



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is club volleyball?

Club volleyball is an extended season of volleyball competition that follows the traditional volleyball season of middle and high schools. It may be organized under one of several different youth volleyball organizations such as USA Volleyball or AAU for the purpose of providing additional opportunities to compete and to develop one's skills. HAVC programs are offered as part of the Carolina Region of USA Volleyball.

When is the club volleyball season?

Club volleyball begins shortly after the conclusion of the Middle School and High School volleyball seasons. In general, training begins in late-November or early-December.

For **Regular Season** teams, tournaments generally run from early-January through early- or mid-April.

For **Short Season** teams, the tournament schedule should be completed sometime around early-March.

How are HAVC teams selected?

HAVC will hold organized tryouts by age-level beginning late October or early November. Prospective players will be assessed and evaluated by HAVC's coaches, who will select team members based on player age, ability, and the need to fill player position slots. HAVC cannot guarantee player placement based on friendships, carpooling, or school affiliations.

What are position players?

Like many sports, the players on the floor all have a specific job. Unlike recreation sports, club volleyball is played at a higher level of competition and clubs are expected to assemble the best unit of players available. Each

roster must consist of a certain number of middle hitters, outside hitters, setters, defensive players, etc. At the club level, most players are position players and they are proficient in their assigned position.

How is age eligibility determined?

Age eligibility is determined by USA Volleyball and, for 2019, is basically the age your child will be on September 1, 2019.

18U: Players who were born on or after September 1, 2000 or players who were born on or after September 1, 1999 and is a high school student during some part of the current academic year.

17U: Players who were born on or after September 1, 2001

16U: Players who were born on or after September 1, 2002

15U: Players who were born on or after September 1, 2003

14U: Players who were born on or after September 1, 2004

13U: Players who were born on or after September 1, 2005

12U: Players who were born on or after September 1, 2006

Are players required to play in the age level determined by USAV eligibility rules?

Athletes may play on a higher age level team, but may not play at a lower age level. HAVC coaches may consider having an athlete “play up” based on ability, peer group, advanced skills, etc.

How many players are on a team?

Typically the ultimate number is between 8 and 10. Fewer than 8 and you risk not having enough players in the event of an injury or absent player. More than 10 and you have too many players standing around or sitting on the bench. Too many players will create stress on a coach with parents and players expecting equal playing time. This will lead to a decrease in team moral or resentment between the players.

How many nights do teams practice?

Teams will typically practice 2 nights per week with practice sessions scheduled for 2 hours. Players will be expected to attend all practices.

Where are practices held?

HAVC is currently utilizing several practice facilities at High Schools and Middle Schools across Harnett County.

How many teams will HAVC have?

We are predicting 8 to 12 teams for the upcoming season. The final number of teams we field will depend on the number of available qualified coaches, available facilities, and number of players accepting positions on teams.

What are the fees for club volleyball?

For the 2018-19 season, our club dues will be \$500 per player. These dues cover uniforms, team registration fees, tournament entry fees, equipment, website administration, and travel stipends for our coaches.

Are there any other costs?

Other costs include travel expenses and food on tournament days. Some tournament sites may require an overnight stay.

When are Club Fees due?

Club fees are broken into two equal installments, with the first being due at the Parent's Meeting, usually held in November or early-December. The final installment due date is the Monday prior to your team's first tournament. Players who are not paid up by the final installment due date will be ineligible to play in team tournaments until payment is received.

What are the tournaments like?

For a **regular season** schedule, HAVC will register each team for 6 Regional tournaments. Five of those tournaments will be held on Saturdays and one will be scheduled for a Sunday during the season. Arrival is normally around 8:00 am with play beginning at 9:00 am. Pool Play will usually last until late afternoon, with the Playoffs following. A

winning record during Pool Play will usually guarantee you advancing to the playoffs. Once in the playoffs, it is a single elimination round. When advancing to the finals, you can expect to be in the gym until 7 or 8 pm.

For a **short season** schedule, HAVC plans to register each team for 3 Regional tournaments (see description above) and 1 multi-day tournament.

How often are tournaments played?

Your team will generally play every other weekend. Tournaments normally begin the 1st Saturday in January and will end with Regional Championships in late- March or early-April.

What do I bring to a tournament?

Most players bring things to keep them comfortable...sleeping bag, blanket, pillow, iPod, cell phone, etc. You are going to be there a long time and you need to have some down time to rest. Parents should bring a comfortable chair, something to read, food for the players (so you do not have to run out looking for food) and a positive attitude for your daughter and her teammates.

Where are tournaments held?

Regional tournaments can be held basically anywhere in North Carolina. For the most part, the majority of tournaments will be roughly 1-2 hours away. Due to the growth of the sport, that is no longer guaranteed. A regional team may travel up to 4 hours away, possibly requiring a Friday drive and an overnight stay.