

Wisconsin Ice Volleyball Club 2018 Season



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 2004, 3 Clubs merged to form Wisconsin Ice Volleyball Club – Impact, Extreme & Airborne VBCs
- 2018 Season is the celebration of our 15th anniversary since the founding of Wisconsin Ice VBC
- Serve Mid-Wisconsin volleyball players

Directors

- Shelly Johnson, President
- Betty Lange, Vice-President
- Jay Johnson, Treasurer/Secretary

- Volunteers

Program Coordinators

- Ice 13s, 14s, & 15s – Shelly & Jay Johnson
- Ice 16s, 17s, & 18s – Betty Lange
- Ice Chips Lead Coach – Jessica Rettler
- Ice Shavings Lead Coach – Jason Rickstad

Other Key People

- “Team Parent” Coordinator & Educator – Lynn Hintz
- Spirit Wear Coordinator – Kirstin Christianson
- Season Opener Tournament Coordinator – ?
Chris Nier has retired from this position
- Season Opener Tournament Concessions Coordinator – Jane Iwanski
- Registration Specialist – Kent Thomas

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 volleyball clubs in the Badger Region. This equates to approximately 500 teams & 9000 junior members

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: www.wisconsinice.net (friendly on mobile devices)

Tryouts & Skills Assessment

- Sunday, October 8, 2017 @ Stevens Point Area YMCA gymnasium, 1000 Division Street, Stevens Point 54481
- Ice Chips & Ice Shavings “All Call”: 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm
- 13s: 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm
- 14s: 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm
- Make-Up Session for 13s & 14s: Monday, October 9, @ Stevens Point Rec Center @ 2442 Sims Ave, Stevens Point from 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm
- Please arrive 30-45 minutes before your scheduled tryout time to complete the registration process.
- Please note that Ice tryouts is a sanctioned event. Only registered participants are allowed in the gymnasium.

Tryouts & Skills Assessment

- Saturday, November 11, 2017 @ Wisconsin Valley Lutheran High School, 601 Maple Ride Rd, Mosinee 54455
- 15s: 10:30 am – 12:30 pm
- All 17s & 18s, including 18 National: 1:00 pm – 3:30 pm
- All 16s: 3:30 pm – 6:00 pm
- **15s Tryouts Make-Up: 6:00 pm – 6:30 pm**
- Please arrive 30-45 minutes before your scheduled tryout time to complete the registration process.
- Please note that Ice tryouts is a sanctioned event. Only registered participants are allowed in the gymnasium.

Ice Chips & Shavings “All Call”

- Purpose: to view potential Chips players in action as they learn volleyball skills with the intention of forming teams with similar athletic skill levels
- To view the range of skill levels of the potential Shavings players.

Tryouts/Skills Assessment & All Call Registration Procedure

- Badger Region/USA Volleyball 2018 Individual Membership form & fee online on “Webpoint”. Directions on Wisconsin Ice website & Badger Region website, www.badgervolleyball.org
- Full member fee of \$50 or **\$10 tryout fee.**
- \$15 for Shavings (free 8 and under)
- Go back later to add club name after you accept an offer at Tryouts or later if you do not receive an offer at Tryouts
- Review Q&A on Badger Region Website
- **This is registration with Badger Region Only, not Wisconsin Ice VBC**

Tryouts/Skills Assessment & All Call Registration Procedure

- 2017-2018 USAV Youth & Junior Volleyball Player Medical Release Form
- Parent & Athlete Agreement Related to Concussion Law 2011 – Wisconsin Act 172 Form
- **Wisconsin Ice Tryout Information Sheet – This is filled out digitally & submitted on-line this year**
- Fee for Tryouts is \$30 (\$40 if received after October 5, 2017, for 13s & 14s or November 9, 2017, for 15w-18s or if your registration was not completed correctly) – Check written to “Wisconsin Ice VBC”
- “All Call” for Ice Chips & Ice Shavings is \$10

Tryouts/Skills Assessment & All Call Registration Procedure

- Mail Forms & Payment to the Registration Specialist, Kent Thomas. The address is:
**Wisconsin Ice VBC, Kent Thomas, 2241
Heatherton Lane, Plover, WI 54467-2820**
- Bring your membership card to tryouts that you printed out when you registered online with the Badger Region/USAV.

Tryouts/Skills Assessment Procedure

- Verify Registration at the check-in table (bring your Badger Region/USAV membership card)
- Get photo taken holding tryout number
- Pin tryout number on your back with (4) pins

Tryouts/Skills Assessment Procedure

- Go to stations for completion of your stats sheet (vertical jump & agility)
- Drills/game-like situations for skills assessment

Tryouts/Skills Assessment Procedure

- Carefully remove & return tryout number
- Sign up for uniform sizes. All players will need to try on uniforms at the 15s through 18s Tryouts on November 11, 2017, at WVLHS.
- Take optional fundraiser information if you don't have it
- Look at the Spirit Wear & mark your order form that is due on 12-03-17

Tryouts/Skills Assessment Procedure

- A Player's placement on a team will be made based on their ability & attitude as evaluated at tryouts & according to positions needed.
- Wisconsin Ice reserves the right to move a player at its sole discretion
- Many of the team spots will be offered at the end of each Tryouts session.
- If you cannot make your scheduled tryout time, then you must attend the make-up tryout session and you must notify us that you will be attending this session with your registration. It is to your advantage to tryout with your peers.

Tryouts/Skills Assessment Procedure

- Arrive early, properly attired.
- Check yourself in (do not let your mom or dad do it for you).
- 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. Kids will be moving from court to court. No matter what, keep working hard and keep having fun.

Offering of Spots

- 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
- Players are selected based on skill, attitude & positions needed
- An offer might occur at tryouts with a blue card or a phone call or e-mail after tryouts

Commitment Date

- **Returning Players Commitment Date: Tuesday, October 10, 2017 (13s & 14s) & November 14, 2017, @ 9:01 pm (15s through 18s)**
- Non-Returning Players Commitment Date: Thursday, October 12, 2017 (13s & 14s) & November 16, 2017, @ 9:01 pm (15s through 18s)
- Offers Made After 9:01 pm on October 12, & November 16, 2017, must be held until October 16 & November 20, 2017, @ 6:00 pm, respectively
- A club program that has given an offer of membership to a player may make (1) club initiated follow-up contact with that player between the time of the offer and the subsequent commitment date. A club initiated contact shall be defined as a phone call, e-mail, text, or Facebook message by a representative of the club program making the offer.

Acceptance of Offer

- 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.
- Formal acceptance of an offer is determined by when the player selects “Wisconsin Ice VBC” in Webpoint. Players should leave the club selection as “Undecided” until an offer has been made by the club and accepted by the player. If you accept an offer at Tryouts, return your signed blue card to a Director and then choose Wisconsin Ice VBC as your club on-line on Webpoint right away.

When you are offered a Spot on a Team

- You may accept, put on hold, or decline the offer
- The offer must be held until the Commitment Date
- The Club may withdraw an offer that is not accepted by the Commitment Date

When you are offered a Spot on a Team

- 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

2018 USA Volleyball Age Definitions

- **Junior Program Age Definitions for 2017-18**

18 and under: Players who were born on or after 9/1/99

17 and under: Players who were born on or after 9/1/00

16 and under: Players who were born on or after 9/1/01

15 and under: Players who were born on or after 9/1/02

14 and under: Players who were born on or after 9/1/03

13 and under: Players who were born on or after 9/1/04

12 and under: Players who were born on or after 9/1/05

11 and under: Players who were born on or after 9/1/06

10 and under: Players who were born on or after 9/1/07

09 and under: Players who were born on or after 9/1/08

08 and under: Players who were born on or after 9/1/09

“Bad Birthdays”

- **Previously players were required to play with their age group based on their birthday**
- **Waivers will be provided this year for Badger Region tournaments only (non-qualifiers) for players to play with their grade level peers rather than by their age group**
- **USAV will allow waived players to play in the Patriot Division at USAV Nationals**

Programs & Age Levels

- Plan for as many teams as possible this season based on the number of available coaches
- National: 17/18s
- Purple: 13s, 14s, 15s, 16s & combined 17/18s
- Black: 13s, 14s, 15s & 16s
- White: if there is enough interest & coaches

Programs & Age Levels

- Ice Chips: 11s – 12s
- Ice Shavings: 8s – 10s
- Exceptions at the discretion of the 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** – girls who wish to play at a national level with a more competitive & intense schedule. These are the top players in the Club with 9 to 10 girls on a team. These players will be given more exposure to college scouts than at the Purple level.
- **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. Typically 9-10 girls on each team.
- **Black & White** – 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. Typically 9-10 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.

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 and will meet new people in a fun environment. These players will not compete in tournaments.

National Programs

- Teams will compete in tournaments against the top teams in the Midwest & Nationally
- 18-19 tournament play dates plus Nationals
- 2 practices per week (1 during wk & 1 weekend)
- approximately 2 hour sessions)
- 2 coaches per team
- Season – early December to late June
- Exposure to college scouts at many tournaments
- Requires a serious commitment to their team

Purple & Black Programs

- 9 to 11 play dates
- 2 practices per week (1 during wk & 1 weekend)
- approximately 2 hour sessions
- 2 coaches per team
- Season – early December to late March/mid-April (13s & 14s will begin practices earlier)
- 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 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 16 & 18 National teams – 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.
- USAV Nationals for 13s-17s in Detroit

Ice Chips

- Learn volleyball skills in a fun environment
- 11s & 12s
- Teams formed by age, skill level, or talent divided evenly @ discretion of the Program Coordinator
- 4-5 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 sessions
- Season from early December to early March

Ice Shavings

- Pre-tournament teams – players introduced to basic motor & volleyball skills and meet new people in a fun environment
- 8s, 9s & 10s
- Teams formed by age, skill level, or talent divided evenly @ discretion of the Program Coordinator
- 1 practice per week – approx. 1 ½ to 2 hour sessions in Wausau/Mosinee area; typically on Sunday
- Season from early December to late February

Membership Fees

- \$55 Ice Shavings
- \$325 Ice Chips (4-5 tournaments)
- \$825 Purple & Black (9-11 tournaments)
- \$2300 National (includes National calibre tournament)
- Fees must be completely paid by mail before the first practice which is on 12-03-17 (possibly earlier for 13s & 14s). Mail checks payable to “Wisconsin Ice VBC” to Jay Johnson along with signed agreement form from Handbook. Fees non-refundable.
- Upon receipt of membership fee, uniform will be issued, when available. **Membership fee is non-refundable.**
- Talk to Jay Johnson about special payment plans

What is included for the Membership Fee?

- Uniforms
- Coaching
- Practice facilities
- Tournament entry fees
- Equipment
- One of the lowest membership fees in club volleyball for a comparable experience

What is not included for Membership Fees?

- Transportation to & from tournaments
- Overnight accommodations
- Food
- Spirit wear
- Socks, shoes, & knee pads
- Volleyball equipment bag - optional
- Warm-up suit – optional for all teams
- Post season expenses for practices, tournament fees & coach expenses with the exception of **teams that qualify for the USAV National Tournament (\$250 per player must be paid by players for qualifying teams)**

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

Practice & Tournament Schedules

- Practice & Tournament Schedules posted on WI Ice website, www.wisconsinice.net, when finalized for each team. Each coach will attempt to schedule practices & tournaments based on coach & player availability
- Practice facilities may vary. Attempt to keep practice locations as close to players & coaches as possible. Practice schedule will be posted on website www.wisconsinice.net.

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 Webpoint.
- **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)

- **Three Tune-Up sessions** will be offered as a warm-up & preparation for the Tryouts. Some of the same drills will be presented that will be used at the Tryouts. Open to all players trying out for 13s through 18s.
- Cost is \$10 per session – write checks to “Wisconsin Ice VBC”. Must be a USAV/Badger Region member & card must be shown.
- Sunday, Sept. 24, 4:30-6:30 pm @ St Pt YMCA (for 13s & 14s only)
- Sunday, Oct. 29, 5:30-7:30 pm @ WVLHS (15s-18s)
- Sunday, Nov. 5, 5:00-7:00 pm @ WVLHS (15s-18s)

Optional Fundraiser

- Portesi Pizza sale – optional fundraiser
- Jay Johnson will collect all orders with one personal check written to “Wisconsin Ice VBC” for your order for the Pizza sale on **December 10, 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm at Wisconsin Valley Lutheran High School.**
- Pizza order distribution on **December 17 – Location & time to be determined**
- Cost of each pizza is \$8. You write one check (no cash) to “Wisconsin Ice VBC” for all of the pizzas that you sell. The check should include \$4.25 for each pizza that you sold and you keep the remaining \$3.75 to help to defray the cost of your membership fee.

Optional Fundraiser

- Kwik Trip Gas Card sale – optional fundraiser
- Jay Johnson will collect all orders with one personal check written to “Wisconsin Ice VBC” for your order for the Gas Card sale on **December 10, 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm at Wisconsin Valley Lutheran High School.**
- Gas Card distribution on **December 17 – Location & time to be determined**
- You sell the gas cards for face value and keep the 5% Kwik Trip discount to help defray your expenses for Club. You write one check (no cash) to “Wisconsin Ice VBC” for all of the gas cards that you sell minus 5% off the face value of the cards.

Optional Fundraiser

- One personal check for fundraiser from player written to Wisconsin Ice VBC. No checks from your customers are accepted

Season Opener Fundraiser

- The Club also sponsors the Season Opener volleyball tournament on January 7, 2018. **Parents are needed to work the concession stands at all of the sites.** We will need concession stand parent coordinators.

Team Parents

- Each team has a “Team Parent”
- Parents communicate with the Coach through the Team Parent
- Makes travel/housing arrangements
- Handles team fundraiser & spirit wear forms & gives to Coordinator
- Recognizes player & coach birthdays
- Organizes end of season party & coach gifts

WI Ice VBC Player Rules

- Arrive at practice & tournaments on time & fully dressed. Tournaments typically begin at 8:00 am or 8:30 am
- Attend all practice sessions & tournaments. **If a practice is missed, the session must be made up by attending another team's practice.** Let your coach know by e-mail or a phone call if you are unable to attend a practice due to illness & notify coach of team for make-up session. Ice does work with multi-sport athletes to the best of our ability.

WI Ice VBC Player Rules

- Taping to be done prior to practice or the start of warm-ups before the 1st match at tournaments
- Follow & obey your signed Wisconsin Ice VBC Code of Conduct Agreement form from the

WI Ice VBC Player Rules

- Report all injuries & ailments immediately to your coach
- No jewelry, earrings, etc. at practice or matches
- Knee pads will be worn at all practices & matches. We strongly encourage the use of Active Ankles
- 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 will seriously affect your playing time in tournaments.
- **In tournament pool play all players are guaranteed playing time; however in playoffs the most appropriate players in the eyes of the coaches will be on the floor.**

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

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, the Directors & Coordinators are available after the meeting until 3:00 pm.
- **Remember the Tune-Ups & Skills Sessions** available to Potential Wisconsin Ice VBC Players
- We will see you at **tryouts on October 8, for 13s & 14s & November 11, for 15s through 18s**