

# Wisconsin Ice Volleyball Club

## 2023 Season



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# Mission Statement

- Wisconsin Ice Volleyball Club is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization dedicated to developing highly skilled volleyball players in the Mid-Wisconsin area. Wisconsin Ice will offer a top-quality, fun club experience through competitive practice situations, competition in local, regional & national tournaments, the ability to pursue volleyball opportunities beyond the high school level, & a coaching staff that is knowledgeable, dedicated & caring. Wisconsin Ice VBC is committed to developing self-confidence in the player, stressing personal development as a volleyball player & as an individual, & educating each athlete & parent about the sport of volleyball.

# History

- In 2003, 3 Clubs merged to form Wisconsin Ice Volleyball Club – Impact, Extreme & Airborne VBCs
- Wisconsin Ice VBC has been serving the central Wisconsin area educating volleyball players continuously since 2003

# Welcome

- Welcome Wisconsin Ice VBC players, prospective players, and parents to the upcoming 2023 club season. We hope that you had a great summer.
- This season will look similar to the 2022 season. Wisconsin Ice VBC will stay compliant with CDC, USAV, and DHS COVID guidelines. We will assess the protocol as needed throughout the season.
- We ask for your patience with the protocol that might need to be in place this season to provide the safest programs possible for both the players and the coaches.

# Directors

## **Club Directors**

Shelly Johnson

Betty Lange

Jay Johnson

Breit Nelson

Run daily operations  
of the club

Directors volunteer their time  
to run the club

## **Board of Directors**

Shelly Johnson

Betty Lange

Jay Johnson

Breit Nelson

Justin Jacobs

Cheri Johnson

Jessica Rettler

Set policy & direction for the Club

# Program Coordinators

- Ice 13s, 14s, & 15s – Shelly & Jay Johnson
- Ice 16s, 17s, & 18s – Betty Lange & Breit Nelson
- Ice Chips – Jessica Rettler & Christina Arndt
- Ice Shavings – Molly Williams

# Other Key People

- Media Development Director – Breit Nelson
- “Team Parent” Coordinator & Educator – Michele Glaeser Feltz
- Spirit Wear Coordinators – Breit Nelson & Jay Johnson
- Strength & Conditioning Coach – Tony Hollander
- Season Opener Tournament Coordinator – Melissa Innis
- Season Opener Tournament Concessions Coordinator – Jennifer Berreth

# What is Wisconsin Ice VBC

- Part of the Junior Olympic Volleyball arm of USA Volleyball. USAV oversees Olympic, Adult & Junior divisions
- Governed by Badger Region Volleyball. There are over 100 junior girls volleyball clubs in the Badger Region.

# What is Wisconsin Ice VBC

- Dedicated to raising the level of volleyball skills in Central Wisconsin
- Goal is to instill a love of the game in all players
- Website: [wisconsinicevbc.com](http://wisconsinicevbc.com) (friendly on mobile devices)
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/WisconsinIce>
- Instagram: [@WilceVBC](https://www.instagram.com/WilceVBC)
- Twitter: [@WisconsinIce](https://twitter.com/WisconsinIce)

# Parent & Potential Player Informational Meetings

## **Parent & Potential Player Informational Meetings:**

- Sunday, September 11, 2022 – Chips, 13s, & 14s
- Sunday, October 23, 2022 – 15s, 16s, 17s, & 18s
- Location: Mosinee High School Cafeteria, 1000 High St, Mosinee 54455
- Time: 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm
- The details of the age group programs will be presented.
- An opportunity to ask questions will be provided during the last half hour of the meeting.

# 13s & 14s Tryouts & Skills Assessment & “All Call”

- Parent volunteers are needed to help with tasks such as checking in players, helping players pin on tryout numbers, taking photos of the players trying out, assisting players with trying on uniform jerseys, etc.
- Please sign up on the lists on the clipboards that are being passed around.
- You can help with one shift or all shifts
- Thank you for your help supporting Wisconsin Ice VBC

# 13s & 14s Tryouts & Skills Assessment & “All Call”

- Sunday, October 2, 2022 @ Mosinee High School, 1000 High St, Mosinee 54455
  - Ice Shavings: 1<sup>st</sup> practice Dec. 4
  - Ice Chips “All Call”: 9:00 am – 10:30 am
  - 13s Tryouts: 11:00 am – 2:00 pm
  - 14s Tryouts: 2:30 pm – 5:30 pm
  - Make-Up Session for 13s & 14s: 6:00 pm to 6:30 pm – This session is for those players who find it impossible to attend their scheduled tryout session. It is best for the player to attend their scheduled tryout session so that they can be evaluated with their peers.
- Please arrive 30-45 minutes for check in before your scheduled tryout time in the High School Cafeteria before the Tryouts begin in the Gym.
- Please note that Ice tryouts are sanctioned events. Only registered participants are allowed in the gymnasium.

# Ice Chips “All Call”

- Purpose of Chips “All Call”: to view potential Chips players in action as they learn volleyball skills. This will help the Directors to determine the number of Chips coaches that will be required based on the potential number of teams with players of similar athletic skill abilities.
- All players are typically accepted into the Ice Chips programs if there are enough coaches.

# Shavings Age Players on Chips?

- The Chips program is typically for 11 & 12-year-old players.
- The Shavings Program is typically for 8-10-year-old players. If a player younger than 11 years old, has enough experience, & their parents feel that they are mature enough to participate in the Chips program, then with the consent of a Director, they can be moved up to the Chips program.
- There will not be an “All Call” for the Shavings players. They should just register for their Badger Region/USAV membership, register for Wisconsin Ice VBC, and pay their Wisconsin Ice Membership before their first practice on December 4, 2022.

# 15s - 18s Tryouts & Skills Assessment

- Sunday, November 13, 2022 @ Mosinee High School, 1000 High St, Mosinee 54455
  - **15s Tryouts**: 9:00 am – 12:00 pm
  - **16s Tryouts**: 12:15 pm – 3:15 pm
  - **17s & 18s Tryouts**: 3:30 pm – 6:30 pm
  - **Make-Up Session**: 6:30 pm to 7:00 pm – This session is for those players who find it impossible to attend their scheduled tryout session. It is best for the player to attend their scheduled tryout session so that they can be evaluated with their peers.
- Please arrive 30-45 minutes for check in before your scheduled tryout time in the High School Cafeteria before the Tryouts begin in the adjacent Gym.

# Badger Region/USAV Membership

- Membership fees will be required with Badger Region/USAV to participate in any Wisconsin Ice VBC event including Tune-Ups, Tryouts, practices, scrimmages, & tournaments. See “Steps for Registration for Wisconsin Ice VBC 2023 Season Tryouts or All Call” for more detailed information later in this presentation.
- **REMINDER: PARENTS WILL NEED A SPORTS ENGINE ACCOUNT ESTABLISHED IN THEIR NAME BEFORE PURCHASING A MEMBERSHIP FOR THEIR ATHLETES. A PROFILE WILL BE CREATED FOR THE ATHLETE DURING THE PURCHASE PROCESS. DO NOT PURCHASE A JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP AS AN ADULT.**
- Go to [badgervolleyball.org](https://badgervolleyball.org) for more detailed information. Click on the blue **MEMBERSHIP** box in the upper right-hand corner and you will see a plethora of information regarding Badger Region/USAV membership fees and registration.

# Badger Region/USAV Membership

- All Chips and 13s-18s should purchase the “22-23 Badger Tryout” for \$10 that covers the Tryouts & “All Call”. (If you are sure that you will be playing Club volleyball for the 2023 season, then you could purchase the full \$55 “22-23 Badger Junior Player Membership that will cover you for Tune-Ups, Tryouts, and the Season.)
- If you are placed on a team, then you will upgrade your Tryout membership for \$45 to the \$55 “22-23 Badger Junior Player Membership” for the Chips and 13s-17s. Those players turning 18 years old on or before August 31, 2023 must purchase the “22-23 Badger Junior Player - Safesport Required Membership”.
- Shavings should purchase their “22-23 Badger League Junior Player” membership for \$17.50 on November 1, as this is a four-month membership that will cover you through the end of February when the Shavings program concludes.
- Shavings players 8 years old and younger (whose 9<sup>th</sup> birthday is after August 31, 2023) would be eligible for the free “22-23 Badger Junior 8 & Under Player Membership”.
- Players wishing to participate in the Wisconsin Ice Tune-Up Sessions must have a “22-23 Badger One-Event Junior Player Membership” for \$10 for each session or the full “22-23 Badger Junior Player Membership”.

# Badger Region/USAV Membership

- Please note that if a player will be participating in all of the Tune-Up Sessions for their age group, they will be participating in the Tryouts, and they are relatively assured that they will be making a Wisconsin Ice VBC team, then it would be to their benefit financially to just purchase a “22-23 Badger Junior Player Membership” for \$55 right away rather than purchasing One-Event Memberships for each Tune-Up Session, the Tryout Membership, and upgrading to the “22-23 Badger Junior Player Membership later.
- The “22-23 Badger Junior Player Membership” will also cover players for the Badger Memberships for Tune-Ups and the Tryouts at no additional cost.

# Steps for Registration for 2023 Tryouts or Chips “All Call” – **Step 1**

## Step 1

**Register with Badger Region Volleyball Association/USA Volleyball on SportsEngine** (Registering on SportsEngine is not registering for Wisconsin Ice VBC Tryouts)

You must first **register with Badger Region/USA Volleyball** on SportsEngine. This can be accessed through the Badger Region Volleyball website, [badgervolleyball.org](http://badgervolleyball.org). Once on the Badger Region Volleyball website, you should click on the “MEMBERSHIP” tab on the right end of the tab selections at the top. This will bring up options to register, provide information about registration, and provide frequent questions with answers. There is also an age definitions chart under “About Registration” to help you determine for what age group you should sign up. If you have any doubt, then send an e-mail message to Jay Johnson at [sjohnson@charter.net](mailto:sjohnson@charter.net) for a clarification.

This includes filling in the Badger Region/USAV membership information and paying the Badger Region/USAV \$10 fee for “22-23 Badger Tryout”. You will be required to have a credit card to pay this fee online. If you had a membership last season, then that membership expired on August 31, 2022.

# Steps for Registration for 2023 Tryouts or Chips “All Call” – **Step 1**

- Please remember that this is registration with the Badger Region Volleyball Association/USAV and **not with Wisconsin Ice VBC**. This fee goes to the Badger Region/USAV and **does not cover any fees for Wisconsin Ice VBC**.
- Any potential player that is trying out for Wisconsin Ice VBC 13s-18s or who is attending the Chips “All Call” must be registered with the Badger Region/USAV before Tryouts or you will not be allowed to enter the gym for the Tryouts. This is a Badger Region Volleyball Association rule. Once you are placed on a Chips or 13s-18s team, then you must go back into your SportsEngine account and upgrade from the \$10 “22-23 Badger Tryout” to the \$55 “22-23 Badger Junior Membership” or 22-23 Badger Junior Player – Safesport Required Membership” for an additional \$45.
- Shavings players should purchase the “22-23 Badger League Junior Player” membership for \$17.50 on November 1, if they are going to participate in the Shavings program.
- If you know that you definitely will be playing for Wisconsin Ice VBC for the upcoming 2023 season, then you could purchase your full membership right away and avoid the Badger Region/USAV “22-23 Badger Tryout” fee (and “22-23 Badger One-Event Junior Player Membership” for Tune-Ups). Members should be certain they are choosing the correct membership prior to making a purchase as there are **no refunds**. Ask questions before you make any purchases. Questions can be directed to: [membership@badgervolleyball.org](mailto:membership@badgervolleyball.org).

# Steps for Registration for 2023 Tryouts – 13s-18s – **Step 2**

## Step 2

### **Register for Wisconsin Ice VBC Tryouts – 13s-18s**

- To register for Wisconsin Ice VBC 13s-18s Tryouts, you will be required to complete the on-line registration electronically through Oasys Sports on the Wisconsin Ice VBC website, wisconsinicevbc.com, and pay the \$40 Tryout fee with a credit card. The registration fee for the Chips “All Call is \$20.  
Registration for Tryouts through Oasys Sports will be available on September 13, 2022. You will need to click on the blue REGISTER tab in the upper right-hand corner of the website homepage. Please make sure to complete all the information that is requested on every line; otherwise, your registration will not be able to be completed successfully.
- Your on-line registration and credit card payment must be completed before or on September 30, 2022, for the Chips, 13s, & 14s age groups and before or on November 11, 2022, for the 15s through 18s age groups. There will be NO ON-SITE REGISTRATION. Note that there will be a credit card usage fee that is charged by the provider of the online payment service.

# Steps for Registration for 2023 Tryouts or “All Call” – Step 2

- Please read the Concussion Fact sheets before signing the Parent & Athlete Agreement portion of the on-line registration process. There is a fact sheet for Parents and a fact sheet for Athletes that should be read. You must also read and sign the COVID-19 protocol sheet.
- Players should sign up and attend the Tryout for the age group that matches their age (see the USAV Age Definition chart on the Wisconsin Ice website or the following 2 slides to ensure that you are signing up for the correct age group).
- If the player chooses to also try out at an older age group, then they must pay an additional \$40 fee for the 2<sup>nd</sup> age group for which they would like to try out. **Players must first try out at their age level before trying out at an older age group.** If a player is given a formal invitation from a Club Director to attend a tryout at an older age group, then the player is not required to pay the additional \$40 fee.

# 2023 USA Volleyball

## Age Definitions

- **Junior Program Age Definitions for 2022-23**

18 and under: Players who were born on or after 7/1/04

17 and under: Players who were born on or after 7/1/05

16 and under: Players who were born on or after 7/1/06

15 and under: Players who were born on or after 7/1/07

14 and under: Players who were born on or after 7/1/08

13 and under: Players who were born on or after 7/1/09

12 and under: Players who were born on or after 7/1/10

11 and under: Players who were born on or after 7/1/11

10 and under: Players who were born on or after 7/1/12

09 and under: Players who were born on or after 7/1/13

08 and under: Players who were born on or after 7/1/14

# 2023 USA Volleyball Age Definitions

## USAV VOLLEYBALL JUNIOR PLAYER AGE DEFINITION

### For use during the 2022-2023 Season

To determine the correct age division, please find the Month of Birth in the left column and then the year of birth in the same row. The heading of the column matching the Year of Birth is the correct age bracket.

	18 & Under <sup>1</sup>	18 & Under <sup>2</sup>	17 & Under	16 & Under	15 & Under <sup>3</sup>	14 & Under <sup>4</sup>	13 & Under <sup>5</sup>	12 & Under	11 & Under	10 & Under	9 & Under	8 & Under
July	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Aug	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Sept	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Oct	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Nov	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Dec	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Jan	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Feb	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Mar	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Apr	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
May	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
June	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015

<sup>1</sup>Players who were born on or after July 1, 2004 OR players who were born on or after July 1, 2003 and a high school student in the twelfth (12th) grade or below during some part of the current academic year

<sup>2</sup>**Female Only** - Players who were born on or after July 1, 2004, (who are defined as 18 & under by the USAV Age Definition) and are in the 11th grade for the current academic year are waived to compete in 17 & Under. (This age waiver is based on recruiting concerns for the 11th grade girls previously required to participate in girls 18's qualifiers and the 18's GJNC.)

<sup>3</sup>**Male Only** - Players who were born on or after July 1, 2007 OR players who were born on or after July 1, 2006 (15 years or younger) who shall neither have completed nor are in a grade higher than the eighth (8th) grade during the current academic year **are eligible to play in the 14 & under division**. This exception is based on the net height difference of 7'4 1/8" to 7'11 5/8" between the 14 and Under Division and the 15 and Under Division

<sup>4</sup>**Male Only** - Players who were born on or after July 1, 2008 (14 years or younger) who shall neither have completed nor are in a grade higher than the seventh grade (7th) during the current academic year are eligible for a Region approved waiver to compete in the boys 13's age group.

<sup>5</sup>**Male Only** - Players who were born on or after July 1, 2009 (13 years or younger) who shall neither have completed nor are in a grade higher than the sixth grade (6th) during the current academic year are eligible for a Region approved waiver to compete in the boys 12's age group.

# Tryouts/Skills Assessment Procedure – 13s-18s & “All Call”

- Come 30-45 minutes before your scheduled Tryout age or “All Call” session.
- Before entering the gym, you will be given a paper tryout number, your picture will be taken with you holding your number, and then you should have a family member or another player pin your number on your back with the 4 pins provided.
- You will then enter the gym to complete your vertical jump and shuttle run stats. You will then exit the gym and wait to be called back in for your age group Tryout. Chips will not need to complete the jump and shuttle run stats.

# Tryouts/Skills Assessment Procedure – 13s-18s & “All Call”

- When your age group is called, you will then enter the gym to participate in the organized warm-up, assessment at skills stations, and 3s & 6s play during which you will be evaluated.
- At the conclusion of your Tryout, remove your number and place your number and pins on the pile by the door. Then try on and sign up for your uniform top sizes. If you arrive early, then you may try on uniform tops for size.

# Tryouts/Skills Assessment Procedure – 13s-18s

- A Player's placement on a team will be made based on their ability & attitude as displayed and evaluated at tryouts & according to positions needed. Many of the team spots will be offered at the end of each tryout session.
- Wisconsin Ice reserves the right to move a player at its sole discretion
- If you cannot make your scheduled tryout appointment, then you must attend the make-up tryout session at the end of the day. You must send an e-mail message to [sjohnson@charter.net](mailto:sjohnson@charter.net) if you are unable to attend your scheduled tryout time and that you will be attending the make-up session. It is to your advantage to tryout with your peers.

# Tryouts/Skills Assessment Procedure – 13s-18s

- Arrive 10 minutes early, properly attired.
- Speak for yourself.
- Follow directions.
- Hustle at all times: from drill to drill, shagging balls, huddle-up.
- Have fun – smile, be loud, encourage your teammates.
- It takes no athletic ability to hustle, work hard, and have a great attitude.
- Remember... It is a tryout, not a clinic. It is your job to show the coaches what you can do. No matter what, keep working hard and keep having fun.

# Offering & Accepting Offers

## 13s-18s

- Offering of spots on teams - An “offer” is a statement made by a Club Director or designee offering a position on the roster of one of their Club’s teams.
- An offer might occur at Tryouts with a blue offer/commitment card, or a phone call or an e-mail message after Tryouts. You can accept an offer at the end of your Tryout session by returning your signed blue card to a Director.
- Players are encouraged to let the Club know of your intentions as soon as the decision has been made – a player does NOT need to wait until the deadline to accept or decline an offer. See next slide for commitment deadlines
- All offers this year will also be sent to you by Wisconsin Ice VBC, through the member management system (Sports Engine), based on the ranking & rating conducted during the tryout sessions. The athlete will receive an email notifying them of the offer; they may choose to accept or deny the offer directly within the Sports Engine account.

# Commitment Date Deadline

## 13s-18s

- Commitment deadline for all age groups will be 7 p.m. on the Monday after the applicable tryout period for all offers – October 3, for 13s & 14s and November 14, for 15s through 18s
- You may accept, put on hold, or decline the offer
- The Club may withdraw an offer that is not accepted by the Commitment Date

# When you are offered a Spot on a Team – 13s-18s

- If you (player or parent) accept an offer, either verbally or written, you are committed to that Club until the end of the Junior Volleyball season
- Once an athlete is given an offer, she is encouraged to make her decision as quickly as possible. This is a courtesy to other athletes who are waiting for offers & clubs that are attempting to solidify their rosters

# Programs & Age Levels

- If there are enough coaches and interested players, there would be as many of the following teams as possible:
  - National: 14s (modified), 15s, 16s, & 17s
  - 18 Prep
  - Purple: 13s, 14s, 15s, 16s, & 17s
  - Black: 13s, 14s, 15s, 16s, & 17s, White: 13s

# Programs & Age Levels

- Ice Chips: 11s – 12s – as many teams will be formed as possible with the number of players that are interested in participating at this level and the available coaching staff
- Ice Shavings: 8s – 10s
- Age exceptions at the discretion of the Club Directors

# Programs & Age Levels

- Teams will only be offered at each level if, after tryouts, we determine that it is warranted by the skill level and the numbers at that age group; and if there enough coaches.

# Team Program Descriptions - National

- **National** – girls who wish to play at a national level with a more competitive & intense schedule. These are the top players in the Club with approx. 10 girls on a team. These players will be given more exposure to college scouts than at the Purple level.

# Team Program Descriptions – 18 Prep

- **18 Prep** is designed specifically for high school Seniors! This program is purposefully constructed with a compacted schedule showcasing senior players and it is the intent to prepare them for their transition to collegiate volleyball programs. Those choosing not to play in college are also welcome to try out for this team. The team will consist of approx. 10 girls.
- Whether you are an unsigned or a signed high school senior, this team is for you! This team will be entered into highly visible and competitive tournaments, increasing exposure for players wishing to find the right collegiate program for them and giving those signed seniors the opportunity to grow in their skill set prior to making the jump to the next level.
- Unsigned seniors will have exposure to college coaches from programs that are still looking for players from the class of 2023. Playing 18 Prep gives players an opportunity to see what options are out there. It also helps with finding the right fit and making an educated decision whether to play in college.
- Director Breit Nelson will work with those 18 Prep players and parents to make the transition from high school play to collegiate play.
- Senior? Undecided? Love this sport? Know that you have room for growth? This is your team!

# Team Program Descriptions – Purple, Black, & Satellite

- **Purple** – girls who wish to play at a high level with the goal of this program being to compete against the top teams in the State. Top players in Club. Approx. 10 girls on each team.
- **Black** – girls who also wish to compete at a high level, but whose skills are not quite at the level needed for the Purple teams. Schedule will be determined based on skill level of the team. Approx. 10 players on each team.
- **Satellite Teams** – teams that typically have their own coaches and practice facilities and that are run more independently than the core Wisconsin Ice VBC programs. These are typically formed in cities that are outside of the areas from which the players are typically drawn for Wisconsin Ice.

# Team Program Descriptions

- **Ice Chips** – girls & boys 11 & 12 will learn volleyball skills, compete in some tournaments, meet new people, & have a load of fun, too!
- **Ice Shavings** – girls & boys 8, 9 & 10 will be introduced to basic motor & volleyball skills in this developmental program and will meet new people in a fun environment. These players will not compete in tournaments.

# National Programs & 18 Prep

- Teams will compete in tournaments against the top teams in the Midwest & Nationally
- Number of play dates to be determined
- 2 practices per week (1 during wk & 1 weekend) – 1 ½ to 2-hour sessions). Many practices will be three hours long including time for positional sessions.
- 2 coaches per team
- National teams conclude their season with the national tournament in late June/early July. National teams will attend the USAV Girls Junior National Tournament. If a team does not qualify for this tournament or does not get accepted in the Patriot Division, then the team will attend the AAU National tournament.
- Exposure to college scouts at many tournaments
- Requires a serious commitment to their team

# Purple, Black, & White Programs

- 9 to 11 play dates
- 2 practices per week (1 during wk & 1 weekend) – 1 ½ to 2-hour sessions
- 2 coaches per team
- Season – concludes in late March/mid-April
- Exposure to college scouts at some tournaments
- Requires a serious commitment to their team
- Purple teams compete against the top teams in Wisconsin.  
Competition schedule for Black teams will be geared toward the team skill level.

# Extended Season

- If teams would like to extend their season with committed players, this may be possible with the approval of the Club Directors and the Coach
- This extended season would be totally at the expense of the players that choose to play a longer season including coach expenses & reimbursements
- This would only be approved if the players are truly committed time-wise and financially to the additional practices and tournaments
- Teams could possibly combine for a committed team

# Extended Season

- All payments will be run through the team rather than through Wisconsin Ice
- Teams that qualify for USAV Nationals – only the team that qualified will have the prerogative to accept the bid. No combined teams will be formed to accept a bid that another team earned.
- Teams that qualify for USAV Nationals, except National teams & 18 Prep – each player will be required to pay \$250 and the additional cost for the tournament entry fee, practice facilities, and coach expenses will be paid by Wisconsin Ice.

# Ice Chips

- Learn volleyball skills in a fun environment
- 11s & 12s (younger ages considered)
- Teams formed by age, skill level, or talent divided evenly @ discretion of the Program Coordinator
- 4 play dates in Central Wisconsin area. 1 to 2 practices per week – one on Sunday &/or once during the week – approx. 1 ½ to 2-hour
- Season from late October to late February/early March

# Ice Shavings

- Pre-tournament teams – players introduced to basic motor & volleyball skills and meet new people in a fun environment
- This is a developmental program
- 8s, 9s & 10s
- 1 practice per week – 1 ½ hour sessions typically on Sunday
- Season from early December to late February

# Membership Fees

- The membership fees for the 2023 season are as follows:
  - \$75 Ice Shavings
  - \$450 Ice Chips (4 tournament days)
  - \$900 Purple & Black (9-11 tournament days)
  - \$2400 National Teams (\$900 for 14 National)
  - 18 Prep fee to be determined based on number of tournaments and total of tournament fees

# Membership Fees

- Fees must be completely paid by credit card through the Wisconsin Ice website on Oasys Sports before 12-01-21 (a convenience fee will be charged to cover credit card fees and transaction fees charged by the company providing the credit card payment services). The membership fee for the National and 18 Prep teams might be broken down into installments.
- The Handbook agreement form must be signed electronically when paying your membership fee.
- Upon receipt of membership fee, uniform will be issued, when available. **Membership fee is non-refundable.**
- Contact Jay Johnson at [sjohnson@charter.net](mailto:sjohnson@charter.net) if there are extenuating circumstances that will not allow you to pay your entire membership fee before 12-01-21.

# What is included for the Membership Fee?

- Uniforms, except black spandex shorts
- Coaching
- Practice facilities
- Tournament entry fees
- Use of volleyball equipment
- Crystal Finishing Institute Membership – for 13s-18s in December through March – access to fitness center
- Positional Practices for 13s - 18s
- Strength & Conditioning Program for 13s – 18s
- One of the lowest membership fees in club volleyball for a comparable experience

# What is not included for Membership Fees?

- Coaches' hotel & coaches' parking expenses
- Transportation to & from tournaments
- Overnight accommodations
- Food
- Spirit wear
- Black spandex shorts, socks, shoes, & knee pads
- Volleyball equipment bag - optional
- Post season expenses for practices, tournament fees & coach expenses with the exception of teams that qualify for the USAV National Tournament (other than National & 18 Prep teams) - \$250 per player must be paid by players for qualifying teams

# What is not included for Membership Fees?

- Coach hotel & parking expenses – families of players on the team will be responsible for paying for all coach hotel room & parking expenses for that team for the season as well as compensation for gas/mileage for out of state national tournaments
- “Team Parent” for the team will organize how the fees to cover the coaches’ hotel room(s) & parking expenses will be collected for each tournament. The “Team Parent” will reserve and pay for the coach hotel rooms & pay for parking

# Spirit Wear

- Spirit Wear is available for purchase through Screenmaster and MADA
- We ask that you purchase spirit wear to show your club spirit and to help support Wisconsin Ice financially
- Spirit Wear should be available for purchase through links on the Wisconsin Ice VBC website in late October/early November

# Coaches

- Must be certified through USAV including Impact coach training & SafeSport training
- Must clear the Badger Region background screening process
- Have a love of the game and a desire to teach volleyball
- Provide 2 coaches for every team
- All 18-year-old players and players who will turn 18 years old during the season (on or before August 31, 2023) on a team must complete SafeSport Core training

# Practice & Tournament Schedules

- Practice & Tournament/Scrimmage Schedules posted on WI Ice website, [wisconsinicevbc.com](http://wisconsinicevbc.com), when finalized for each team. Each coach will attempt to schedule practices & tournaments based on coach & player availability
- Practice facilities may vary. Practice schedules will be posted on website, [wisconsinicevbc.com](http://wisconsinicevbc.com).
- National and Purple teams will be using Crystal Finishing Institute in Mosinee for many of their practices

# Practice & Tournament Schedules

- All cancellation of practices or tournaments due to weather or other unforeseen circumstances will be posted on the website, notification from your Team Parent, or you will be notified through a mass e-mail message through SportsEngine.
- **Tournament schedules confirmed in mid-December** based on acceptance into desired tournaments. Specifics & directions will be posted on the website or through your coaches & Team Parent.

# Tune-Up Sessions (Optional)

- All players that attend Tune-Up Sessions must have a current Badger Region/USAV membership – either the one-event membership for each Tune-Up at \$10 each or the full Badger Region/USAV membership at \$55.
- A Badger Region/USAV membership card must be shown at the registration desk for each of the Tune-Up Sessions and you must pay a \$10 fee to Wisconsin Ice VBC for each Tune-Up session that you attend (either cash or a check written to “Wisconsin Ice VBC”)

## **Chips, 13s, & 14s:**

9/11 – 5:00-7:00pm @ Mosinee HS

9/25 – 11:30am-1:30pm @ Mosinee HS

## **15s, 16s, 17, & 18s**

10/23 – 5:00-7:00pm @ Mosinee HS

10/30 – 4:00-6:00pm @ Mosinee HS

11/6 - 4:00-6:00pm @ Mosinee HS

# Amazon Smile

- Please support Wisconsin Ice Volleyball Club Incorporated
- When you shop at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com), Amazon will donate to Wisconsin Ice
- Please consider adding Wisconsin Ice Volleyball Club Incorporated with Amazon Smile to help to keep our program costs down
- When you shop at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com), it has the same products, same prices, & same services as the Amazon you know
- Wisconsin Ice website, [wisconsinicevbc.com](https://wisconsinicevbc.com), has a link to take you to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com)

# Optional Fundraiser

- Optional Fundraiser opportunities are a possibility this year if there are enough players/families interested in raising money to help with your membership fee.
- In the past, we have sold Portesi Pizzas and Kwik Trip Gas Cards. In the past, \$4.00 profit went to the player for each pizza sold and 5% of the value of the Kwik Trip Cards.
- How many of you are interested in participating in a fundraiser to benefit you?

# Season Opener Tournament Fundraiser

- Wisconsin Ice VBC-sponsored Season Opener tournament will be held on January 8, 2023,
- 1<sup>st</sup> tournament for all of the Wisconsin Ice VBC competition teams.
- Venues will be Crystal Training Institute in Mosinee, Mosinee High School, Merrill High School, and Waupaca High School.
- Parents are asked to help at the concessions stands during this tournament
- Proceeds from this tournament help to keep the membership fees low

# Team Parents

- Each team has a “Team Parent”. Please volunteer to become a “Team Parent” for your daughter’s team
- Helps communicate to players times to be at tournaments, practices, & other team events
- Makes travel/housing arrangements
- Collects funds from team members to pay for coach hotel rooms & parking and reserves coach hotel rooms
- Recognizes player & coach birthdays
- Organizes end of season party & coach gifts

# Volunteers at Tryouts

- Volunteers are needed to help at the Tryout sessions with player check-in and uniform try-on
- Please add your information to the lists that are being passed around on clipboards if you are willing to help
- You can help with one shift or all shifts
- Thank you for your help supporting Wisconsin Ice VBC

# WI Ice VBC Player Rules

- Wisconsin Ice VBC will stay compliant with CDC, USAV, and DHS COVID guidelines. We will assess the protocol as needed as the season progresses.
- Arrive at practice & tournaments on time & fully prepared for warmups. Tournaments typically begin at 8:00 am or 8:30 am.

# WI Ice VBC Player Rules

- Attend all practice sessions & tournaments. If a practice is missed, the session may be made up by attending another team's practice with the permission of the coaches of the team's practice that you will be attending.
- Let your coach know by e-mail or a phone call if you are unable to attend a practice due to illness & notify the coach of team for the make-up session. Ice does work with multi-sport athletes to the best of our ability.
- Follow & obey your signed Wisconsin Ice VBC Code of Conduct Agreement form from the Handbook

# WI Ice VBC Player Rules

- All of these rules are a part of the Wisconsin Ice VBC Handbook
- Report all injuries & ailments immediately to your coach
- Knee pads will be worn at all practices & matches.
- No food, soda or gum at practice in gym
- Use a wastebasket for disposing of any garbage at all sites

# WI Ice VBC

## Player Rules

- Let your coaches do the coaching! Yelling at officials, teammates or opposing players will not be tolerated
- Hustle, listen attentively, & be mentally ready to play. Horseplay or talking on the bench will not be tolerated. Watch players who play your position, so you know what they are doing on the court
- Be encouraging to your teammates
- Do not forget: **We will play the way we practice!**

# WI Ice VBC Player Rules

- Respect our practice facilities & tournament sites
- Any sanction fees imposed by the Badger Region for failure to play, referee or follow site rules will be charged to the player(s) responsible for the sanction
- If a conflict arises between player's commitment to Ice & a school activity or college visitation, athlete must give coach advance notice one week before the tournament of her absence
- Before leaving tournament site, clean up our area
- Respect tournament rules if coolers are not allowed to be carried in

# WI Ice VBC

## Player Rules

- No drugs, alcohol or tobacco will be allowed at any time while participating, traveling with, or being associated with Ice. Grounds for immediate release
- If a player is disrespectful or violates USAV/Ice policy to coaches, parents, players, or officials at any time, she will be asked to leave the organization
- While in the Ice uniform, you are expected to conduct yourselves with proper manners, including speech, behavior & common courtesy
- On overnight situations, you are responsible for getting the correct amount of sleep & for being in the supervision of an adult

# WI Ice VBC Player Rules

- A player may not leave the playing venue without the express permission of her coach. Players must be accompanied by an adult when leaving a playing venue
- It is the responsibility of the player to know the team's plans in terms of playing schedule, uniform, etc.
- If a player has a concern about anything with the team, ask your coach if you can discuss it with them. Do not discuss non-emergency concerns with the Coaches on tournament days. You must wait 24 hours after the completion of a tournament before approaching your coach to discuss these concerns.

# Playing Time

- **Players are given equal attention in practice sessions** to be given every opportunity to learn & improve their skills.
- Time spent participating in the practice sessions, attitude, knowledge & skill determines playing time with Ice in tournaments, not your membership dues. Missing practices may seriously affect your playing time in tournaments.
- **In tournament pool play, all players are guaranteed reasonable playing time; however, in playoffs the most appropriate players in the eyes of the coaches will be on the floor.**
- No specific playing time policy or philosophy club-wide. Athletes can expect that playing time will be managed differently depending on team age and level. Our experience has shown that the concept of 'fair' playing time has a different meaning for coaches, parents, and athletes.

# Playing Time

- Parents will NOT approach any coach with their concern/complaint during a tournament or on the day of a tournament. Concerns/complaints will NOT be aired in front of team members at any time including practices. **Parents must wait 24 hours after the completion of a tournament to address the Coach.** The Club Directors might be involved in conflict resolution.
- Our coaches are selected for their professionalism & ethics. We expect them to treat you with respect & you are also held to the same standard.

# WI Ice VBC

## Parent Rules & Guidelines

- Let athletes play to the best of their ability & leave coaching to the coach
- Parents, friends, & siblings not allowed in gym during practices
- Do cheer & encourage the actions you like & ignore the mistakes you will surely see. Do not make a spectacle of yourself as you are representing WI Ice. Drawing attention to yourself is distracting to the competing teams and surrounding spectators.
- No drugs or alcohol should be consumed by parents or guardians during a tournament and when representing WI Ice. Smoking tobacco should only be used in designated areas.

# WI Ice VBC

## Parent Rules & Guidelines

- **Do not interfere with your child's coach**, especially during play or do anything else that will detract from the enjoyment your child deserves to get from volleyball.
- **An official's decision** may not be agreeable to all participants & spectators; however, the decision **is final**. No useful purpose is served by stating disagreement or shouting derogatory remarks, nor do such actions teach respect for authority.

# WI Ice VBC

## Parent Rules & Guidelines

- Keep positive and do cheer & encourage the actions you like & ignore the mistakes you will surely see
- Do not interfere with your child's coach, especially during play or do anything else that will detract from the enjoyment your child deserves to get from volleyball. Set an example in your actions & words
- Remember that it is a GAME – It is supposed to be FUN

# Any Questions?

- If you have any questions, please send an e-mail message to [sjohnson@charter.net](mailto:sjohnson@charter.net)
- We will see you at tryouts on October 2, for 13s & 14s, the “All Call” for Chips on October 2, & the tryouts on November 13, for 15s through 18s
- Stay healthy & safe!