

2023-2024 Parent Handbook for WSYVC

Vision

Teach, promote, and encourage the game of volleyball to female athletes of all ages and skill levels.

Mission

The Harrisburg Area YMCA is a non-profit, charitable organization committed to providing services that aid in the spiritual, mental and physical development of each person enabling them to be beneficial and continuing members of our society. The WS Y Volleyball Club adheres to this mission while teaching skill development, sportsmanship and teamwork with the focus on elevating the level of competitive play in girls' volleyball in the surrounding area.

Our Club

The West Shore YMCA Volleyball Club has been serving our area for over 20 years. As a member of the Middle Atlantic AAU Region, our club participates in various weekend tournaments from January through April. Our competitive program offers a dedicated & experienced coaching staff, two practices a week (starting in December), single and multiday tournaments, positional clinics and financial assistance (for those who qualify).

Team Practices

Players **MUST** be on time for practice. If your child will be running late, please notify the appropriate coach. All players are responsible for net set up and tear down.

Excused practices

- Illness
- Family Emergency
- Any school sanctioned sport or activity scheduled at the same time as West Shore YMCA Volleyball Club (WSYVC) practice
- Work is **NOT** an excused practice, unless given the approval from your coach
- Unexcused practices will result in limitations to playing time

Players who participate in school sanctioned sports or activities must provide their coach with a full schedule of practices and games (e.g., basketball, school plays, etc...)

If a player will be tardy to practice, please notify the coach ahead of time, so they can plan accordingly.

If a player cannot attend practice, then the player and/or a parent is required to notify her coach as soon as she knows. Telling a friend does **NOT** qualify! Failure to do so will result in an unexcused practice.

Injuries

All injuries must be immediately reported to the coach. Any reported concussion symptoms and serious injury must require a Doctor's note to return to practice. Failure to comply will result in 1 tournament suspension and a Doctor's note is still required in order to return.

Team Tournaments

- Players must attend all scheduled tournaments, unless the coach is previously notified.
- Players are to be on their court, ready to warm up at the time assigned by their coach.
- **WSYVC has a duty to officiate during tournaments. Officiating is a shared responsibility – all WSY team members must fulfill their responsibility. WSY team members must remain at the tournament site until officiating assignments are complete. Officiating involves line judge, book scoring, and libero tracker.**
- Athletes and/or parents are expected to provide transportation to and from tournaments. Coaches are **not permitted** to transport athletes.
- Arrival time to tournaments must be at least 30-45 minutes prior to the start of the tournament (coach's discretion).

Media

The WSYVC will post team pictures, team medal earnings, and college acceptances to the website/social media pages (Facebook & Y Website).

Fees & Payments

Team fees may be paid in full or by our credit card draft policy

U12, U13 & U14 Teams

Facility Member: \$850; Community Guest: \$1065

December 1st – \$285

January 5th – \$285

February 2nd – \$280

*Installment schedule reflects Facility Member Rate

U15 – U18 Teams

Facility Member: \$1200; Community Guest: \$1500

December 1st – \$400

January 5th – \$400

February 2nd – \$400

*Installment schedule reflects Facility Member Rate

Financial Assistance

Available for those who qualify. You may be awarded between 10-50% off your total amount if you qualify. Please contact Jason Snyder for more information.

If a player chooses to quit the West Shore Volleyball club for ANY reason, they are still responsible to pay any remaining financial balance. In the case of an injury while participating in WSYVC, refunds may be given with a Doctor's excuse/note. The amount will be determined by the remaining length of the season.

Parent/Player Expectations

- All players and parents are expected to positively represent WSYVC by conducting themselves in an appropriate and respectful manner to all WSY coaches, players, parents, opposing teams, opposing coaches, USAV & AAU volleyball directors and officials.
- WSYVC tournaments are "open" for parents, friends, and relatives to watch. During these events, players are expected to be 100% focused on their team. Parents are NOT permitted to "coach" from the sidelines.
- No parent or family member may approach any WSYVC coach at any tournament, practice, by email, or phone regarding any issue pertaining to coaching decisions, teams, or individual play within the mandatory 48-hour cool down period (explained below). Players are encouraged to talk with their coach first regarding any team concerns.
- A mandatory 48-hour cool down period will be observed. After 48 hours, you as a parent may speak to the coach first, then to the directors in a calm manner about your concerns. We ask you try to keep an open mind. WSYVC is open to all comments or concerns, so we may resolve the problem and continue to grow as a club.
- If at any time throughout the season a player has a question or concern about playing time, practices, rotations, etc..., the player should contact the coach first. Please contact your daughters head coach first. If the question or concern cannot or has not been resolved, then please contact the Club Director or the Assistant Club Directors.
- Together we can enjoy the season and encourage our kids to be better athletes and more importantly better people

Club Discipline Policy

If there is a problem throughout the season dealing with inappropriate behavior, bullying, or situations from players, coaches, parents, etc... please contact the club director.

Offense Number	Punishment
1st offense	Warning. Player, parent and coach meeting. Club director notified.
2nd offense	Player/coach/parent/club director meeting. One week suspension.
3rd offense	Parent/club director meeting. One month suspension.
4th offense	Suspended for remainder of year. A refund will NOT be provided.
Note: Any offense can be deemed by the Club Director and/or Assistant Club Directors to be a major offense and will result in immediate suspension. No refunds will be available if a suspension occurs.	

Playing time

WSYVC does NOT guarantee equal playing time on any team. Playing time is earned and left to the discretion of the coach. If a player has an unexcused absence during the season, her playing time may be significantly impacted at up-coming tournaments.

12's / 13's – Even playing time is the goal at these levels, but it doesn't always occur. Depends on rotations, practice attendance, and whether or not it's a playoff match.

14s and up – It is expected that all athletes will participate at each event; however, even playing time will most likely not occur and should not be expected. If a player or parent has an issue or question in regards to playing time, please address it with the coach after the 48-hr cooling off period.

Parents please understand that volleyball is a position-specific sport. With this said, some players will play more or less based on their positions and court rotations.

It is the parent and players responsibility to check emails, website, and/or Facebook often for important information! This is the main source of communication and you will need to check it often!

GOOD LUCK, WSYVC wishes you all a great season!!!

Players Name _____

Players Age Group & Team _____

Parent signature _____

Player signature _____