

2021 GIRLS' SPRING PROGRAM

SEASON INFORMATION PACKET

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2020-21 RETURN TO PLAY - MAKING YOUR SAFETY A PRIORITY



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2021 SPRING TRYOUTS

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GET READY FOR THE 2021 SPRING SEASON

WHY TRYOUTS?

Even though we anticipate that the early sessions will be in-house leagues, we need to accomplish two goals with our tryouts. First, to create a competitive training environment with players of similar ability and objectives. Second, is to be in a position to quickly move to teams/tournament play when Illinois determines it is safe to do so.

AGE GROUPS

USA Volleyball and AAU Volleyball have changed the birthdate cutoff starting with the upcoming season.

U17 Girls	Born 7/1/2003-6/30/2004
U16 Girls	Born 7/1/2004-6/30/2005
U15 Girls	Born 7/1/2005-6/30/2006
U14 Girls	Born 7/1/2006-6/30/2007
U13 Girls	Born 7/1/2007-6/30/2008
U12 Girls	Born 7/1/2008-6/30/2009
U11 Girls	Born 7/1/2009-6/30/2010

**When possible we will encourage players to play "up" with their current grade level.*

MAKE-UP DATE

Make-Up Date: Monday, Apr 19
If you are unable to attend the scheduled tryout date for your age, please register "normally" online and indicate on your registration form that you will attend the Make-Up.

PRE-TRYOUT CLINIC

Pre-Tryout Clinics are a great way to prepare for the upcoming club season or simply keep your skills sharp during the year. Each session will focus on a range of skills and include drills to sharpen your overall game and build your confidence as you prepare for the spring club season.

U17

SATURDAY, APRIL 17
9A-11A OR 1P-3P
COST: \$30

U16

SATURDAY, APRIL 17
9A-11A OR 1P-3P
COST: \$30

U15

SATURDAY, APRIL 17
9A-11A OR 1P-3P
COST: \$30

U14

SATURDAY, APRIL 17
11A-1PM
COST: \$30

U13

SATURDAY, APRIL 17
11A-1P
COST: \$30

U12-U11

SATURDAY, APRIL 17
11A-12:30P
COST: \$25

THEN

SPRING TRYOUT

Cost: \$30 Deadline: April 16th (midnight)

U17 GIRLS	SUN, APRIL 18	6:00PM-8:30PM
U16 GIRLS	SUN, APRIL 18	6:00PM-8:30PM
U15 GIRLS	SUN, APRIL 18	6:00PM-8:30PM
U14 GIRLS	SUN, APRIL 18	3:00PM-5:00PM
U13 GIRLS	SUN, APRIL 18	3:00PM-5:00PM
U12 GIRLS	SUN, APRIL 18	3:00PM-5:00PM
U11 GIRLS	SUN, APRIL 18	3:00PM-5:00PM



REGISTER ONLINE AT WWW.VCUNITED.CLUB/GIRLS-CLUB



- ALL PLAYERS MUST PRE-REGISTER ONLINE; NO WALK-UP REGISTRATIONS
- PLAYERS WILL BE FEVER SCANNED WHEN THEY ENTER THE FACILITY
- PARENTS MAY ENTER THE FACILITY, BUT MUST REMAIN SOCIALLY DISTANT
- PLAYERS MUST LEAVE FACILITY IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING TRYOUT

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GIRLS' PREMIER SPRING

SCHOLASTIC PLAYER DEVELOPMENT

THE GIRLS' PREMIER PROGRAM IS DESIGNED FOR ADVANCED PLAYERS FOCUSED ON EXCELLING IN THEIR MIDDLE SCHOOL OR HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAMS. THE PROGRAM IS A LOWER COST TRAVEL PROGRAM THAT PROVIDES EXCELLENT TRAINING.

PROGRAM INCLUDES

- 6 Week Club Season
- 2 Practices/Week
- Conventional Roster Philosophy
- Player Development Focus
- Professionally Trained/Experienced Coaches
- Position Training Incorporated in Practices
- Optional Strength & Conditioning Packages

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

- 1 Single Day Scrimmage
- 3 Two-Day Events in Crystal Lake (IL), McCook (IL) and Milwaukee (WI)
- 7 total play dates; Strong Competition
- See below for specific dates

PRACTICE SCHEDULE

- Practice Begins Wednesday, April 28th
- Practices Days: Wednesdays & Fridays
- Practice Times: U10-U14 5p-7p; U15-U17 7p-9p

SPRING SEASON DUES

- \$650 Total
 - Installment Plan
 - April 18th - \$200
 - May 1st - \$225
 - June 1st - \$225
- Includes all training, coaching, tournament, and travel fees; Uniforms NOT included

U11-U12 TOURNAMENTS

- May 2 **VC United Scrimmage**
Loves Park, IL
- May 8-9 **Central Zone Finale**
Crystal Lake, IL
- May 22-23 **Spring Classic**
McCook, IL
- May 28-29 **National Warm-Up**
Crystal Lake, IL

U13-U14 TOURNAMENTS

- May 2 **VC United Scrimmage**
Loves Park, IL
- May 8-9 **Central Zone Finale**
Crystal Lake, IL
- May 22-23 **Juniors Grand Slam**
Milwaukee, WI
- June 5-6 **Spring Classic**
McCook, IL

U15-U17 TOURNAMENTS

- May 2 **VC United Scrimmage**
Loves Park, IL
- May 15-16 **Central Zone Finale**
Crystal Lake, IL
- May 22-23 **Juniors Grand Slam**
Milwaukee, WI
- June 5-6 **Spring Classic**
McCook, IL

UNIFORM FEES

\$125 New Player

\$0 Returning Player*

*No cost for those returning to Premier from 2020-21 season

INCLUDED ITEMS

- 1 Practice T-Shirt

"MUST HAVE" ITEMS

- 2 Jerseys & 1 Spandex
- Molten Volleyball

OPTIONAL ITEMS

- Shoes
- Backpack
- Fleece Jacket & Joggers
- Accessories & Fan Gear



- THE SPRING TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE FOR PREMIER IS VERY COMPETITIVE.
- PLAYERS INTERESTED IN OUR STRENGTH TRAINING PROGRAM CAN OPT-IN FOR AN ADDITIONAL FEE. SESSIONS WILL BE HELD IMMEDIATELY BEFORE OR AFTER YOUR PRACTICE.

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GIRLS' REGIONAL SEASON

FUNDAMENTAL PLAYER DEVELOPMENT

GIRLS' REGIONAL TEAMS ARE AN IDEAL STARTING POINT FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL PLAYERS LOOKING TO GET STARTED WITH CLUB BALL. IT IS ALSO THE PERFECT PROGRAM FOR MULTI-SPORT/MULTI-ACTIVITY ATHLETES.

PROGRAM INCLUDES

- 2 Days/Week (Practice and/or Competition)
- Conventional Roster Philosophy
- Player Development Focus
- Professionally Trained/Experienced Coaches
- Position Training Incorporated in All Practices
- Optional Strength & Conditioning Packages

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

- 2 Single Day Tournaments
- 1 Two-Day Tournament
- 4 Total Play Dates; Regional Competition
- See below for specific dates

PRACTICE SCHEDULE

- Practice Begins Sunday, April 25th
- Practices Days: Sundays and Tuesdays
- Practice Times: Sun 6pm-8pm, Tue 5pm-7pm
- Teams do not practice on Sundays when they have tournaments
- No practice Memorial Day Weekend

SPRING SEASON DUES

- \$450 Total
 - Installment Plan
 - April 18th - \$150
 - May 1st - \$150
 - June 1st - \$150
- Includes all training, coaching, tournament, and travel fees; Uniforms NOT included

U11-U12 TOURNAMENTS

- May 9 Top Flight
Elgin, IL
- May 16 Asics Invite
Frankfort, IL
- May 29-30 National Warm-Up
Crystal Lake, IL

U13-U14 TOURNAMENTS

- May 9 Top Flight
Elgin, IL
- May 16 Asics Invite
Frankfort, IL
- May 29-30 National Warm-Up
Crystal Lake, IL

U15-U16 TOURNAMENTS

- May 9 Top Flight
Elgin, IL
- May 16 Asics Invite
Frankfort, IL
- June 5-6 National Warm-Up
Crystal Lake, IL

UNIFORM FEES

\$75 New Player

\$0 Returning Player*

*No cost for those returning to Regional from 2020-21 season

INCLUDED ITEMS

- 1 Practice T-Shirt

"MUST HAVE" ITEMS

- 1 Jersey & 1 Spandex
- Molten Volleyball

OPTIONAL ITEMS

- Shoes
- Backpack
- Fleece Jacket & Joggers
- Accessories & Fan Gear



- REGIONAL PLAYERS WILL PRACTICE ON ANY SUNDAY THAT THEY ARE NOT COMPETING DURING THE SIX WEEK SEASON.
- REGIONAL WILL ONLY COMPETE ON SUNDAYS DURING THE SEASON WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE 2-DAY EVENT TO END THE SEASON.

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FINANCIAL INFORMATION

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PROCEDURAL CHANGES FOR 2020-21 SEASON

FUNRAISING PROGRAMS

BMO HARRIS BANK CENTRE

Until further notice, we are unable to offer the BMO Harris Bank Centre program until events resume in the arena. We will notify our families when the program is ready to resume.

myHUTERRA

We are no longer working with the myHuterra fundraiser due to procedural issues including inaccurate reporting and non-payment by the company. We are currently exploring alternatives to this style of fundraising and will release information when it is finalized.

DISCOUNT PROGRAMS

PAID IN FULL DISCOUNT

Due to the brevity of the season, we are not offering a Paid In Full Discount for the Spring season. The program will be in effect in the fall. All families, must enroll in our Payment Plans through LeagueApps.

SIBLING DISCOUNT

We will continue to offer our Sibling Discount program this season. For the spring season, the discount is 6% of the season dues based on the program each sibling is participating in. The amount will be applied to your FINAL payment of the season. These are the amounts for each program:

Girls' Premier - \$40

Girls' Regional - \$25

WE USE LEAGUEAPPS FOR ALL REGISTRATIONS AND PAYMENTS THROUGHOUT THE SEASON

CUSTOM PAYMENT PLANS

EACH OF OUR PROGRAMS HAS A STANDARD PAYMENT PLAN THAT SPREADS THE DUES OUT OVER SEVERAL PAYMENTS. IF YOU ARE IN NEED OF ADDITIONAL OPTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT JORDAN HAVERLY AT JHAVERLY@VCUNITED.CLUB

HOW TO PAY DUES/FEES

ALL PAYMENTS ARE PROCESSED ONLINE THROUGH LEAGUEAPPS AUTO-PAY. YOU CAN CHOOSE ACH (FREE), DEBIT OR CREDIT CARD (TRANSACTION FEE APPLIED). NEW IN 2020-21, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO CHOOSE ACH, BUT YOUR BANK IS NOT IN THE SYSTEM, YOU MUST CONTACT JORDAN HAVERLY AT JHAVERLY@VCUNITED.CLUB TO TURN OFF AUTO-PAY AND PAY BY CHECK.



- UNLIKE THE WINTER SEASON, THE SPRING SEASON DUES ARE ALL-INCLUSIVE, MEANING ALL TOURNAMENTS ARE INCLUDED IN THE DUES.
- ALL PLAYERS MUST BE IN GOOD FINANCIAL STANDING WITH PREVIOUS CLUBS IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR SPRING SEASON

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TRYOUT QUESTIONS

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? DO PLAYERS WHO PLAYED IN THE WINTER AT VC UNITED NEED TO TRYOUT?

Yes, it is still required. We need to do the tryout to complete an evaluation for program placement as well as team placement with the short turnaround times for the season. If your daughter hasn't touched a ball for a while, please have her attend the Pre-Tryout Clinic on Saturday, April 17th.

? WILL TEAMS BE THE SAME FROM THE WINTER?

Not necessarily. We will re-evaluate all the players including any new players that come into the program and create new teams for the Spring Season. It is certainly possible that players could be on the same team with some of their teammates, but we anticipate that the teams will have a fresh, new look for the Spring program.

? WHEN WILL WE FIND OUT IF WE MADE IT?

Players will be notified within 24 hours of the **Tryout** date/time. Depending on how many players need to attend the make-up tryout on April 19th, the latest we will send offers/notifications will be April 20th. We will make selections based on the total pool of athletes from both the Main Tryout and the Make-Up Tryout.

? WHAT SHOULD WE BRING?

We ask that players come "ready" to play with their gear on with the exception of shoes. Be sure to bring all of your gear including a water bottle and hand sanitizer. Players **DO NOT** need to bring any paperwork. All forms will be completed online. When a player arrives they will receive a T-Shirt and Bib Number. Players will be instructed to place the bib number on the shirt and put the shirt on prior to the tryout. Bags will be placed in a designated area.

? WILL THERE BE A TRYOUT PARENT MEETING?

We will **NOT** be conducting an Informational Meeting at the beginning of the tryout as we have done in the past. **We will conduct a Zoom Meeting on Friday, April 16th at 7:00pm.** Details for the Zoom Meeting will be on our Facebook page and the website. Additionally, we will post information about the upcoming season on our website and our Facebook page prior to the tryout.

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? ARE THERE ANY ADDITIONAL FEES THAT WE NEED TO CONSIDER?

Unlike the Winter session, all tournaments listed are included in the dues. (In the Winter we did an a la carte system where tournaments were to be invoiced separately.) Besides the uniform packages for NEW players, there are no additional fees that will be invoiced for the spring season.

? WHAT IF THERE IS A TOURNAMENT OR PRACTICE WE CANNOT ATTEND?

We expect that players trying out intend to compete in the full season. Logistically it would be difficult and unfair to the individual team members to have players missing from tournaments. For that reason, players signing our contract will agree to the financial and tournament commitment for the season. If you have a special circumstance to consider, please contact Associate Club Director Jordan Haverly at jhaverly@vcunited.club PRIOR TO THE TRYOUT. We will determine prior to the tryout if an exception can be made.

? CAN I PLAY MULTIPLE SPORTS AND PLAY CLUB?

Absolutely! In addition to the multiple program tiers designed to work with multi-sport, multi-activity players, we have adjusted our practice times later to allow for the possibility of HS sports being affected by the pandemic. We love our multi-sport players and encourage them to talk to other players that have played school sports while playing at VC United.

? WILL THE SCHEDULED TOURNAMENTS RUN?

At this time, we selected the tournaments based on current registrations and believe that each of the tournaments should be run. If for any reason a tournament is cancelled or a team is not accepted into an event, we will make every reasonable attempt to replace that tournament.

However, we cannot guarantee that it would be on the same weekend due to the availability of the events. If we were unable to replace the tournament, we will offer a prorated refund equivalent to the portion of the tournament entry fee for each player.

? WILL THE UNIFORMS BE USED AGAIN IN THE FALL?

Yes! It is our intention to bring back the uniforms from the 2020-21 season for the 2021-22 season. If you are purchasing new uniforms you can count on the jerseys and spandex being reused if you return to VC United next club season.

COVID QUESTIONS

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? **WHAT PROCEDURES DOES VC UNITED HAVE IN PLACE TO PROTECT THE ATHLETES AND COACHES?**

We have developed internal protocols using both the Restore Illinois Guidelines as well as the best practices outlined by JVA Volleyball, USA Volleyball and AAU Volleyball. Our procedures include wellness screen, temperature scan, social distancing rules, cleaning procedures, and best practices inside our facility (bag storage, bathrooms, etc.) for our members. The guidelines are comprehensive and available on our website at <https://www.vcunited.club>.

? **ARE PLAYERS REQUIRED TO WEAR MASKS?**

At this time, we will require all of our players, staff, and parents to wear face coverings at all times when inside our facility (except when getting a drink). It is our belief, as of the publication of this packet, that all tournaments we are attending will also require masks for players and spectators on and off the court.

? **WHAT HAPPENS IF A PLAYER/COACH TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID?**

The first step for us is to determine the timeline of the positive test. Current CDC information states that people are most contagious when symptomatic. We will ask the individual with the positive test to quarantine for a minimum of 10 days and not return to practice until symptom free (following the CDC guidelines). We will then inform the individual's team and any team they were in contact with about the positive test. If we believe that the player was symptomatic while at practice we will likely shut down any team the individual was in close contact with (inside of 6 feet, no mask, 15 minutes or longer). If the player was not symptomatic, we will ask the teams to be hyper-vigilant about symptoms, but allow them to continue if symptom-free. Additionally, any player that is quarantined will receive a dues proration for the period of time they are out. These guidelines are subject to change.

? **WHAT HAPPENS IF MY DAUGHTER IS ASKED TO QUARANTINE?**

We are working through this plan at this time. We anticipate that a per practice proration would be determined relative to each program and credited to a player's account for future payments. Those exact figures have not been determined at this time. We will release the details as part of our 2020-21 Financial Agreement.