

BATTLE RIVER VOLLEYBALL CLUB (BRVC)

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How will I know if my athlete is selected for a team?

Team rosters will be posted on the BRVC website by December 10, 2019 @ noon.

<http://battlerivervolleyballclub.ca>

How long is the season?

Most teams will begin practicing in January. The actual season will run from January through May.

What does it cost? What's included?

Costs vary per team based on tournaments they register for. An average for competitive team is approx \$1100.00. Registrations for tournaments, use of jerseys, equipment costs, water bottle, warm up shirt, coach honorarium are included for all teams.

What are premiers?

Premiers are provincial competitive tournaments that determine ranking. U13 and U14 teams will attend 2 premiers. U15-U18 will attend 3-4 premiers, and Nationals if hosted within reasonable travel distance.

What are the age categories?

Volleyball Alberta sets the age categories and applicable birth dates. They are as follows:

| Age Class | Year of Birth (This was updated for the 2020 Indoor Season) |
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| 13U | Athletes born from September 1, 2006 to Dec 31 2007 (16 months) |
| 14U | Athletes born from September 1, 2005 to Dec 31, 2006 (16 months) |
| 15U | Athletes born from September 1, 2004 to Dec 31 2005 (16 months) |
| 16U | Athletes born from September 1, 2003 to Dec 31 2004 (16 months) |
| 17U | Athletes born from September 1, 2002 to Dec 31 2003 (16 months) |
| 18U | Athletes born from September 1, 2001 to Dec 31, 2002 (16 months)* |

Can underage athletes play up an age category?

Athletes are encouraged to try out for their actual age class. Volleyball Alberta expanded all age classes from 12 months to 16 months. This was to account for player development and physical discrepancies that can occur between athletes in the same birth year. Our club practice is to have players tryout in the age class they fall under by birth year. If there isn't enough athletes in that age class to form a team,

then we would consider moving players up an age class provided there are available open spots on that team. Athletes will be limited to registering a maximum of one age class higher than their chronological age. They must advise coaches at tryouts of their intention.

Is my athlete guaranteed a spot on a team because he/she tried out?

Most teams will have a roster of 10-12 players. Athletes are chosen based on athletic ability and the discretion of the coach(es).

What are my responsibilities as a parent of an athlete?

Being a positive role model and displaying good sportsmanship are key. Parents of competitive team athletes are required to score-keep and do lines at tournaments. Parents are also required to sign a Code of Conduct form from Volleyball Alberta. It is important to support your coach as well as your athlete. Providing good nutritious snacks for your athlete is also important.

How can I be involved at a deeper level?

The club executive currently consists of: President, Secretary and Treasurer. There currently are positions available. We are also looking for: an equipment manager, webmaster. Each team also requires a Team Manager. This position supports the coach by registering for tournaments, booking hotels, booking practices, etc.

What is the role of the club executive?

The executive coordinates the season, find coaches, update the website, orders and organizes equipment and handles the finances.

DEPOSIT of \$500.00 is due December 8, 2020 or at first practice whichever date is first along with all completed paperwork and proof of age. Athletes will not be allowed on the court until deposit is paid and paperwork is complete - Balance is due February 1, 2020.

Financial Assistance

At Battle River Volleyball Club we try our best to ensure participation fees are affordable. However, if a low income situation makes it challenging to register for a player, there may be some options to cover the cost. Here are some possible resources:

Kid Sport Alberta

- Financial assistance for the league or Club fees for children and youth.
- Apply to the chapter in the city or town that you live in. If you do not see your city or town on the list apply to the provincial chapter.

<http://www.kidsportcanada.ca/alberta/>

JumpStart

- Financial assistance for sport or recreation participation fees for children and youth.

<http://jumpstart.canadiantire.ca/en/what-we-do/how-to-apply>

NOTE: these programs typically assess family income to determine eligibility for financial assistance, not just the income of the individual applying