
BURNSVILLE THUNDER

2013 - 2014 SEASON INFORMATION

2013 – 2014 TEAM OFFERINGS

U12's:	4th thru 6th grade	(Born on or after September 1st, 2001)
U13's:	7th grade or below	(Born on or after September 1st, 2000)
U14's:	8th grade or below	(Born on or after September 1st, 1999)
U15's:	9th grade or below	(Born on or after September 1st, 1998)
U16's:	10th grade or below	(Born on or after September 1st, 1997)
U17's:	11th grade or below	(Born on or after September 1st, 1996)

GENERAL SEASON OVERVIEW

NOTE: SPECIFIC TOURNAMENTS MAY CHANGE AS COULD THE NUMBER OF TOURNAMENTS FOR ANY AGE GROUP.

U12's

- Two - 1.5hr. practices per week (on average)
- Power League's (5 play dates)
- Presidents Day Festival (Local 2 day event)
- NCR Area (Local 1 day event in April)
- 2 additional tournaments (TBD) 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 Dec - May)
- 2 - 3 Local Tourney's (single day events...date and location TBD)
- Power League's (5 play dates...Jan - April)
- Presidents Day Festival (Local 2 day event in February)
- 1 - 2 tournaments in Rochester (2 day events...schedule dependent)
- NCR Area (Local 1 day event in April)
- Season is over in May

U14's

- Two – 1.5 – 2hr. practices per week (on average Dec - May)
- 1 – 2 Local Tourney's (single day event...date and location TBD)
- Power League's (5 play dates...Jan - April)
- Presidents Day Festival (Local 2 day event in February)
- 1 - 2 tournaments in Rochester (2 day events...schedule dependent)
- NCR Area (Local 1 day event in April)
- Season is over in May.

U15's

- Two 1.5 – 2hr. practices per week (on average)
- Power League's (5 play dates Feb - April)
- January Thaw (3 day in Minneapolis)
- Presidents Day Festival (Local 2 day event)
- 1 - 2 tournaments in Rochester (2 day events...schedule dependent)
- NCR Area (Local 1 day event in April)
- Season ends in May.

U16's

- Two 1.5 – 2hr. practices per week (on average)
- Power League's (5 play dates Feb - April)
- January Thaw (3 day in Minneapolis)
- Presidents Day Festival (Local 2 day event)
- 1 - 2 Local Tourney's (single day event...date and location TBD)
- NCR Area (Local 1 day event in April)
- 1 - 2 tournaments in Rochester (2 day events...schedule dependent)
- Season ends in May.

U17's

- Two 1.5 – 2hr. practices per week (on average)
- January Thaw (local 3 day event in Minneapolis)
- Power League (5 play dates Jan - April)
- Presidents Day Festival (local 2 day)
- 1 - 2 Local Tourney's (single day event...date and location TBD)
- 1 - 2 tournaments in Rochester (2 day events...schedule dependent)
- Season ends in April

PRACTICE/TRAINING OVERVIEW

NOTE: We are in the process of implementing a 30 minute conditioning program that will run immediately after practices or right before practices for each age level.

Practice/Training Locations

- Burnsville/Savage Jr. High's
- Competition Volleyball equipped Elementary Schools
- Other facilities in the metro area (during periods when schools are closed)

Practice/Training Schedule, Times and Duration

We try to make sure that practices are scheduled on a consistent basis. That said, we are not in control of the facilities we use for practice sessions. As a result, times and dates for scheduled practices may change last minute. Should that be the case, you will be notified of the change by your coach and/or our website. We typically provide the younger age groups with early time slots and the older age groups with the later slots see the information below.

Younger Age Groups (U12 – U14)

A combination of: Monday, Tuesday or Thursday (occasionally Friday when schedules dictate)
Possible Time Slots: 6:00 – 7:30pm or 6:30 – 8:00pm

Older Age Groups (U15 & U17)

A combination of: Monday, Tuesday or Thursday (occasionally Friday when schedules dictate)
Possible Time Slots: 6:00 – 7:30pm, 6:30 – 8:00pm, 6 – 8pm, 6:30 – 8:30pm, 7:30 – 9:30pm, 8 – 10pm

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)
- Administrative/Overhead Costs (minimal)

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

NOT INCLUDED in your season fee

- Tournament t-shirts
- Food
- Lodging
- Transportation
- Any other ancillary costs associated with any of the tournaments or leagues we participate in

ESTIMATED SEASON FEE RANGE (2013-14)

U12-1	\$ 975 - \$1275
U13-1	\$1200 - \$1500
U14-1	\$1400 - \$1600
U15-1	\$1575 - \$1775
U16-1	\$1575 - \$1775
U17-1	\$1425 - \$1725

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. You will be informed of the actual season fee at the registration meeting.

SEASON FEE PAYMENT STRUCTURE

Volleyball is an expensive sport to be involved in. Thunder provides a 6 month payment process in order to ease the burden. You are required to provide your payment/s at the registration meeting along with your completed paperwork.

Things you should know...

- If you so choose, you may pay for the entire season fee with one payment or in fewer (than 6) payments...that is up to you.
- We accept cash, checks and all credit cards as means of payment.

PAYMENT BREAKDOWN

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 – 6: Each payment equals one fifth of the remaining balance of the season fee

If paying by check, please Post Date your checks as follows...

Pmt 2: January 15th, 2014

Pmt 3: February 15th 2014

Pmt 4: March 15th 2014

Pmt 5: April 15th 2014

Pmt 6: May 15th 2014

If paying by credit card, your card information will be securely stored by the treasurer. Your card will be debited following the same date structure.

IMPORTANT PAYMENT INFORMATION

- **Make all checks out to: BAC**
- **Your postdated checks will be kept in a safe and deposited no later than the end of the month in which it was postdated 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/credit card account, new checking/credit card account or whatever, it is your responsibility to make the club director aware of the issue/changes immediately so corrective action can be taken. Please note that you will be held responsible for any NSF charges incurred by the club. Notifications should be made via e-mail or phone.

FINANCIAL AID

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 fully complete and sign the BAC scholarship application form.
3. Applicant is able to pay the minimum financial obligation.

If you will be in need of financial aid, you need to inform us when checking in at tryouts!

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.
- 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
- Volleyball - We ask that each player have her own volleyball for practice at home

All equipment can be purchased locally at Midwest Volleyball Warehouse in Burnsville, Dick's Sporting Goods, or Sport Mart. There may be other retailers locally that provide Volleyball equipment. Also there are several online websites that provide the equipment listed above.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT

Teams always need helpers!

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

- Food / Lodging coordinator for tournaments
- Practice helpers (shag balls, help with drills etc.)
- Team statistics / Score Keepers (official)
- Team Building Coordinator (pizza parties, sleep over's...fun stuff that brings the team together)
- 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 not acceptable. 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. We do strive for fair playing time whenever possible at the younger age levels 12-13s. Early on, players show tendencies towards certain positions...from a competitive standpoint, depending on the makeup of the team, players 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...Should a player want to develop a skill set further, there are off season opportunities via clinics and camps.

Thunder Volleyball Bullying Policy

We expect our players, parents and staff to act (on or off the court, at home or in school) in a way that fosters a safe, civil and non-threatening environment in which all players, coaches and parents are treated with dignity and respect. Our policy outlines what we consider bullying behavior and highlights the potential ramifications should an incident occur. It is mandatory that all participants understand our policy and sign a declaration of said understanding. The bullying policy is available for download on our website and will be made available to all at the registration meetings.

