



2009-2010 SOUTH VALLEY VOLLEYBALL **INFORMATION PACKET**

For the 2009 – 2010 season South Valley Volleyball Association will be offering competitive club teams for the, 14, 16 & 18 age divisions. These teams and age divisions are defined by:

- 12U team players must be born on or after September 1st, 1997
- 14U team players must be born on or after September 1st, 1995
- 16U team players must be born on or after September 1st, 1993
- 18U team players must be born on or after September 1st, 1991

Please read through this Information Packet to discover who we are, what we are about and what the commitment of playing on one of our club team requires. While we are a new organization on the club scene our coaches have extensive backgrounds in playing, teaching, coaching and running volleyball programs. Additionally, for your child's safety all club representatives are screened and have background checks.

If you have any questions regarding this Information Packet please contact us in person or through our contact information below.

SOUTH VALLEY VOLLEYBALL

This Information Packet includes:

- Introduction Letter & This Checklist
- Mission Statement & Philosophy
- Player Responsibilities
- Player Eligibility Requirement
- Financial Responsibility
- Club Calendar
- Tournament Dates
- Southern California Volleyball Association Information



SOUTH VALLEY VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION **MISSION STATEMENT**

South Valley Volleyball Association strives to promote volleyball participation through affordable and quality based volleyball classes, clinics, leagues, club teams, tournaments, camps and individual instruction for all skill levels for girls age 8 to 18.

SOUTH VALLEY VOLLEYBALL CLUB TEAM **MISSION STATEMENT**

To provide affordable club based teams where interested and motivated girls age 8 to 18 can participate in, receive fundamental training in a challenging environment which will increase their volleyball knowledge and improve their individual skills.

SOUTH VALLEY VOLLEYBALL CLUB TEAM **PHILOSOPHY**

South Valley Volleyball believes that participation in a club team is possible for the majority, not the minority. This is accomplished through low overhead operating costs, a trained and loyal staff and by a player's commitment and dedication. We strongly believe that it is vital for the youth of today to live a balance life by pursuing and participating in a wide variety of sports, recreation, cultural events and interests.

We believe that life outside of volleyball is not only possible but crucial to the physical, mental, psychological and social development of a well rounded individual.



PLAYER RESPONSIBILITIES

COMMITMENTS

A commitment to a South Valley Volleyball Club Team is a commitment to participate in all scheduled club events for the entire season from December 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010. Not all players are invited to play for South Valley Volleyball and available spots are only offered to those who will to commit for the entire season

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENT

Players must maintain a 2.3 G.P.A. with no more than one (1) "U", or equivalent, to be eligible to participate in all practices and tournaments. (see *Player Eligibility Requirement* for additional information)

PHYSICAL

Every player joining a club team will be required to submit a complete physical examination performed by a doctor no older than 90 days to show that the individual is healthy enough to participate in the South Valley Volleyball Club Team activities.

PRACTICES

A minimum of 3 hours of weekly practice time has been established each week for all teams. Due to intense drills, scrimmages and workouts we strongly recommend that players complete their homework before attending practice. Coaches may opt to have players arrive earlier, or stay later, in order to provide time for a strength and conditioning program. Practice is where most skill development is accomplished so it is crucial that players and parents make practice a priority by arriving early and working hard during the practice time. Practice attendance is a major factor in determining playing time. Therefore, players skipping or missing practices will be cause for reduced playing time during games and matches. Please make practice a priority.

PLAYING TIME

There is no guaranteed amount of playing time at SCVA tournament events. Playing time is not "given" to players. It is earned. Coaches evaluate player's involvement and base their decisions on performance in practices, ability to perform specific skills, knowledge of the game, positive attitude, disciplined and focused work ethic, a comprehension of what to do on offense/defense and other game type scenarios, in addition to their playing position. We do guarantee that if your daughter works hard, and is a focused team player, adequate time will be provided on the court to see competitive action. Playing time is at the sole discretion of the coach.



PLAYER ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENT

SOUTH VALLEY VOLLEYBALL recognizes the value of education and therefore differentiates between extra-curricular and education. We demand that each player remains current and in good standings with their class work. Each player must maintain eligibility by earning no less than a 2.3 G.P.A., or equivalent, and receive no more than one "U", or equivalent, on this form in order to continue to participate on the South Valley Volleyball Association Club Teams.

Each player on a club volleyball team in the South Valley Volleyball Association is required to have this Grade Check Eligibility Form completed by the 15th of every month. Player's fulfilling this requirement will be allowed to participate in all club team practices, games, scrimmages and club related functions. Player's missing the eligibility requirement will have limited participation with their club team in hopes that they will improve in their school work. Please see below for the repercussions of players not meeting the eligibility requirements.

1st Missed Eligibility

Player is placed on probation for the next 30 day period but is allowed to practice but not participate in any schedule tournaments, games or scrimmages during that time.

2nd Missed Eligibility

Player is placed on suspension for 30 days were they will not be allowed to practice or participate in schedule tournaments, games, scrimmages or other club functions during that time.

3rd Missed Eligibility

Any player failing a 3rd eligibility check will be dropped from the team. Player's dropped from the team due to grade eligibility will not be entitled to a refund of fees paid.



FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

The South Valley Volleyball club teams provide a program which includes a schedule of practices from December 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010 with nine SCVA (1 Regional 2-day) tournaments between January and June, 2010.

Collected fees cover the cost of player's uniform, Southern California Volleyball Association club, coaches and player registration packets, tournament registration, club insurance, facility use, equipment, coach's salaries, administrative expenses, club functions and other club related expenses. **Please note that any and all travelling expenses outside of the nine listed SCVA tournaments are extra costs to be incurred by the player.**

South Valley Volleyball Association functions on a shoestring budget with minimal operating costs. In order to avoid financial shortfalls each athlete and their family agrees to participate for the entire season and pay the full amount. To offset club expenses and in addition to the player's financial responsibilities, there will be a limited number of club fundraisers where each player and their family will be required to participate.

PLAYER'S FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

PLANS	DUE DATE	PAYMENT	AMOUNT	*TOTAL PAID
OPTION A	December 15 th	1 st Payment	\$1200.00	
				\$1200.00
OPTION B	December 15 th	1 st Payment	\$600.00	
	January 15 th	2 nd Payment	\$325.00	
	March 1 st	3 rd Payment	\$325.00	
				\$1250.00

**Additional fees will apply if a team decides to add travel tournaments to their schedule*



CLUB CALENDAR

Below is a TENTATIVE schedule of practices, tournaments and other events for the South Valley Volleyball Club Teams. Additional events will be added to this calendar as the season progresses. Additionally, team practice times may change based on the number of teams. By your decision to join one of the South Valley Volleyball Club Teams you are agreeing to participate in all of the listed events, otherwise playing time may be affected.

Please understand that we are a seasonal permit group and a guest of El Camino Real High School and Mulholland Middle School, which are part of Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD), and at times their schedule or events supersede our practices. In these instances we will do everything in our power to give advance notice of any changes. Thank you for your understanding.

TBD: Mandatory Parent/Player Pre-Season Meeting
Teamwork Workshop
Club & Team Parties
Fundraisers & Volunteer Events



PRACTICE LOCATIONS

Mondays	Mulholland Middle School	6:00 – 9:00 pm
Wednesdays	17120 Vanowen Street	
Thursdays	Van Nuys, CA 91406	
Sundays	El Camino Real H.S.	10:00 am – 3:00 pm
	5440 Valley Circle Blvd.	
	Woodland Hills, CA 91367	

PRACTICE SCHEDULE

Mondays	Mulholland Middle School	6 – 8 pm	14
	Individual Work	8 – 9 pm	
Wednesdays	Mulholland Middle School	6 – 9 pm	18
Thursdays	Mulholland Middle School	6 – 9 pm	All
	Individual Work		
Sundays	El Camino Real H.S.	12 pm – 3 pm	14
Sundays	El Camino Real H.S.	12 pm – 3 pm	18

Practices during LAUSD Breaks will be announced at a later date.



TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

14 & UNDER TEAM TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE		
DAY	DATE	
Saturday	January 23, 2010	Qualifying Day #1
Sunday	February 7, 2010	Qualifying Day #2
Sunday	February 21, 2010	Qualifying Day #3
Saturday	March 6, 2010	Mandatory #1
Saturday or Sunday	March 13 or 14, 2010	Mandatory #2 (San Diego)
Saturday	April 17, 2010	Mandatory #3
Saturday	May 1, 2010	Mandatory #4
Saturday	May 15, 2010	Mandatory #5
Saturday – Sunday	June 6 – 7, 2010	SCVA REGIONALS
18 & UNDER TEAM TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE		
DAY	DATE	
Sunday	January 10, 2010	Qualifying Day #1
Sunday	January 24, 2010	Qualifying Day #2
Sunday	January 31, 2010	Qualifying Day #3
Saturday or Sunday	February 27 or 28, 2010	Mandatory #1 (San Diego)
Sunday	March 7, 2010	Mandatory #2
Sunday	April 18, 2010	Mandatory #3
Sunday	May 16, 2010	Mandatory #4
Saturday – Sunday	May 30 – 31, 2010	SCVA REGIONALS
** ADDITIONAL TOURNAMENTS **		
DAY	DATE	
Saturday – Monday 18's	February 13-15, 2010	24 th Annual Las Vegas Classic
Friday – Sunday 18's	March 19-21, 2010	Junior National Qualifier Anaheim
Friday – Sunday 16's, 14's, 12's	March 26-28, 2010	Junior National Qualifier Anaheim
Saturday – Sunday	June 20, 2010	Summer Soiree Anaheim, CA

**Any and all "Additional Tournament" coaches stipend, player registration fees, travel or hotel expenses, are NOT included in the Season Fee amount. All costs incurred for these tournaments shall be collected and paid for prior to each event.



SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA **VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION**

The Southern California Volleyball Association (SCVA) is the organization that South Valley Volleyball Club Teams will be playing their tournaments through.

The Southern California Volleyball Association (SCVA) is a non-profit organization affiliated with USA Volleyball - the national governing body for amateur volleyball. The primary objective of the SCVA is to furnish an opportunity for volleyball players to participate in an organized schedule of tournament play.

Tournaments are generally held in facilities throughout the Los Angeles, Orange County, or Riverside areas, however there are tournaments held in Santa Barbara and San Diego. Formats of each tournament are usually pool play to insure teams the most playing time in the tournament. At the majority of tournaments, referees are furnished along with awards for top finishing teams.

Their website has information about tournaments, times, locations and directions, among other information, and may be accessed by logging onto scvavolleyball.org.



SCVA TOURNAMENT PLAY

It is the responsibility of every player to attend and find transportation to the SCVA tournaments throughout the season. If you, as a parent, are unable to make a tournament carpool arrangements need be set up and confirmed through your team coordinator at least one week before the tournament. Most SCVA tournaments take place on Saturday or Sunday with the Regionals covering both days. These tournaments comprise of either morning and/or afternoon pool play with morning pools having players arriving at approximately 7:00 AM and afternoon pools arrive at approximately 1:00 PM. Plan on being at the playing site for up to 6 hours. Teams are divided into 4 team pools and will play at least 3 matches on that day. Teams will also have responsibility to referee one match and will have a break that lasts approximately 1 hour. Most playing sites are within 60 to 90 minute drive from the San Fernando Valley. All tournaments are played at high schools, colleges and other sports venues throughout the southland. The facilities are varied; some gymnasiums offer stadium-style seating while others provide no seating. Parents may bring chairs for sitting outside and stadium pads for inside the gymnasium. The venue location of the tournament is posted every Wednesday before the tournament at www.scvavolleyball.org. Directions to each location is provided in the SCVA Handbook.

Be sure that your child has plenty of water to drink and light healthy snacks for between matches. Because the teams wait outdoors between games at some locations, it is important to bring items to provide for you and your child's comfort. Many families bring blankets to spread on the ground and bring camping chairs. Depending on the pool play time, lunch or dinner will be required and the team will eat their meals together. Often there are grocery stores and fast food chains nearby for your convenience, otherwise pack for a picnic lunch or dinner. Neither the team nor any players are permitted to leave the tournament site until the coach releases them. This includes leaving during breaks or leaving when your team referees the last game. All players must stay for the duration of their teams responsibilities. It is a team event and all players will be released as a team; only in extreme circumstances will a player be allowed to leave early. Please plan accordingly.

Players and parents must read the Parent Handbook provided by SCVA. We are considered guests at the site and want to be invited back and NOT BE PENALIZED so please follow SCVA protocol.



SCVA TOURNAMENT SITE RULES & RANKINGS

RULES

These rules are adopted at the request of the schools we use for our tournaments. If we do not abide by THEIR standards for rental, we are in jeopardy of losing these valuable gym sites! The cooperation of all players, parents, coaches, officials, etc. is essential and appreciated!

1. There are NO ANIMALS of any kind at SCVA tournaments! Any team that brings an animal will be asked to leave and will forfeit all matches and points for that day!
2. All food, beverages, coolers and beach chairs must remain outside the BUILDING (this includes hallways, foyers, etc.);
3. All personal belongings especially valuables should be kept with you at all times;
4. Squeeze bottles (push/pull tops only) must be filled only with water. No Gatorade, etc. will be allowed in the gym;
5. Eating areas and lounging areas MUST be free of all litter during the day.
THESE RULES PERTAIN TO ALL PERSONS (PARENTS, RELATIVES, TEAM SUPPORTERS, COACHES AND PLAYERS)!

PENALTY: Automatic clean-up duty for all members of the ENTIRE CLUB present at that site. All clean-up duty will be done immediately following the final match on the same day. The second offense will be disqualification from the next mandatory tournament.

TEAM RANKINGS

SCVA ranks each team based on how they finish at individual tournament play. In the beginning of the season matches can tend to be a little lopsided because the strength of each participating team is unknown. If you are interested in seeing your team standings log on to the SCVA web site: www.scvavolleyball.org.

The primary goal at South Valley Volleyball is to measure individual and team improvement and success over the entire season, not through a win-loss record. Because our teams will be playing a limited schedule the standings will not accurately reflect the progress of the individual player and team improvements.