

# **EPIC**

## **VOLLEYBALL CLUB**

Epic Families,

As we look back at the crazy and challenging year that 2021 presented us in the face of the Pandemic, we were thrilled that we could still complete a full season. It was a challenging year with many unknowns, and while we are still not out of the woods yet with COVID, we are looking forward to entering our 5<sup>th</sup> year as a club with some very exciting changes in store for everyone!

Last year we used the retention offer option due to the unknowns the pandemic presented us, but as we head into the 2021-22 season, we are going back to a more traditional tryout method. We did NOT offer any retention spots and want to offer all players the opportunity to come into our gym and earn their spot.

The most exciting news we have to announce is that Epic will now have their OWN FACILITY! We are currently building a three court facility that will be the home of the Epic Family for years to come. This new building will be located on KR, just north of Kenosha Country Club. This location will give us a great balance for those families coming from the north, as well as families from the south. We are on track to be in this facility by the start of the 2022 season!

One of the things we strive to do at Epic is provide a competitive, fun, and transparent experience. We believe that honesty, communication, and professionalism are the key components to creating a positive experience for your son or daughter. One of the most important questions we want people to know the answer to is, "Why do we do this?" For us, the answer is actually pretty simple. The directors and coaches at Epic have a huge passion for the game of volleyball. Not only that, we believe creating a culture that embraces what the power of youth sports provides to each athlete. We believe in building an environment that produces young people with great character, encourages problem solving skills, and embraces reality, as this experience will teach life lessons and prepare them for the real world outside the gym.

When selecting a club to invest in, ask yourself which priorities are important and where you feel most valued. At Epic, we understand that everyone has different talent levels, goals, and ambitions. We plan to have teams to cater to the needs of all our customers again in 2022.

Below are how our teams are classified.

- **June Teams**- These are teams (usually our **Black** teams) that will play a national schedule and end the season in June.
- **May Teams**- These teams (usually our **Royal** teams) will play a national schedule with two travel tournaments, lower fees, and season ends late April to early May.
- **Regional Teams** - These teams (usually **Gray** and **White**) will have a shorter season (Mid March) no travel tournaments, and the lowest fees.
- **Boys Teams**- The 14 and younger boys will play a schedule the ends in March/April and the HS Boys will play a national schedule ending in June/July

## **Epic's Stance on the 2021-22 Retention Offer Policy**

Two of the core values of our club are Integrity and Competitive Fairness. We feel to have a club with Integrity, we need to offer Fair and Equal competition for our potential athletes each season. It is our belief that to offer positions on teams for the next season to only players that have played for us the year before, eliminates a Fair and Equal process to both our returning players and to any other players that would wish to play for us.

***Therefore, Epic Volleyball Club will NOT be offering positions to our returners during this early retention period for the upcoming 2021-22 season.***

Please know that we love all our Epic players and we want them all to return. We do, however, also believe in the Integrity of the tryouts process, so we invite our returning players, as well as any new potential players, to join us during our club tryouts so we can make a fair decision about you and place you on a team for the season through a competitive process that will evaluate your athletic potential, your work ethic, and your overall teammate skills against ALL Potential players. This way, when you make a decision you will know the cost of the season, the schedule for the season, who your coaches are and who your potential teammates will be, so you can make the most informed decision possible.

***\*\*\*If you have any interest in trying out for Epic this season and you have received a retention offer from your previous club, we are asking that you NOT accept that offer. By accepting a retention offer, you are forfeiting your right to tryout at any additional clubs.***

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## VOLLEYBALL CLUB

### Epic Volleyball Club 2021/2022 Season Information Sheet

At Epic Volleyball Club, our **mission** is to create a life long passion for the sport of volleyball and the art of competition.

The Directors and Coaches at Epic truly value this mission. We pride ourselves in taking a professional approach to each player's individual improvement over the course of a season. We believe in the culture of our club and understand the immense impact it can have on the lives of our players and their families. We will embrace this responsibility and do our best to ensure that YOUR family becomes OUR family once you step into the gym or onto the beach.

### Tryouts Times and Locations

#### 14 AND UNDER GIRLS TRYOUTS

AGE GROUP	DATE 1ST TRYOUT	TIMES	DATE 2ND TRYOUT	TIMES	LOCATION
12's and 13's	Oct 2nd	9:00am-11:00am	Oct 3rd	10:30am-12:30pm	UW-Parkside
14's	Oct 2nd	11:30am-1:30pm	Oct 3rd	1:00pm-3:00pm	UW-Parkside

#### 15 AND OLDER GIRLS TRYOUTS

AGE GROUP	DATE	TIMES	LOCATION
15's	November 13th and 14th	11:30am-1:30pm	Boys and Girls Club of Kenosha
16's	November 13th and 14th	2:00pm-4:00pm	Boys and Girls Club of Kenosha
17's/18's	November 13th and 14th	4:30pm-6:30pm	Boys and Girls Club of Kenosha

#### BOYS TRYOUTS

AGE GROUP	DATE	TIMES	DATE 2ND TRYOUT	TIMES	LOCATION
All 12's-14's Boys	Oct 2nd	9:00am-11:00am	Oct 3rd	10:30am-12:30pm	UW-Parkside
All 15s-18s Boys	November 13th and 14th	9:00am-11:00am	Same as day 1	Same as day 1	Boys and Girls Club of Kenosha

## WHAT AGE GROUP TO REGISTER FOR

USA Volleyball made a change in the age definitions last summer, changing the cut-off date from Sept 1st to July 1st. The easiest way for you to know which age group to try out for is to look at this [CHART](#) or look at the diagram below.

**\*\*\*Epic strongly encourages its players to remain with their peers and play with their grade. There may be some special exceptions that we will deal with on a case-by-case basis. If you have any questions, please contact us.**

USAV VOLLEYBALL JUNIOR PLAYER AGE DEFINITION												
For use during the 2021-2022 Season												
To determine the correct age division, please find the Month of Birth in the left column and then the year of birth in the same row. The heading of the column matching the Year of Birth is the correct age bracket.												
	18 & Under <sup>1</sup>	18 & Under <sup>2</sup>	17 & Under	16 & Under	15 & Under <sup>3</sup>	14 & Under <sup>4</sup>	13 & Under <sup>5</sup>	12 & Under	11 & Under	10 & Under	9 & Under	8 & Under
July	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Aug	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Sept	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Oct	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Nov	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Dec	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Jan	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Feb	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Mar	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Apr	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
May	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
June	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014

<sup>1</sup>Players who were born on or after July 1, 2003 OR players who were born on or after July 1, 2002 and a high school student in the twelfth (12th) grade or below during some part of the current academic year

<sup>2</sup>**Female Only** - Players who were born on or after July 1, 2003, (who are defined as 18 & under by the USAV Age Definition) and are in the 11th grade for the current academic year are waived to compete in 17 & Under. (This age waiver is based on recruiting concerns for the 11th grade girls previously required to participate in girls 18's qualifiers and the 18's GJNC.)

<sup>3</sup>**Male Only** - Players who were born on or after July 1, 2007 OR players who were born on or after July 1, 2006 (15 years or younger) who shall neither have completed nor are in a grade higher than the eighth (8th) grade during the current academic year **are eligible to play in the 14 & under division**. This exception is based on the net height difference of 7'4 1/8" to 7'11 5/8" between the 14 and Under Division and the 15 and Under Division

<sup>4</sup>**Male Only** - Players who were born on or after July 1, 2007 (14 years or younger) who shall neither have completed nor are in a grade higher than the seventh grade (7th) during the current academic year are eligible for a Region approved waiver to compete in the boys 13's age group.

<sup>5</sup>**Male Only** - Players who were born on or after July 1, 2008 (13 years or younger) who shall neither have completed nor are in a grade higher than the sixth grade (6th) during the current academic year are eligible for a Region approved waiver to compete in the boys 12's age group.

## What is the Tryout process?

Epic volleyball will hold tryouts over a two day period for 4 hours, in some cases more. We want to be able to see the players for as much time as possible so that we can make the best decision for the athletes and our Club. Our foundational values are talent, effort, communication and teammate skills. These are the traits we find most important when looking at any future Epic players. Teams will be formed in the best manner possible to balance skill level with positional need and depth.

Cost for Tryouts will be \$45 and will cover both days. Each player will be given a tryout T-shirt that they are expected to wear both days so they can be evaluated most effectively. You can Register by clicking [HERE](#).

## Will players know who the coaches are for their teams at Tryouts?

Most definitely, all teams will have a coaching staff assigned to them prior to tryouts and this information will be published so athletes can make informed decisions about their future teams and coaches. We believe it is most important to be transparent and honest with our athletes at all times.

## Can players tryout for older age groups?

Players must be given permission to tryout with an older age group before attending. We want to make the strongest teams we can, and sometimes this means moving players amongst the age groups to increase positional depth or athleticism. However, this will be a decision that will be made by the Epic Directors and staff and will be made at our discretion and in an Invite-Only format. We feel that, in most cases, it is much better for the athletes to play within their age groups and that is the direction we would push most players to be in. If you have an interest in playing in a higher age group, please contact us in advance so we can discuss with you and advise on options.

## How many players will be on a team?

We believe that a club team should have no more than 11 players, however, 10 players is the number we shoot for with the majority of our teams. In some rare instances a team may have fewer than 10. However, there may be some boys teams that have upwards of 12 players.

## What if I don't get an offer at tryouts?

We do our best to give every player an offer we can fit on to one of our teams, however, sometimes we just do not have enough players to form another team and have to be fair to the players who have earned the right to receive an offer ahead of you, but please keep in mind a few things:

- Just because you didn't receive an offer during tryouts does not necessarily mean you will not be able to be a part of our program.
- As players start to accept and decline offers, we need to know who is next in line to receive an offer that is declined by another player. **This could be you**, in which case we will either call or email you to give you that offer.
- If you receive an email or phone call with an offer, the directors will discuss with you how much time you have to make that decision before we need to move on.

## **How long is the season?**

Our season will begin with tryouts in October or November and practices shall start the first week of December. Regional seasons will end in Mid-March, while National teams will continue longer and their ending dates may vary depending on what their last event is. **\*\*\*Length of season is subject to change depending on what the conditions and guidelines are with covid at that time.**

## **Is playing time guaranteed?**

We feel it is the responsibility of the club and our coaching staff to have a contributing role for each player that is chosen for a team. It is a directive from our club leadership that each coach take responsibility for ensuring this with their team and that all players have a defined role as long as they comply with our practice rules and sportsmanship guidelines that will be set forth by the club.

## **If I am a multi-sport athlete at my school, can I still play for your club?**

Most Definitely! The majority of our coaching staff were 3 sport athletes in high school and we all feel that this has helped us to become the athletes we wanted to be, so we have no problem with players in other sports in conjunction with ours. The schedule can get complicated, but with a little communication between the athletes and the coaches, we can accommodate all athletes that have a passion for the sport of volleyball.

## **How many tournaments will be played and where?**

Regional teams will play in 9 or 10 tournament dates of volleyball a season within a 2 hour radius of our area, most will be within 30 minutes or less. National teams may play 20 or more tournament dates and travel will be farther for some events. Royal National team will play slightly less due to ending sooner. Please see our proposed tournament schedule for locations.

## **What is the process for attending a travel tournament for the National Teams?**

We will have all of our tournaments for the season picked out prior to tryouts. Our Travel coordination team will have hotels prepared for each event and that information will be distributed to the teams early in the season so families can make reservation and book lodging in advance and we can save as a block.

## **Do we assist in the college recruiting process?**

Absolutely! Evan Berg is our full time director who has previously coached at the D1 level and knows what it takes to get recruiting to play college volleyball at any level. He is always available to make appointments with you to help go through the process and create a personalized goals and timeline plan.

“Colleges want to recruit YOU, not the team you play for, the coach or the parents. They want to get to know if YOU will be a good fit for them, so my goal is to educate every family about the process as much as possible so they can make informed decisions and ask the right questions.” -Evan Berg

## Are we Eligible for a Refund?

The short answer is yes, with some conditions. The club itself does not offer any refunds. However, we have communicated with a couple Sports Insurance companies that offer plans that families are able to invest in. These plans are based on a % of the total club fees and cover some of the following items. Below are the two companies we have communicated with that you can read about.

**\*\*\*You are not obligated to purchase an insurance plan. However, If you choose not to opt into a plan, you will not be eligible for any refunds related to circumstances covered by the companies below.**

 <p><b>USSCI</b><sup>™</sup>   Sports Fee Insurance US SPORTS CLUB INSURANCE</p>	 <p><b>SPORTS</b> <b>REFUND</b> Can't play? Don't pay.</p>
<p>To read more, get estimate or sign up click <a href="https://usscinsurance.com/">https://usscinsurance.com/</a></p>	<p><a href="#">SportsRefund Estimate</a> or watch this short video (<a href="https://vimeo.com/349074633">https://vimeo.com/349074633</a>)</p>

## Season Fees

### Season dues: Girls Program

Teams	Cost	Uniform package (Price not included in cost )
12's Regional Teams	\$1274.00	2 Under Armour Jerseys, 1 Under Armour Spandex, Under Armour Back Pack
Regional Teams ending in March	\$1274.00	2 Under Armour Jerseys, 1 Under Armour Spandex, Under Armour Back Pack
National Teams ending around May 1st	\$2249.00	3 Under Armour Jerseys, 1 Under Armour Spandex, Under Armour Warm up Jacket and Pants, Back Pack
National Teams- Season ends Mid-June	\$2898.00	3 Under Armour Jerseys, 1 Under Armour Spandex, Under Armour Warm up Jacket and Pants, Back Pack
18s National Teams – Season ends around May 1 <sup>st</sup>	\$2449.00	3 Under Armour Jerseys, 1 Under Armour Spandex, Under Armour Warm up Jacket and Pants, Back Pack

### Season dues: Boys Program

Teams	Cost	Uniform package (Price not included in cost )
Youth 14 and Under	\$500	1 Under Armour Jerseys, 1 Under Armour Shorts, Back Pack
National HS Teams ending in June/July	\$2159.00	3 Under Armour Jerseys, 1 Under Armour Shorts, Under Armour Warm up Jacket and Pants, Back Pack

**\*\*\*Back packs are only required to be purchased if you are a new player to the club. Returning players are welcome to use their bags from last year.**

## Season Schedule

Teams	Number of Tournament Days	Tentative Travel Destinations
Regional Teams Ending in March	8-10	Local locations- Within 1.5 hours driving radius
National Girls Teams Ending in May	12-14	Presidents Day- St. Louis JVA Word Challenge- Louisville KY
National Girls Teams Ending in June	20-22	Presidents Day- St. Louis JVA Word Challenge- Louisville KY AAU Champs- Orlando Florida
18s Girls National Teams – Season ends April 24 <sup>th</sup>	15-18	Presidents Day- St. Louis JVA Word Challenge- Louisville KY USA Nationals- Phoenix AZ
National Boys HS Teams	16-18	Boys Winter Fest-Chicago Dennis Lafata- St. Louis AAU Champs- Orlando FL
Boys Youth 14 and Under	6-8	Local locations- Within 1.5 hours driving radius

## Are there Fundraising opportunities?

We want to make fundraising easy for everyone and also give players the best chance to receive a reduced rate for their season or to have their fees totally covered. To do this, we plan to sell advertising on the backs of our Practice Jerseys for the season. Each player will receive two (2) t-shirts that they will be expected to wear to all of our practices and everyone is encouraged to obtain sponsorships from businesses that will allow them to have their logo on the back of our practice Jersey's.

Epic volleyball will pass along 50% of all money raised through the sponsorship back to the player that obtained it. This year we had to lower the % that goes back to the families because the last couple years we have not been able to cover the costs of the shirts with what was taken in for Epics portion.

### Sponsorship levels are as follows:

Platinum - \$1000 sponsorship – player gets \$500 off their season fees.

Gold - \$500 Sponsorship – player gets \$250 off their season fees.

Silver - \$250 sponsorship – player gets \$125 off their season fees.

## Stay active on social media with us!

**We love interacting with our EPIC athletes and families and sharing everything EPIC from the gym. Follow us on:**



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## Epic Volleyball Club Practice Jersey Sponsorship

Please consider sponsoring me for the 2021/2022 club volleyball season. Here are some of the benefits to sponsoring me with this club:

- Practice season runs from the beginning of December through Mid - June for our club.
- Over 200 players will be wearing a practice Jersey with your logo on it each week.
- We will add your logo to our website as a club sponsor.
- You will be helping a young athlete be able to better afford to pursue their passion.
- \*\*\*All logos will be the same size regardless of sponsorship amount

### Sponsorship levels are as follows:

Platinum - \$1000 sponsorship – The player I sponsor will receive \$500 off their season fees.

Gold - \$500 Sponsorship – The player I sponsor will receive \$250 off their season fees.

Silver - \$250 sponsorship – The player I sponsor will receive \$125 off their season fees.

Player being sponsored: \_\_\_\_\_

Level of sponsorship:    Platinum                      Gold                      Silver

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Please email company logo to Evan Berg- [evan@epicvball.com](mailto:evan@epicvball.com)

*Deadline for this sponsorship is Monday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>*

Payment can be made by the following ways.

- Send payment by check to: Epic Volleyball Club, P.O. Box 410, Union Grove, WI 53182
- Request an online invoice from [evan@epicvball.com](mailto:evan@epicvball.com) to be sent to through SE and paid online. A 3% processing fee will apply to the total.