



RAPIDFIRE VOLLEYBALL CLUB

2007-08 MANUAL

History

RapidFire Volleyball Club was founded in 2003 to give area athletes interested in improving their volleyball skills a chance to compete against other teams with the convenience of utilizing area practice sites. RapidFire VBC teams compete in sanctioned tournaments of the AAU and the Sun Country Region of USA Volleyball.

Purpose

RapidFire Volleyball Club exists for the benefit of those who wish to achieve excellence in the sport of volleyball and to promote interest in the sport at the local level.

Objectives

To develop interest and encourage participation in the sport of volleyball for middle and high school players.

To provide players with advanced technical training.

To encourage and help athletes pursue higher education by providing exposure of club players to college programs.

To be recognized as one of the finest youth volleyball programs in the state.

Financial Obligations

RapidFire Volleyball Club fees cover expenses from December through May for USAV registration, USAV insurance, AAU registration, AAU insurance, gym rental, coaches' salaries and travel expenses, coaches' Impact certification, all tournament entry fees, equipment, referee/scorekeeping certification, web site maintenance and any other administrative costs. Meals are not furnished. Uniforms will be ordered by the club after they are paid for by the player. For the older age groups there might be additional expenses involved with tournaments. Travel is NOT included in the player's fees. It is also the responsibility of the parents to ensure all player payments are made on or before the payment deadlines. If any player is behind 2 weeks on any payment, that player will no longer be allowed to participate in club activities. All payments should be in the form of a credit card, check, or money order. Checks should be made payable to RapidFire Volleyball.

Refunds

Payments made to RapidFire Volleyball Club are not refundable.

Time Commitment

Participation in a Junior Olympic volleyball program requires a significant commitment of the player's AND parent's time.

Our regular season runs from the first of December through Regional competition in May.

Players are expected to attend all practices and competitions as scheduled. Practice schedules are provided at the first of each month, and competition schedules will be available as soon as tournaments are booked. In general, each team will practice 4-6 hours per week during the week with optional individual Sunday workouts. Our practice schedule is determined by the availability of the gym facilities that we use.

Competitions are held on the weekends or during holidays, with each team competing on the average of twice a month, with the possibility of more. Most tournaments are one-day events, usually on Saturdays, with play beginning about 8am, sometimes lasting until 9pm.

Occasionally, we are not provided with the tournament schedule until the last minute. This is a situation over which we have no control, but we will get all information to our players as soon as possible. Because tournament play begins so early, it may be necessary for the team to travel to some tournaments the day before. **It is the parents' responsibility to provide transportation and/or accommodations for their daughter to all competitions.**

Attendance

1. Players are expected to attend all practices and tournaments.
2. If a player is unable to attend practice or a tournament because of an emergency, she must notify one of the coaches immediately.
3. Players must be punctual for all scheduled events. This means being ready for practice or play at the scheduled time, not that the player arrives at the time practice is to start.
4. Each player is expected to give 100% during practices and tournaments. In the event a player is unable to give 100% due to illness or injury, the player must inform her coach of the situation immediately.

Donations

A player may solicit and accept individual sponsorships and donations to be applied to their club volleyball financial obligations.

Uniforms

The cost of the uniform is **NOT** included in the membership fee and must be paid for by the player before participation is allowed, and must be worn whenever representing the club at any tournament. The uniform and any other team equipment is decided on by the TEAM. The uniform may NOT be worn for any other purpose than while attending or traveling to or from club functions. All players are to wear white socks and white knee pads. All players must also supply their own black spandex shorts.

Team Composition

Players on all teams will be allotted playing time according to the discretion of their coaches, the level of competition, the ability of the athlete, the need of the team, and the importance of the tournament. Since we are “playing to win” during tournaments, an individual player’s court time may be limited. We are NOT affiliated with any school or school district and therefore do not favor any particular school when putting a team together.

UIL Eligibility & NCAA Rules

RapidFire Volleyball Club structures its program to be in full compliance with UIL & NCAA guidelines as understood. However, RapidFire VBC strongly advises all players & parents to educate themselves on all UIL and NCAA rules to ensure that no infractions occur.

Responsibilities & Code of Conduct

Membership in RapidFire Volleyball Club carries with it certain responsibilities. In order to maintain an outstanding reputation, all players, coaches, and parents must agree to abide by this Code of Conduct.

***General Conduct**

1. At all times, members and coaches are expected to act appropriately, keeping in mind that they are representing the club and our area.
2. Players, coaches, and parents must display good sportsmanship toward competitors, officials, and event staff at all times.
3. No foul or abusive language will be tolerated from players, coaches, or parents at any time.
4. Parents must refrain from criticizing any player, including their own daughter, during tournaments.

Gym Rules

1. Each player must cooperate in helping maintain the gym facilities where practice is held. Nets must be set up prior to practice and put away neatly afterward. Balls must be counted after practice and after warm-ups at tournaments.
2. No player, coach, or spectator may take food or drinks into any practice facility. Water is allowed in water bottles or jugs ONLY.
3. Players are responsible for leaving all facilities neat and clean.

Scholastic Requirements

Participation in RapidFire Volleyball Club must not interfere with the education of our participants. Parents are encouraged to report any degradation in a participant's educational performance and work with the coach to correct that performance. EDUCATION IS FIRST.

Pictures

Team and individual pictures will be available for purchase. You are not obligated to purchase pictures, however, please be in attendance for the team photo. Pictures will be taken before a scheduled practice on a Sunday some time in January (this date might change).

General

1. All deposits and payments must be made by the scheduled deadlines or a player may not participate further in practices or tournaments until payments are current.
2. Players and parents agree to participate in designated group fund-raisers.
3. Players and coaches must have a general knowledge of USAV and UIL volleyball rules and regulations.
4. Players are reminded not to initiate conversations with college coaches.
5. Each player is responsible for helping with officiating duties at tournaments. Generally, the losing team must stay to referee the following match.
6. All players are expected to stay with their team when traveling.
7. Players and parents are encouraged to discuss any problems relating to their team with the team's coach. However, no coach will be allowed to speak with a parent regarding their child's playing time, game strategies or any other team management issue during tournament play. The coach will schedule an appropriate meeting time before or after practice.

Scholarship Aspirants

Many club players hope to participate in volleyball throughout their high school and college years. Junior Olympic volleyball experience is very important to those wishing to compete at the college level. RapidFire Volleyball Club will provide any player with information to help in making her collegiate volleyball decision, and information on the entire recruiting process.

Tryouts

Tryouts are conducted for the purpose of selecting teams for RapidFire Volleyball Club. Every effort will be made to notify players as soon as possible after tryouts, so players MUST be prepared to accept or decline the invitation to membership when called. Those accepting will be registered with USA Volleyball as members of RapidFire Volleyball Club for the season. ONCE YOU ACCEPT MEMBERSHIP INTO ANY CLUB, YOU ARE COMMITTED TO THAT ORGANIZATION AND CANNOT CHANGE CLUBS DURING THE SEASON; NO RELEASES WILL BE GRANTED UNLESS FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS HAVE BEEN MET.

Payment Schedule

Payment Due Dates

December 9, 2007	\$300
January 1, 2008	\$300
February 1, 2008	\$200

TOTAL ==> **\$800**

All major credit cards accepted as payment

Web sites of importance:

RapidFire VBC website	http://www.rapidfirevolleyball.com
Sun Country Region	http://www.suncountryvb.org
USA Volleyball	http://www.usavolleyball.org
PrepVolleyball.com website	http://www.prepvolleyball.com
JVDA website	http://www.jvda.org