



Our Program

Entering our 16th season, Velocity provides a high quality club experience for players to **enhance their skills and team development**. We will start in early-September and will end in mid-February, about three weeks before spring high school volleyball tryouts. Our practices are usually two times (Tuesday & Thursday evenings) a week, plus a few Sundays.

- > 3 two-day weekend tournaments (Sat & Sun) at the Bedford Park Point Series (by Midway Airport)
- > Chicago Winter Championships (Sat, Sun & Mon over MLK Holiday) at McCormick Place
- > 4/5 additional single-day local tournaments; about 36-38 practices and 35-40 matches total

Club Fees for 2022-23*

\$1,750 – new player (uniform included) about 30-50% less than other clubs

\$1,575 – returning roster player from 2021-22 Velocity club season (use existing uniform; new T-shirts)

\$1,500 – new 15-year-old on 16U team (\$250 discount, uniform included)

*Based upon 11-12 players per team; will adjust higher if less than 11 to cover team expenses.

New player uniform package includes 2 jerseys, shorts, long-sleeve hitting shirt, 3 T-shirts, backpack, kneepads and volleyball.

Players & Teams

Ideally 11-12 players per team. Any player wishing to play a HS fall/winter sports and join our club team will need to talk with our club director **in advance** of tryouts.

Velocity Advantages

- > Convenient practices at St Paul Gym in downtown Skokie or nearby schools
- > Supported by area high school boys varsity volleyball coaches
- > Lower fees with the most cost-effective volleyball club in Illinois
- > A highly competitive schedule at best tournaments in our Great Lakes Region

Open Gyms & Tryouts

Attend our **FREE open gyms on Tuesday & Thursday, Aug 23 & 25**, 6:00-7:45pm for 16U and 7:45-9:30pm for 18U. Come and meet your future teammates, talk with our coaches, and have your questions answered. Our tryouts will be held on **Monday, Aug 29, 6:00-7:30pm for 16U, and 7:30-9:00pm for 18U** at St Paul gym, 5201 Galitz Ave, Skokie (1 block south of Skokie Library). Check our website – velocityvolleyballclub.com – for possible updates in mid-August.

All NEW prospective players must complete a \$5 GLR Tryout Membership thru SportsEngine to attend any volleyball club tryout. Returning FULL club players will need to mail/bring a copy of your previous year membership card. **Velocity advance tryout registration** – players will need to mail (postmark of Aug 22), USAV tryout membership printout, a filled-out Velocity registration form, and a check for \$15 tryout fee (or bring these items to our 1st open gym). **On-site tryout registration** will be \$30 with all the forms listed above. Please contact us with questions via email: contact@velocityvolleyballclub.com.

New Club Volleyball Players

To attend ANY club tryouts, new prospective athletes must be registered with the Great Lakes Region (GLR) of USAV. **New players should select the \$5 tryout membership.** Afterwards, **make a printout** of your USAV “tryout membership card” or forward to us your email confirmation. Then mail it with you along with a filled-out Velocity registration form, and \$15 check for Velocity Advance Tryouts Registration fee (see below). A credit card is needed for GLR registration. After being selected onto a club, you’ll need to get a full junior membership at \$55.

Use the link below for USAV Great Lakes Region new \$5 Tryout Membership thru SportsEngine:
<https://memberships.sportsengine.com/buy/11ecf0e2-c616-1114-ac46-e64750dd0ad9>

USA Volleyball Age Definition

USAV application will place your athlete in the proper age group. The following is for reference:

18 and Under: Players born on or after September 1, 2004 (primarily Seniors)

17 and Under: Players born on or after September 1, 2005 (primarily Juniors)

16 and Under: Players born on or after September 1, 2006 (primarily Sophomores)

15 and Under: Players born on or after September 1, 2007 (primarily Freshmen and 8th graders)

Returning Club Volleyball Players

Your 2021-22 **full membership** is valid for tryouts until September 1, 2022. You will need to renew your GLR Volleyball junior membership thru SportsEngine for \$55 afterwards.

Checklist for Tryouts

 (Monday, Aug 29 – 6:00-7:30pm for 16U and 7:30-9:00pm for 18U)

Velocity **Advance Tryout Registration**, postmark by Aug 22 (or bring it to our 1st open gym on Aug 23):

1. Velocity Registration Form filled-out
2. \$15 check payable to *Velocity Volleyball Club* – mail all items to
Velocity Volleyball Club, 8303 Keystone Ave, Skokie, IL 60076
3. Printout of GLR “membership card” or confirmation email printout (bring with you to tryouts), or last year full membership card

Velocity **On-site Tryout Registration:**

1. Velocity Registration Form filled-out
2. \$30 check payable to *Velocity Volleyball Club* – bring all items to our tryouts at St Paul gym,
5201 Galitz Ave, Skokie (downtown Skokie, 1 block south of library).
3. Printout of GLR “membership card” or confirmation email printout, or last year full membership card

Please contact us with questions via email: contact@velocityvolleyballclub.com.

Club Volleyball Q&As

Practices and matches – Velocity will hold 1¹/₂ or 2-hour practices usually 2X a week. After the Chicago Qualifier, we will reduce our practices to 1 a week in February. Overall, we will hold 35-38 practices and 35-40 matches. Velocity will play at tournaments within a 90-minute drive. We will NOT schedule any events within 10 days of final exams in December to avoid any conflicts. *This is one item that separates Velocity from other volleyball clubs.*

Club tournaments – All tournaments are held on weekends. Usually, we will play 3 matches per day. During one-day tournament, we will play 3 matches and move onto single-elimination playoffs if we advance. The Chicago Qualifier at McCormick Place will be held over MLK Holiday with matches on Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

Fees and payments – The total club fees for 2022-23 will be \$1,750 for a new player and \$1,575 for a returning player (based upon a roster of 11 or 12). We might adjust fees if roster is smaller. A 15-year-old on (freshman) 16U team will get a \$250 discount. Half of the fees will be collected at our parents/team meeting and balance will be due in early-January.

Length of club volleyball season – Practices will start in early-September and end in mid-February, most practices will be held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, plus a few on weekends. Once tournaments are determined, we will provide a calendar of practices and tournament dates.

Transportation – Similar to all clubs, it's the responsibility of each family to arrange for rides to practices and tournaments. A team contact sheet with addresses and phone numbers will be provided to assist families.

Velocity at the St Louis Qualifier – St Louis is too far (6-hour drive one-way), plus 3-night hotel stay and additional travel cost do not justify participation when there are plenty of quality tournaments locally.

17U or 15U team – All local tournaments (except the Chicago Qualifier) are 18U and 16U. There isn't any benefit since all 17U teams will play in the 18U division and all 15U teams in the 16U division.

Volleyball clubs comparison – Be informed!

Club	Open Gyms	Tryout Fee	Club Fees	Addl Fees	Tournaments
Velocity	2, free	\$15 \$30 on-site	\$1,750 New ⁺ \$1,575 Returning	None	8-9 Tournaments local, including Chi Qualifier*
a	?	?	?	U, T&H [^]	9-10 Tournaments, St Louis Qualifier
b	?	?	?	?	?
c	?	?	?	?	?

Please verify other club fees to get an accurate **total cost of participation**. Use the chart above to compare and be informed.

- + Velocity total fees. Uniforms are included for all new players on Velocity. Our uniform package consists of 2 jerseys, 1 shorts, 1 long sleeve hitting shirt, backpack, volleyball, knee pads, and 3 T-shirts.
- * Velocity teams will play in the Chicago Qualifier, 3 Bedford Park Point Series (2-day Saturday & Sunday tournaments), and 4-5 single day tournaments. We will NOT play in tournaments held on weekend prior to high school final exams to avoid conflicts. **After 16 years of providing quality volleyball experience, we have determined our number of tournaments and practices is a great balance between academics, cost, proper skills development, and avoiding burn-out.**
- [^] Uniform, Travel and Hotel (U, T&H) fees for St Louis Qualifier (6-hour drive one-way, plus three-night hotel stay) in February. Please contact each club and verify their total fees to get an accurate cost of participation. Other clubs total fees can easily add up to over \$3,000.

Please visit our website at velocityvolleyballclub.com for updated information or contact us via email: contact@velocityvolleyballclub.com.

Velocity Registration Form

Tryouts are on Monday, Aug 29, 5pm for 14U, 6pm for 16U & 7:30pm for 18U

Please PRINT neatly. Mail this form by Aug 22, GLR membership printout, and \$15 check for our **advance** tryouts registration or bring them to our first open gym. For **on-site** tryouts registration ring this form, GLR membership printout, and check for \$30.

Player: _____		Tryout # (Velocity will assign): _____
Address: _____		City, Zip: _____
Date of birth: _____		Player's cell: _____
School: _____	Grade: _____	E-mail: _____

Club volleyball experience: No, Yes, club name _____

1st position (check one): Outside hitter, Middle hitter, Right side, Setter, Defensive specialist

2nd position (check one): Outside hitter, Middle hitter, Right side, Setter, Defensive specialist

Mother/Guardian: _____	Father: _____
Mother's cell: _____	Father's cell _____
Mother's e-mail: _____	Father's e-mail: _____

How did you hear about Velocity VBC?

Online search, Referral, Informed by HS coach, Other _____



Glenbrook Athletic Club/Velocity VBC Waiver and Release Form

I acknowledge that volleyball or any sporting event is an extreme test of a person's physical and mental limits and that my participation in a volleyball event can cause potential death, serious injury, or property damage. With a full understanding of the potential risks, I HEREBY ASSUME THE RISKS OF PARTICIPATING OR OFFICIATING IN A VOLLEYBALL EVENT. I hereby take the following action for myself, my executors, administrators, heirs, next of kin, successors and assigns: a) I WAIVE, RELEASE, AND DISCHARGE from any and all claims or liabilities for death or personal injury or damages of any kind, EXCEPT THAT WHICH IS THE RESULT OF GROSS NEGLIGENCE AND/OR WANTON MISCONDUCT OF PERSONS OR ENTITIES LISTED BELOW, which arise out of or relate to my traveling to and from or my participation in any volleyball practice or event, THE FOLLOWING PERSONS OR ENTITIES: Glenbrook Athletic Club/Velocity VBC and its officers, directors, board members, employees, representatives, coaches, practice sites and facilities, and agents of any of the above as well as USA Volleyball and its Regional Volleyball Associations, tournament directors, sponsors, and tournament facilities, and the officers, directors, employees, representatives, and agents of any of the above; b) I AGREE NOT TO SUE any of the persons or entities listed above for any of the claims or liabilities that I have waived, released or discharged herein; and c) I INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS the persons or entities mentioned above from any claims made or liabilities assessed against them as a result of my actions.

In consideration of the rights and privileges granted to me by my membership with the RVA, a USAV Group D Member, by signing this membership form, I certify that:

1. I have read and understand the Waiver and Release of Liability.
2. I understand that I have given up substantial rights.
3. I (or my parent or legal guardian) am at least eighteen (18) years old.
4. I agree and consent to abide by the Waiver and Release of Liability set forth herein.

Participant's signature: _____ Date signed: _____

If applicant is under 18 years of age, a parent or guardian must execute, in addition to the foregoing Waiver and Release, the following, for and on behalf of the minor. The undersigned parent and natural guardian or legal guardian on the applicant

(_____ [minor's name]) executes the foregoing Waiver and Release for and on behalf of the minor named herein. I hereby bind myself, the minor and all other assigns to the terms of the Waiver and Release. I represent that I have legal capacity and authority to act for and on behalf of the minor named herein, and I agree to indemnify and hold harmless the persons or entities named in the Waiver and Release for any claims or liabilities assessed against them as a result of any insufficiency of my legal capacity or authority to act for and on behalf of the minor in the execution of the Waiver and Release. I have also received the USAV Participant Code of Conduct and have reviewed the Code with my child regarding the stipulated conditions and their ramification. I fully consent to my child's participation in RVA/USAV events.

Parent/Guardian name: _____ Signature: _____ Date signed: _____