are excited to have some guys learning and excelling in the game of beach volleyball. We would love to have a few more join us!

Why is there a tryout process?

The most competitive parts of the volleyball season are during the summer months. It is during this important time that the Summer Elite players will be added to the year-round S3 Elite players who have already been training and competing for the previous 4 to 5 months.

As a result, the S3 coaching staff must ensure that the newly added Summer Elite players can keep pace and participate in the advanced levels of play.

Where are tryouts held?

LakePoint Sporting Community in Emerson.

Address: 261 Stars Way, Emerson, GA 30121

And

Badger Creek Park in Canton, GA.

Address is 464 Blalock Rd, Canton GA 30115.

How do I register for one of the tryout days?

Tryout registration is done on the s3volleyball.com website under the "Register" tab.

Is there a cost to tryout?

Yes. The Summer Elite tryout fee is \$30.

If multiple tryout dates are being offered, players will only need to attend one.

Callbacks or 2nd evaluations do not require a second registration.

What should I wear and what should I bring?

Participants can wear a t-shirt, tank, spandex, shorts, bathing suit top/bottoms, leggings and a sports bra. Players will need to make sure they have water, towel, cover up clothing, flip flops, sunglasses, and sunscreen.

What I should I expect?

Much like other tryouts, we will be evaluating players on ball handling skills, setting, hitting, serving, blocking and defense.

Don't worry if you are new to sand, we will bring you up to speed on the drills and the adjustments to be made when making the transition from indoor to sand.

I have a schedule conflict with the tryout day or time?

Hopefully at least one of our dates will work for you to attend. If there is absolutely no way you can attend any of the posted dates, please email info@s3volleyball.com and someone from our coaching staff will contact you by email or phone.

Will there be cuts?

Not everyone who participates in a tryout will make it on to the team. Even though S3 would love to train everyone who expresses interest, that may not be feasible. The S3 coaches will be assessing each participant's ability and gauging if they have the means to succeed in this sport.

How will I know if I have been selected for the Summer Elite program?

Each tryout participant will receive an email within 24 hours of the tryout. All communication regarding tryout results will be sent to the email address used to register the player for tryouts. Please make sure you enter the address correctly. We have had a few people enter it wrong and not get the invite email!

A participant that is not being offered a spot may continue to train with S3 through our Summer Volley Sessions.

I was offered a spot! What's next?

Once a spot has been accepted, the player and family will receive a welcome letter with further instruction regarding the Summer Elite program as well as the tournament schedule.

What is the Summer Elite's practice schedule?

Depending on what location you wish to train out of, Summer Elite players will practice with the year-round players on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Lakepoint OR on Mondays & Wednesdays at Badger Creek or GSU.

Where does Summer Elite practice?

Practices are held at:

LakePoint Sporting Community in Emerson. Address: 261 Stars Way, Emerson, GA 30121

Badger Creek Park in Canton. Address: 464 Blalock Rd, Canton, GA 30115.

Georgia State University 149 Piedmont Ave. SE, Atlanta, Ga. 30303

How many tournaments will I play in and what about partners?

Summer Elite players will have 3 to 4 coached tournaments (at Rally) on their schedule. For these tournaments, players will network their own partner from the Summer Elite or Year-Round roster.

Summer Elite players will also have the opportunity to travel to out-of-town events with the year-round player, including the end of the season trip to California for nationals!!

S3 coaches will assist any players needing to secure a partner. Summer Elite players will also receive a list of tournaments in the region that they can network a partner in order to participate. These tournaments are considered "on own" and will not have tournament coaching.

Which volleyball membership will I need?

Certain tournaments required a membership to play.

Any USAV National Beach Tour, USAV ranked, or SRVA tournaments will require a USAV membership to participate.

Any AAU tournaments will require an AAU membership to participate.

And AVP America will require an AVP America membership to participate.

- If you played indoor club volleyball for the 2023-24 season, your SRVA membership is your USAV membership and can be used for outdoor play until October 31, 2023.
- If you did not play indoor club volleyball for the 2023-24 season, you can purchase a USAV outdoor membership for \$25 through the SRVA website. AAU
- Some indoor club volleyball programs also provided their players an AAU membership. If your team played in an AAU indoor tournament or will play in AAU Indoor Nationals - chances are you have an AAU membership that will be good until August 31, 2023.
- If you did not play indoor club volleyball or your club did not provide an AAU membership, you can purchase an AAU membership for \$14 through the AAU website.
- AVP has a different options for membership. Gold Members- \$59, Silver Members- \$35 & Bronze Members- \$20. AVP membership can be purchased through their website and is good for a year from date of purchase. Purchasing any of the memberships is only required for players playing in tournaments.