



FAQS: Scorpions Youth Volleyball Club Inc. For the 2017/25018

Competitive Indoor Season Program

Q. Where is the Scorpions Youth Volleyball Club Inc. located?

A. Scorpions YVBC Inc. is based out of Cambridge, with practices taking place at school gym locations throughout Cambridge.

Q. How long is the season?

A. The club volleyball season starts with the tryouts in early September, with practices starting when gyms become available, late September. The regular season within the OVA (Ontario Volleyball Association) ends with the Provincials, typically in April. Some teams choose to continue the season, with participation in the Nationals, run by Volleyball Canada in May or by participating in tournaments in the U.S. The volleyball season in the U.S. both starts and ends later than that in Canada.

Q. What age groups do you support?

A. For girls, it is our intention to offer 12U, 13U, 14U, 15U, 16U, 17U and 18U teams, and for boys, it is our intention to offer 13U, 14U, 15U teams for the 2017/2018 season. The number of teams we are able to offer depends upon the quantity and quality of athletes and coaches for each age group.

Q. When and where are tryouts?

A. Tryouts take place in early September. Check our website (www.scorpionsvolleyball.ca) for details.

Q. What is the cost of trying out?

A. There is no cost to tryout.

Q. Do I have to be at every tryout?

A. It is to your advantage to be at every tryout so you have the greatest opportunity to demonstrate your skills to our coaches. If you must miss a tryout, let the age appropriate coach know as soon as possible so they do not misinterpret your absence as a lack of commitment or interest.

Q. What do I need to bring to tryouts?

A. Volleyball gear (knee pads, ankle braces (if any), athletic tape, etc.) and water. **No** club identifying sportswear to be worn.



Q. If I make the team, how much would I have to pay in fees?

A. As our club runs on a break even basis, club fees are directly affected by the number of teams and athletes, as well as, the number of tournaments a team is scheduled to enter during the season.

However, in an effort to provide you with some direction, club fees have been set as follows:

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| 12U to 15U Girls (Green) | - | \$875.00 |
| 16U to 18U Girls (Green) | - | \$950.00 |
| 13U to 15U Girls (Gold) | - | \$875.00 |
| 16U to 18U Girls (Gold) | - | \$875.00 |
| 13U to 15U Boys | - | \$875.00 |

Due on uniform fitting day. We will have available on uniform fitting day a portable POS machine and will be able to accept Visa, Mastercard, Debit, cash and cheque.

There are programs available that provide financial assistance for youth showing a financial need, please visit our website for the links. The club also has a limited amount of bursary money available to assist with fees, please contact the club at scorpionsboard@yahoo.ca.

What club fees do cover for every team are the costs of registering Scorpions YVBC Inc. coaches with the OVA, team equipment, gym rentals, OVA tournament registration fees, one Provincials team entry fee, one ticket to the SYVBCI year end banquet, coaches' honorariums and small travel stipend, uniform consisting of: sport bag, shorts, 1-team jersey, and a warm-up numbered t-shirt.

What club fees do not cover include but are not limited to items such as, an athlete's OVA registration fee, an athlete's travel costs (hotel, food, transportation), an athlete's share of coaches' travel costs (not covered by the club), tournaments incremental to the originally budgeted tournament budget per team.

Q. How many out-of-town OVA tournaments will there be?

A. The number of out-of-town tournaments within the OVA schedule is unpredictable at the beginning of the year. Based in Cambridge, we are fortunate to have many out-of-town locations accessible as day trips. If a team is required to travel out-of-town overnight (e.g. Windsor), the location generally allows for arriving Friday and travelling home after the tournament on Saturday.

The age group of a team and its ranking within the province can affect the potential for an overnight tournament. 14U+ teams are divided into tiers based upon their team's ranking. Each tier plays at a different location. The OVA tries to establish tournament locations sensitive to the makeup of the teams in a tier. If a team is in an older age group and in the top "Premier" tier, then this tier is comprised of the top 8 to 12 teams from across the province. Therefore, there is a higher possibility of an out-of-town overnight tournament since participating teams may be from across the province. That all said, there still can be exceptions depending upon the number and location of clubs willing to host an OVA tournament. In summary, the number of out-of-town OVA tournaments is unpredictable and will vary per team during the season.



Q. Do Club fees cover the registration cost of out-of-town tournaments?

A. Club fees cover the registration fees for OVA tournaments and a limited number of non-OVA tournaments, as set out in the team's budget. Registration fees for any incremental tournaments (OVA or non-OVA) are the responsibility of the athletes. Participation in any incremental tournaments is decided upon and managed by teams individually.

Q. When are practices?

A. Teams practice two to three times per week, as determined by each team's coach. Practice times and locations are e-mailed to the players by the head coach, once the team has been selected.

Practice dates, times and locations may change from time to time as school gyms may not be available certain evenings due to school events or school breaks or teams may have an extra practice as recommended by coach or for other unforeseen reasons. Any changes to individual team practices are e-mailed to the players.

Q. When and where are tournaments?

A. OVA tournaments take place on Saturdays, new this year are some Sundays as well and are scheduled by the OVA. Typically, the OVA does not confirm tournament details (i.e. which tier and/or pool a team is playing in and hence the team's location and schedule) until 1 to 2 weeks prior to the tournament. The Club does **not** have any influence on when the OVA releases this information.

Q. My son/daughter wishes to participate in other club teams in other sports. Can he/she still play for Scorpions YVC Inc.?

A. Since our teams practice two to three times per week, in theory, it may be possible to participate in other rep sports, however, the challenge is that both competitive volleyball and other rep sports demand commitment. With a limited number of players carried on a volleyball team, and many players specializing within a limited number of positions, it is not fair to the team if players are not available for **both** tournaments and practices. Therefore, we strongly feel that it is too difficult to truly make a commitment to more than one sport team when committing to competitive volleyball. Each situation is best discussed with the appropriate coach before accepting an offer to join the Scorpions YVBC Inc.

Q. Do all athletes receive the same playing time?

A. The club is governed by the OVA fair play rules. Please refer to the OVA Youth Competitions Manual 2017/2018, available as a pdf on the OVA website.

For older athletes, we acknowledge that this is a sensitive issue as every athlete wants to play as much as possible and every parent wants to see their child play their fair share. However, in competitive volleyball, the OVA follow the LTAD (Long Term Athlete Development) Program as its framework for sport development. The LTAD Program identifies stages of development within a sport. Teams within competitive volleyball clubs progress through the stages of Training to Train, Training to Compete and Training to Win. Unlike in house league sports, this puts a greater focus on competition and eventually winning. As a member of the OVA, Scorpions YVBC Inc. works within this framework within its training.



From tryouts, to practices, to tournaments, it is the coach's responsibility to determine where the team is within its development and what is best for the team and its goals. It is the coach's responsibility to develop all players in practice and training. In fact, it is through their practice and training that athletes receive the most instruction, experience and development.

During tournament play, it is the coach's responsibility to determine what is best for the team, athlete and team dynamic in the current circumstances to achieve a team's goals including either competing or winning. This may result in uneven playing time between athletes, especially within our competitive 16U to 18U green teams.

Playing time is not determined by ability alone. Rather, coaches will also consider the effort, commitment, sportsmanship, awareness of plays, skills, on-court synergy with teammates, ability to focus under stress, to name but a few, to execute plays or specific spot strategies within his/her decision making criteria. In club volleyball, a player cannot be guaranteed to play in every set or match.

Q. How many players are on a team?

A. Deciding how many athletes to carry on a team is a delicate balance between trying to maximize the experience and playing time for each player while managing the risk of compromising a team being able to compete should athletes be injured during the season. (A minimum of 7 OVA registered players is required to compete within an OVA tournament).

The following is a new requirement by the OVA starting with the 2017/2018 season:

- One parent or guardian of an athlete must complete the mandatory online Respect in Sport Course
 - This course empowers people to recognize and prevent abuse, bullying and harassment through interactive, online certification
- An individual certification number will be issued per person and tracked by the Clubs and verified by the OVA prior to Ontario Championships
- The 2017-2018 OVA Individual Waiver/Registration Form will contain a box for the Respect in Sport certificate number
- The \$12 cost of the course is the responsibility of the parent or guardian
- The parent course is transferable between sports i.e. if completed for Ontario Soccer Association, the parent can record that number in their OVA Respect in Sport profile at: <https://ontvolleyballparent.respectgroupinc.com/start.jsp>
- Only one certificate number is required per house hold i.e. if multiple siblings play within the OVA the course only needs to be completed once
- Parents will be required to complete the modules by November 1, 2017. If you require an extension please contact Carrie Campbell at ccampbell@ontariovolleyball.org
 - If certificate numbers are not on file for an athlete, they will not be allowed to play at Ontario Championships 2018.