



**2023-2024**

**Season Handbook**

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## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

Welcome to the Pitt United Girls Volleyball Club, a member of the Junior Division of USA Volleyball. The purpose of this handbook is to familiarize parents and players with the club and to provide information regarding the club. Should you need further information, please do not hesitate to contact Pitt United Club Director and Coach; Amanda Mullen.

USA Volleyball (USAV) is volleyball's national governing body. USAV is associated with the U.S. Olympic Committee and is responsible for local, regional, national, and international volleyball competition. The Pittsburgh United Girls Volleyball Club is part of the Keystone Region Volleyball Association within the USAV Junior Division.

You must have your membership upgraded to be eligible to practice.

The Pitt United Girls Volleyball Club is committed to providing quality physical training and competition at the local, regional, and national levels. This competitive athletic experience can enhance social development, contribute to mental and physical health, and teach the values of teamwork, responsibility, self-discipline, and motivation. Children and even parents have the opportunity to develop friendships that will last a lifetime.

While representing Pitt United all athletes, parents and supporters are expected to behave in a responsible manner. Any athlete damaging equipment owned by Pitt United or one of the practice facilities during practices, tournaments, functions, or lodging facilities will be required to reimburse the Club and/or facility for the damages. In some cases, the athlete may be dismissed from the Club.

## **REGISTRATION AND ELIGIBILITY**

The Junior Division of USA Volleyball has eight age groups 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 and under for 2024.

Pitt United will register teams in the following six age brackets:

17 & Under Division: Players born on or after 7.1.06

16 & Under Division: Players born on or after 7.1.07

15 & Under Division: Players born on or after 7.1.08

14 & Under Division: Players born on or after 7.1.09

13 & Under Division: Players born on or after 7.1.10

## **TIME COMMITMENT**

The 2024 season runs from November/December 2023 through May 2024 with the possibility of extending the season at USAV/AAU Nationals in June 2024.

Players will be expected to make a commitment to attend practices and competitions scheduled by the club. Advance practice and competition schedule for the season will be given to each participant. It is expected that by having advanced schedule information, that the athletes and families can keep conflicts to a minimum. While each team may have a different schedule, in general, each participant will receive quality practice time during the week with competitions held on the weekends.

## **TOURNAMENTS**

USAV Tournaments are generally played on Saturdays or Sundays lasting the entire day. Some tournaments are held on a combination of two days (Sat/Sun). Some tournaments may also include Sat/Sun/Mon play. Pool play generally begins around 8:00 A.M. with the finals held in early evening. Tournament schedules for the 2024 season can be seen on the club website under "Schedules" and the "2024 Tournaments" tab.

All athletes are expected to be in the gym, ready to go, at the time determined by the Coach. This usually means arriving at the site at least 30-45 minutes prior to the scheduled arrival time. ALL team members are expected to be available to be on the "work team" when the team is scheduled. Should your work assignment be the last match of the tournament, everyone is expected and required to stay. No exceptions! ZERO.

## **UNIFORMS AND EQUIPMENT**

All uniforms and equipment must be purchased through the club to insure the best availability and price. The basic NIKE uniform package is purchased by the participant with 431 Sports. In addition to her required pieces, Pitt United will provide one uniform top for all members participating in the 2024 and 2025 seasons.

- Basic Nike Uniform Package Required to Purchase:

- \* 1 Red Uniform Top
- \* 2 pair of Navy bottoms (spandex shorts or leggings)
- \* Jacket/Pant Combo
- \* Bookbag
- \* Kneepads
- \* Socks
- \* Shoes

## **COMMUNICATION**

This club program was created for the players. Emphasis is placed on good sportsmanship, teamwork, self-control, and having fun. If there is a problem with your daughter and a coach, we encourage you to let your daughter address the issue with her coach first. If the problem continues, we recommend that you then contact her coach to resolve the matter.

We will enforce a 24-hour rule. If you have a problem at a tournament or practice you may address it with the coach only after a 24-hour period. If you still have concerns, please contact the Club Director/Co Club Director of Pitt United.

### Chain of Command in Communication

- 1.) Athlete to Coach
- 2.) Parent to Coach (after a 24 hour period)
- 3.) Parent to Club Director/Co Club Director

Coaches are told not to answer any parental questions or concerns regarding any coaching decisions if the chain of communication and or the 24-hour rule was not followed. Thank you in advance for your understanding and adhering to this rule and policy.

## **FUNDRAISING**

Fundraising can offset half of your daughter's club experience. This requires a commitment of time and energy by both the parent and the athlete. The Club Director, fundraising coordinator coach and parent volunteers will administer activities designed to solicit funds using the Pitt United Girls Volleyball Club name. Activities must be sanctioned by the club and will be done without the direct administration/participation of coaches who are not interested.

The following applies to all fund-raising activities sanctioned by the club:

A proposal for the fund-raising activity must be submitted to the Club Director for approval.

All profit from the fund-raising activity must be turned over to the club. The money will then be credited to each player's individual account dues after the fundraiser is completed.

## **PARENTS**

Please focus on your daughter's improvement. Let the coach/coaches focus on her volleyball skill and performance. Be supportive! Let the analysis of your daughter's performance come from her coach, which is what the coaches are trained to do.

## **PAYMENT RESPONSIBILITIES**

Make checks payable to the "PITT UNITED VOLLEYBALL"

Payments will be collected on the Club Due Dates at PRACTICE by Coach Amanda or Coach Shannon for the 2024 season! Should a player miss this practice, please mail your payment ASAP **to be received** by THURSDAY of the due date week to:

Mrs. Amanda Mullen  
Pitt United Girls Volleyball  
120 Hazelwood Drive  
Cranberry Twp., PA 16066

DUE DATES FOR THE 2023/24 SEASON ARE THE FOLLOWING:

- Monday, August 6th, 2023- 15s-17s -\$530
- Monday, November 6th, 2023- 13s-14s- \$480
- Monday, January 8th, 2024 -\$480/\$530
- Monday, February 5th 2024 -\$480/\$530
- Monday, March 4th 2024 -\$480/\$530
- Monday, April 1st 2024 - \$480/\$530

FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS PER TEAM ARE THE FOLLOWING:

13s & 14s: 11/6- \$480; 1/8- \$480; 2/5- \$480; 3/4- \$480; 4/1- \$480 (Total: \$2,400)  
15s, 16s, & 17s: - 8/6- \$530; 1/8- \$530; 2/5- \$530; 3/4- \$530; 4/1- \$530 (Total: \$2,650)

Please note; coaches are not authorized to accept payments. All checks must sent to the club address or given to directly to the Club Director/Co Club Director. Athletes may not be permitted to participate in any practices or tournaments if payments have not been received by the due dates.

If you are interested in paying your dues through our credit card SQUARE option, a 3% surcharge will be added to all club credit payments. Please let the club director know if this is what you prefer, and invoices will be sent to you at the end of each month for your following months dues.

All accounts must be paid in full by April 5<sup>th</sup> 2024 in order to participate in the remaining club-scheduled practices and tournaments.

Payments must be made on a timely basis in order for the club to function properly and the club expenses to be paid. Uniforms and tournaments must be paid for in full at the start of the season and practice facilities and coaches are paid on a monthly basis.

Additionally, a \$25.00 late fee will be charged if the payment is not received within 3 days from the identified due date/s. If a personal check or a sponsor/ad check is returned for non-sufficient funds, the amount will still be owed to Pitt United Girls Volleyball Club. The NSF check will be returned to the player/parents, and the parents will be charged a \$40.00 bank fee that will be added to the overall expenses still due.

## **CORRESPONDENCE TO THE CLUB**

Please include your daughter's name and age group on all correspondence. This is especially important to include on a check made for payments. Correspondence with the club and Club Director/Co Club Director can be done in the following ways:

- EMAIL: [pittunitedvolleyball@gmail.com](mailto:pittunitedvolleyball@gmail.com) and [pittunitedshannon@gmail.com](mailto:pittunitedshannon@gmail.com)
- OFFICE EMAIL: [pittunitedoffice@gmail.com](mailto:pittunitedoffice@gmail.com)
- PHONE/TEXT MESSAGING: 724.766.3180 (3:00pm-8: 00pm)
- CLUB PAYMENT ADDRESS:  
Mrs. Amanda Mullen  
Pitt United Girls Volleyball  
120 Hazelwood Drive  
Cranberry Twp., PA 16066
- WEBSITE: [www.pittunitedgirlsvolleyball.com](http://www.pittunitedgirlsvolleyball.com)