

Burnsville Thunder

2011 - 2012 Season Information

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2011 – 2012 Team Offerings

U12's: 4th thru 6th grade (Born on or after September 1st, 1999)
U13's: 7th grade or below (Born on or after September 1st, 1998)
U14's: 8th grade or below (Born on or after September 1st, 1997)
U15's: 9th grade or below (Born on or after September 1st, 1996)
U16's: 10th grade or below (Born on or after September 1st, 1995)
U17's: 11th grade or below (Born on or after September 1st, 1994)

Important Tryout Note:

If we have less than enough kid's tryout for a specific age group, there is a possibility that we will meld that group of kids in part or in whole into the next age group up (13's to 14's etc.).

Season Length: November (tryouts) thru end of April or May (depends on age group)

Season Overview

U12's: Two - 1.5hr. practices per week (on average), Power League's (7 play dates), Presidents Day Festival (Local 2 day event), NCR Area (Local 1 day event), 2 additional tournaments (YTBD) one of which will involve an overnight stay (generally in Rochester). **Season is over at the end of April.**

U13's: Two – 1.5 – 2hr. practices per week (on average), Power League's (7 play dates), Presidents Day Festival (Local 2 day event), NCR Area (Local 1 day event) and 3 additional tournaments (YTBD) one of which will be an overnight (generally in Rochester). **Season is over in early May.**

U14's: Two 1.5 – 2hr. practices per week (on average), Power League's (7 play dates), Presidents Day Festival, NCR Area, Wisconsin Dells 2 day event, 3 additional local tournament (YTBD)...**Season ends in mid May.**

U15's & 16's: Two 1.5 – 2hr. practices per week (on average), Power League's (7 play dates), Frostbite Festival (2 day event in Rochester), Presidents Day Festival (Local 2 day event) , NCR Area, Rochester Cup (2 day event in Rochester), Wisconsin Dells 2 day event and 1 or 2 additional local tournaments (YTBD)...**Season ends in mid May.**

U17's: Two 1.5 – 2hr. practices per week (on average), Frostbite Festival, January Thaw (local 3 day event in Minneapolis), Power Leagues are a possible option, Presidents Day Festival (local 2 day), NCR Area, Wisconsin Dells (2 day event) and additional tournaments (YTDB)...**Season ends at the end of April.**

Note: The U17's program is subject to change based on the desires of the players.

Practice Locations

We use Burnsville/Savage Jr. High's, equipped Elementary Schools, Burnsville High School and on occasion, facilities in the metro area (during periods when schools are closed)...

Practice Day's and Length

We are at the mercy of the school district and compete with other sports programs vying for gym space. Therefore, practices times and days will vary. We will try to make sure that practices are scheduled on a consistent basis whenever possible.

Younger Age Groups (U12 – U14)

A combination of: Monday, Tuesday or Thursday's, Friday's

Possible Time Slots: 6:00 – 7:30pm or 6:30 – 8:00pm

Middle Age Groups (U15 & U16)

A combination of: Monday, Tuesday or Thursday's, Friday's

Possible Time Slots: 6:00 – 7:30pm, 6:30 – 8:00pm, 6 – 8pm, 6:30 – 8:30pm, 7:30 – 9:30pm, 8 – 10pm

Older Age Groups (U17 & U18)

A combination of: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday's, Friday's

Possible Time Slots: 6:00 – 7:30pm, 6:30 – 8:00pm, 6 – 8pm, 6:30 – 8:30pm, 7:30 – 9:30pm, 8 – 10pm

2011 - 2012 Season Fee Information

Included in your season fee...

- Uniforms (2 jerseys, 2 pr. shorts, 2 pr. socks)**
- Practice T-shirts (2)**
- Warm-up's
- Power League fee's
- Tournament Entry Fee's
- USAV Registration Fee's
- Coaching fee's
- Insurance Coverage
- Gym Time (Practices)

** U12 – U13 Uniforms include the following: 1 Jersey, 1 practice T-shirt, 1 pair of shorts, 1 pair of socks and warm-up's.

Your season fee includes administrative and other overhead costs required to run the program and provide qualified coaching.

NOTE: Your season fee DOES NOT include tournament t-shirts, food, lodging or any ancillary costs associated with any of the tournaments or leagues we participate in.

Payment Structure

We realize that relative to other sports that don't have much overhead, volleyball is an expensive sport to be involved in. To assist you with managing the expense, Thunder provides a proactive payment process that involves 6 payments. At the parent meeting (where all forms are turned in), we will ask for the following:

Payment 1: \$350.00 (check dated with current date)

Note: This payment is the largest of the 6 and helps offset the huge upfront expense involved in registering for leagues, USAV, Tournaments and Uniform costs.

Payments 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6... Post dated checks dated as follows...

Pmt 2: January 15th, 2012

Pmt 3: February 15th 2012

Pmt 4: March 15th 2012

Pmt 5: April 15th 2012

Pmt 6: May 15th 2012

Make all checks out to: BACTVB

Payments 2 – 6 each equal one fifth of the remaining balance of the season fee.

Your post dated checks will be kept in a safe and deposited no later than the end of the month in which it was post dated for. Your checks will never be deposited before the date on the check.

It is your responsibility to make sure funds are available on the post date of the check.

Should you have an issue, lack of funds, closed checking account, new checking account or whatever, it is your responsibility to make the club aware of the issue as soon as possible so corrective action can be taken. Please note that you will be held responsible for any NSF charges incurred by the club.

Scholarships

For those individuals who reside in or attend school within ISD191 boundaries, the BAC provides scholarship opportunities provided that the following requirements are met.

1. Applicant must provide a copy of the reduced fee school lunch document.
2. Applicant must complete the BAC scholarship application form.
3. Minimum required financial contribution is met.

The amount of the season fee that is defrayed depends on the results of the scholarship application.

If you are in need of a scholarship, please contact us prior to tryouts for your age level...

vb@midtechsrv.net

Club Phone: 952-892-6560 x11 (Keith)

Estimated Season Fee Range for 2011 – 2012

U12-1	\$ 800 - \$1000
U13-1	\$ 900 - \$1100
U14-1	\$1100 - \$1400
U15-1 – U17-1	\$1200 - \$1500

Season Fee's are subject to change!

A number of variables impact season fees (# of players, teams, tournaments etc.). Your actual season fee will be determined after teams are selected and will be reflected in the paperwork you receive at the registration meeting.

Required Player Equipment

Shoes...It is important that your daughter have the right kind of shoes. Please make sure that she has an actual "volleyball" shoe. You can also find them at the Midwest Volleyball Warehouse in Burnsville ranging in cost from \$ 50 to \$90.00 ...store hours are from 10:00 to 4:00 M - F.

Ankle Brace/s...If your daughter has issues with her ankles or has had an ankle injury (sprain or break) in the past, we require that she wear an ankle brace during all play/practice activities. We recommend the ACTIVE ANKLE brace.

Knee Pad's...Available at MWVB Warehouse or Sport Mart.

Volleyball...we ask that each player have her own volleyball for practice at home...Available at Midwest VB Warehouse.

Parent Involvement

Teams always need helpers!

Your coach will let you know what is needed...please don't hesitate to offer your time!

1. Food / Lodging coordinator for tournaments
2. Practice helpers (shag balls, help with drills etc.)
3. Team statistics / Score Keepers (official)
4. Team Building Coordinator (pizza parties, sleep over's...fun stuff that brings the team together)
5. Picture / Video Coordinator

Parent / Coach Conflict Policy

As the parent of a volleyball player, if you have occasion to “passionately” disagree with a decision that your daughters coach has made. You must observe a 24 hr. cooling off period before contacting the coach.

Ultimately, unless the situation warrants it, parent involvement in matters of playing time, position or other game related issues is discouraged.

We want and expect the players to be able to communicate with their coach first...if after that things are not resolved, parent involvement is allowable. Situations that warrant it will be mediated by our board of directors.

Playing Time & Positions

This is competitive volleyball. Guaranteed playing time is not a reality especially at the older age levels however we do strive for fair playing time whenever possible at the younger age levels 12-14's.

Early on, players show tendencies towards certain positions...from a competitive standpoint, depending on the makeup of the team, she will most likely be asked to play those positions.

All good VB players must understand all the positions and must possess a basic skill set for each position.

They will receive some of that training during practice sessions...Truly, there is not enough practice time to “convert” a player...that is not what we are here for.

Should a player want to develop a skill set further, there are off season opportunities via clinics and camps.

Player/Parent Registration Meeting

If your daughter makes one of our teams, it will be expected that you have read and understand the information contained in this packet prior to the registration meeting.

Players and their parents **are required** to attend the Registration meeting.

Sunday, November 20st, 4:30pm

Burnsville City Hall, Lower Level
100 Civic Center Parkway
Burnsville, MN 55337