



# GROVE CITY YOUTH VOLLEYBALL

THE CITY OF GROVE CITY PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

614-277-3050 • Weather Hot Line: 614-277-3060 • 3226 Kingston Ave., Grove City, OH 43123

GroveCityOhio.gov • facebook.com/GroveCityOhio • twitter.com/GroveCityOhio • instagram.com/GroveCityOhio



## Frequently Asked Questions

**Participants** Grove City Parks and Recreation (GCPR) offers a recreational youth volleyball league focused on fun, sportsmanship and the development of skills. Available to girls and boys in grades 3 through 12, the league is divided into five divisions with teams playing on weekday evenings.

**Fees:** Fees are \$60 per player for Grove City residents, \$65 for all other participants. Full payment 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).

**Practices:** Practices begin the week of Monday, Sept. 19. Teams practice one day per week for one hour before games 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. Below is the anticipated days for league practice and play, subject to change based on registration numbers and facility availability. Coaches will distribute final schedules to their teams. Every attempt is made to reschedule canceled matches.

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 after teams are assigned. Due to the urgency 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. Player requests are not accepted except for siblings/children in the same household where grade places them in the same league. GCPR has the right to honor requests that may arise (e.g., request to not have a specific coach).

**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, call the weather update/information hotline at 614-277-3060. Press #6 for volleyball/basketball gyms then #1 for youth volleyball status.

**Facilities:** GCPR contracts with SWCSD for use of district facilities. Participants and spectators are restricted to necessary areas: restrooms, gymnasium, viewing areas and hallways to entry/exit doors. Abuse of district property or entering restricted areas may lead to suspension of GCPR's ability to rent facilities, severely limiting GCPR's capacity to offer youth sports. Building use is at each principal's discretion, and the department has lost usage of buildings due to abuse of facilities. Restrictions from facilities implemented by SWCSD (e.g., suspension from school) are also in effect during GCPR programs.

**Codes of Conduct:** All participants, coaches, parents and spectators at GCPR 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 City of Grove City 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.

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 GCPR programs.

- 1st offense: verbal warning issued by the Sports Supervisor.
- 2nd offense: one-game suspension issued by the Sports Supervisor.
- 3rd offense: season-long suspension issued by the Sports Supervisor.

**Zero-tolerance Policy:** GCPR has 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 GCPR sporting events.

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 [www.swcsd.us](http://www.swcsd.us).

**Coaches' Meeting:** **(Head Coaches Only)** The coaches' meeting is 6 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 13. Head coaches will draft players and receive player packets so they can contact their team members.

**Coaches Needed:** Coaches are needed for all grade divisions. Coaching applications are available in the Parks and Recreation office and online at [Parks.GroveCityOhio.gov](http://Parks.GroveCityOhio.gov). Background checks are performed on coaching applicants.

**Background Checks:** 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 [bit.ly/GCYouthCoach](http://bit.ly/GCYouthCoach).

**Required Health Trainings:** Per Ohio law, youth sports participants, parents, coaches and officials should be aware of the signs, symptoms and dangers related to sudden cardiac arrest (Lindsay's Law) and head injuries/concussions (Return to Play Law).

Youth sports participants, parents and coaches are required to complete training (video and handout) on sudden cardiac arrest (SCA), the leading cause of death in student athletes, at [bit.ly/gcODHsca](http://bit.ly/gcODHsca). Coaches should review both sets of training information if also a parent.

Youth sports coaches must complete a training program in recognizing the signs and symptoms of concussions and other head injuries every three years. The obligation also is fulfilled by holding a Pupil Activity Permit from the Ohio Department of Education. Free online training is available from the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS), the National Alliance for Youth Sports and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Visit [bit.ly/gcODHconcussion](http://bit.ly/gcODHconcussion) for more information and links to training.