



# GROVE CITY YOUTH VOLLEYBALL

THE CITY OF GROVE CITY PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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## Frequently Asked Questions

**Cost:** Fees are \$60 per player for Grove City residents, \$65 for all other participants. Full payment fee is due at registration. To qualify for the lower fee level, show proof of residency or of payment of income tax to Grove City (e.g., current utility bill, pay stub, etc.).

**Registration:** A legal guardian can complete registration online, or by calling or stopping in the Kingston Center office. Be prepared to provide child’s birthday and grade, uniform size and emergency contact information. Complete the registration form as accurately as possible as it is used to balance teams. Please share important information such as allergies, behavior issues and restraining orders on non-custodial parents. Parents and players also are required to review information related to the department code of conduct, youth concussions and sudden cardiac arrest (sign off required). Full fee is due at time of registration.

**Practices:** Practices begin the week of Monday, Sept. 20. Teams practice one day per week for one hour before the season begins. Once the season begins Oct. 18, teams play up to two evenings per week. There is no practice after the season begins. If schools close due to inclement weather or gyms are being used for school functions, practices are canceled and not rescheduled.

**Games:** Leagues play an eight-match schedule. Official schedules are passed out to each team at practice before the season begins. Every attempt is made to reschedule matches canceled due to weather, school functions, etc.

League	Grade	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.
Junior	Grades 3-4		Game		Game
Intermediate	Grades 5-6	Game		Game	
Middle	Grades 7-8		Game		Game
Senior	Grades 9-12	Game		Game	

**Playoffs:** All leagues play a post-season tournament in a double-elimination format.

**Picture Day:** Picture day information for individual and team photographs will be distributed by coaches.

**Uniforms:** Uniforms are ordered immediately following the last day of registration. Due to the timely nature of uniform ordering, exchanges cannot be honored. Please confirm the size before ordering; if unsure, order a larger size.

**Team Assignments:** Players are assigned to teams via a draft by coaches. The coach contacts each player on his/her team. Information concerning practice days and times is given to players at that time.

**Honoring Requests:** Balancing talent levels is the primary goal when assembling teams in each division. Unfortunately, we do not accept player requests. The only exception is for siblings and children living in the same household where grade would place them in the same league. The Parks and Recreation Department has the right to honor certain requests that may arise.

**School Eligibility:** Players are responsible for maintaining their eligibility for school teams. Contact your school coach or athletic administrator with any questions regarding interscholastic athletic eligibility that may be impacted by participating in a recreation league.

**Weather Hotline:** In the event of inclement weather, please call the weather update/information hotline at 614-277-3060. Press #6 for volleyball/basketball gyms then #1 for youth volleyball status.

<b>Codes of Conduct:</b>	<p>All participants, coaches, parents and spectators at Grove City Parks and Recreation programs must comply with codes of conduct fostering the physical, social and emotional development of players and respect for all players, coaches, officials and spectators. Violations include use of abusive/profane language including racist, religious or sexual/gender slurs; mistreatment of Grove City Parks and Recreation or South-Western City School District equipment or property; taunting, humiliating or inciting confrontation with players, coaches, officials or spectators; and drug or alcohol possession or intoxication.</p> <p>Anyone violating the code of conduct while attending, coaching, officiating or participating in a sports event is subject to disciplinary action. Below is a basic outline of discipline. Other actions may be taken based on severity of the violation up to a permanent ban from Grove City Parks and Recreation programs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1st offense: verbal warning issued by the Sports Supervisor.</li> <li>• 2nd offense: one-game suspension issued by the Sports Supervisor.</li> <li>• 3rd offense: season-long suspension issued by the Sports Supervisor.</li> </ul> <p><b>Zero-tolerance Policy:</b> Grove City Parks and Recreation has adopted a zero-tolerance policy for fighting, unauthorized entering of the field/court of play and other threatening behavior. Any player, coach, parent or other spectator who violates this policy is subject to immediate expulsion and a one-year suspension from Parks and Recreation sporting events.</p> <p>All participants, officials and spectators are expected to comply with all regulations both posted and as detailed in Grove City code, chapter 903 and at <a href="http://www.swcsd.us">www.swcsd.us</a>.</p>
<b>Coaches' Meeting:</b>	<p><b>(Head Coaches Only)</b> The coaches' meeting is 6 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 14, in the Evans Center, 4330 Dudley Ave. Head coaches will draft players and receive player packets so they can contact their team members.</p>
<b>Coaches Needed:</b>	<p>Coaches are needed for all grade divisions. Coaching applications are available in the Parks and Recreation office and online at <a href="http://Parks.GroveCityOhio.gov">Parks.GroveCityOhio.gov</a>. Background checks are performed on coaching applicants.</p>
<b>Background Checks:</b>	<p>All coaches undergo a background check before coaching with the Grove City Parks and Recreation youth leagues. Visit the youth sports coaching page on the website for disqualifiers at <a href="http://bit.ly/GCYouthCoach">bit.ly/GCYouthCoach</a>.</p>
<b>Required Concussion Education:</b>	<p>Parents and players should be aware of the signs, symptoms and dangers of concussions.</p> <p>Per Ohio's Return to Play Law, a coach for a youth sports organization must complete a training program in recognizing the signs and symptoms of concussions and other head injuries provided by the Ohio Department of Health every three years. The obligation also is fulfilled by holding a Pupil Activity Permit from the Ohio Department of Education or completing a similar program authorized and required by an organization that regulates interscholastic conferences or events.</p> <p>The Ohio Department of Health has approved free online training available through the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS). Click the "order here" button and complete a brief registration form to take the course. Membership in NFHS is not required. Visit National Federation of State High School Associations Concussion in Sports - What you Need to Know: <a href="http://nfhslearn.com">nfhslearn.com</a>.</p> <p>For more information, visit <a href="http://www.odh.ohio.gov">www.odh.ohio.gov</a>.</p>
<b>Required Lindsay's Law/ Cardiac Arrest Training:</b>	<p>Sudden cardiac arrest (SCA) occurs when the heart suddenly, unexpectedly stops beating, cutting off blood flow to vital organs. Fatal if not treated immediately, it is the top cause of student athlete death.</p> <p>Per Ohio law, youth sports participants, parents and coaches are required to complete training that includes viewing a video and a handout at <a href="http://www.odh.ohio.gov/landing/Lindsays-Law.aspx">www.odh.ohio.gov/landing/Lindsays-Law.aspx</a>. Handouts and training videos for parents/youth athletes and coaches are different, so coaches should review both sets if also a parent.</p>