

Idaho Strike Boys Volleyball Club Spring 2023 Season

Important Dates and Times

Signing Deadline: December 24th, 2022

Season Start/End: January 5th - *May 30th

Program Guidelines

Team Philosophy

Trust, **integrity**, and **respect** are the pillars of Idaho Strike. They are at the foundation of relationships that are built between coaches, players, and staff members. We believe that if our boys learn to play with trust, integrity, and respect on the court, they'll be able to weather any challenge they face throughout their journey into adulthood.

Sportsmanship

Good sportsmanship is expected from everyone. Coaches, Players, and Spectators agree to and will be held accountable for representing Idaho Strike Boys Volleyball Club with dignity and class. Certain behaviors are considered inappropriate. The Club reserves the right to remove any person from any event, suspend any player, or ban any spectator who exhibits the following types of behavior:

- Berating, humiliating, or taunting other athletes, coaches, officials, or spectators
- Profane, racist, or sexist remarks directed at any athlete, coach, official, or spectator

In the event an athlete demonstrates unsportsmanlike conduct, a minimum of a 1-match suspension from play will be implemented. The duration of suspension is at the discretion of the Head Coach. **If athletes receive a red card during a match for unsportsmanlike conduct, a \$50 Unsportsmanlike Conduct fine will be charged to the athlete.** If athletes repeatedly demonstrate unsportsmanlike conduct, they will be removed from the Club without reimbursement. In the event an Idaho Strike spectator demonstrates unsportsmanlike conduct, that spectator will be removed from the facility or event and will be banned from attending Club events for the remainder of the season. By accepting a position in the Club, athletes and their spectators agree to these conditions and agree to pay any Unsportsmanlike Conduct fines in full prior to the next competition date.

Playing Time

Playing time is not a right or guaranteed, it is earned. This applies to ALL levels. While coaches often try to balance getting all players into some of the matches during tournaments, the coach's objective is to field a team that can work together as a unit and yield results on the court. As members of this program, athletes are chosen because we believe they can learn the sport of volleyball and contribute to the team and program's success. **Athletes are expected to attend all practices**, perform during practice, and exhibit a "team first" attitude. Athletes are encouraged to review their role on the team at any time by speaking with their coach by following the Chain of Command below.

Chain of Command

The following procedure will be used to handle any playing time or related issue on the court between athletes and their coach. Conflict resolution will follow this order:

- 1) Athlete to schedule a conference with the Coach before or after practice, not on a competition date.
- 2) If the concern is not addressed properly, the athlete(s) and parent(s) should make an appointment to speak with the Coach, not on a competition date. The Coach or Athlete may request the Club Director's attendance at their convenience.
- 3) If the concern is still not addressed properly, the Athlete and Parent(s) may schedule an appointment with the Club Director.

NO Parent will contact a coach about playing time. If a player has an issue, they must speak directly with the coach of their team by following the Chain of Command listed above. Coaches will NOT reply to any email concerns by parents. This process is to encourage Athletes to advocate for themselves and encourage healthy conflict resolution through effective communication, trust, integrity, and respect.

In the event an athlete or parent confronts a Coach regarding playing time on a competition date, the Coach is permitted to dismiss the conversation by reminding the athlete or parent about the "Chain of Command."

*Exceptions: Any related injury or personal health issues (physical, mental, emotional) does not fall under the Chain of Command process. Please have the Athlete or Parent/Guardian inform the Coach of these concerns in a timely manner.

Practice & Tournament Expectations - Policies

Athletes and Spectators agree to adhere to the Sportsmanlike Conduct guidelines listed above. will adhere to the following tournament expectations and policies. Failure to do so may result in dismissal from the Club without refund.

1. Athletes are expected to attend all practices and tournaments. Athletes who cannot attend a tournament must provide written documentation informing the club director & coach within 30 days of the tournament that they cannot attend. **Failure to do so will result in a \$150 fee.** Exceptions may be made at the Club Director's discretion.
2. Athletes are at the tournament facility one hour prior to the first match or officiating assignment, unless otherwise specified by the Head Coach or Club Director.
3. Athletes will stay at the tournament facility for the duration of the tournament, this includes but is not limited to all matches, officiating assignments, team meetings, and/or other team related activities. Athletes may not leave the tournament facility during competition without written approval from their Head Coach.
4. The Club may reserve room-blocks in a designated hotel for **parents to reserve** discounted hotel accommodations near the tournament facility. **It is highly encouraged** that parents/athletes reserve lodging at the team's hotels during team-related travel, but is **not required**. Please note: Some tournaments have "Stay to Play" requirements that require rostered athletes and staff to stay in specific hotel accommodations. If this is the case, the Club Director will make lodging arrangements for the Team and will bill parents accordingly. Parents are responsible for reserving rooms at the arranged hotel in a timely manner as specified by the Club Director.
5. **Transportation to and from tournaments, and all club-related transportation required during tournament weekends are the responsibility of the parent/guardian. Coaches will not transport athletes.**

Conduct/Expectations

- All players, coaches, and parents will treat individuals involved with any Idaho Strike event with unconditional positive respect. This includes officials, opponents, and spectators at our competition events.
- Athletes who are not "on the court" during play will be a supportive teammate.
- No cell phone usage is permitted during practices or during tournament games. Coaches may confiscate devices if they become a problem for the parent / guardian to recover them after the event has concluded.

Payment Options

The cost of the Season varies by age and is posted on the Idaho Strike website.

A minimum 20% deposit is required upon signing date to reserve a spot with Idaho Strike. All Payments are to be made online through the Sportsengine platform. Upon signing, parents/guardians will be able to select one of the following payment plans:

Payment Plan A – One-time payment of full season cost on signing date.

Payment Plan B – Fees are divided into installments (excluding deposit due at signing). The payment installments are debited once a month starting in September and ending in December.

Payment Plan C – Customized Payment Plan at the discretion of the Director should be arranged prior to season signing.

**Sibling Discounts are available for families with multiple athletes in the club. A 10% discount will be applied to the athlete with the highest signing fee.

COVID-19 Impacts and Potential Reimbursements:

Idaho Strike will continue to collaborate with local health officials to ensure the playing environment adheres to local laws regarding Covid-19 and the variants. In the event any season apparel, practices, or competitions are unavailable or

canceled due to Covid-related economic impact or due to local COVID-19 restrictions, the Club is not required to remit a refund to any athlete or family. We will do our best to reschedule events or provide gear as it becomes available.

Club Resignation

If at any point during the season a parent/guardian/player wishes to resign from the club, the parent/guardian must provide 30 days written notice to the Club Director. If a parent/guardian/player decides to resign or remove themselves from the club, the player's account will be debited for the remaining balance due so the account is paid in full. The Club is not obligated to reimburse accounts for players who voluntarily resign from the club and athlete(s) and contract signee agrees to pay the full amount of the season prior to resignation.

Parent Permission for Idaho Strike BVC Sponsored Events:

WAIVER OF CLAIM

In granting permission for my child to participate in the Idaho Strike BVC Spring 2023 Season, I hereby waive any and all claims for myself and my child and agree to defend and hold harmless the individual sponsors, the Idaho Strike Boys Volleyball Club, Rise Volleyball Academy, Mettle Sports, Meridian Homecourt, The Independent School District of Boise, The Treasure Valley Athletic Center, the entities employees, officers and agenda for any injury, accident, illness, death, or any loss or damage to personal property to myself and/or my child(ren), on my own behalf, my spouse/child's parent and that of my child(ren), occurring during or by reason of this event. Should any injury, accident, illness or death of my child occur I will advance no claim on behalf of myself, my spouse, the child's parent or my child(ren) and if a claim is pursued against the Idaho Strike Boys Volleyball Club, Rise Volleyball Academy, Mettle Sports, Meridian Homecourt, The Independent School District of Boise, The Treasure Valley Athletic Center, on behalf of myself, my spouse, my child's parent or my child(ren) I agree to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the Idaho Strike Boys Volleyball Club against any and all such claims, damages, injuries, illness, death or any loss or damage to personal property.

Idaho Strike Boys Volleyball Club Team Member and Parent/Guardian Contract

I have read and understand the team policies and expectations for being a member of the Idaho Strike Boys Volleyball Club. By signing below, I am agreeing to abide by the regulations and procedures outlined within. I also agree to pay the price of the Club Season indicated in the season signing link, and any supplemental fees or required lodging expenses prior to the end of the season as specified in this contract. I have read and understand and agree to adhere to the waiver of claim specified above.

Parent or Guardian's Signature

Date