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Elite Volleyball Prep Academy NEWSLETTER Volleyball News

Travel Teams

Congratulations to the athletes who received offers to join Elite Volleyball! We had 300 athletes try out for our travel teams making for great competition at all levels. Official training for the travel season will begin in September, however, you can sign up for summer team practice starting now. We will also be offering a few miniclub tournament's and practice for teams that can fully commit. There will be a minimal assessment for this.

The schedule for the summer teams are located on our website under Schedule/Classes & Practice: <https://elitevball.com/practice-schedule-2/>

Please see our website to sign up for summer classes under Shop/Summer Teams: <https://elitevball.com/product-category/summer-teams/>

Uniform Fitting/Practice Shirts

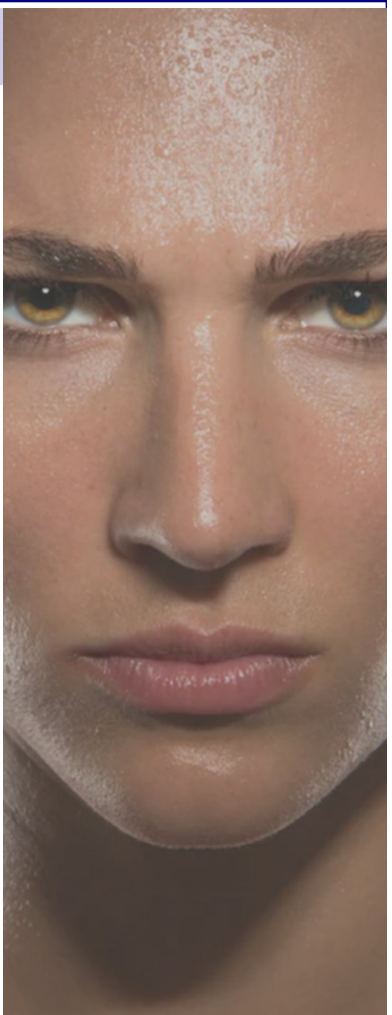
Athletes will be able to try on uniforms on Sat August 24th at the Salvation Army location and Sun August 25th at Cardinal Mooney. Each team will have an assigned time those days to try on the new uniforms. We will also be handing out practice shirts to all teams. Uniform packages include: 3 uniforms (Red/White Teams), 2 uniforms (Navy teams), Nike Hoodie, Nike Elite Backpack, Nike Water Bottle, Nike Shorts Coverups and Nike kneepads. We are trending towards one sleeveless jersey to compliment sleeved jerseys. Which sleeveless do you like?



TRAVEL TEAM OPENINGS

- U12 - 3 spots
- U14 - 1 spots
- U15 - 4 spots
- U16 - 4 spots

- PRIVATE ASSESSMENTS ONGOING** - email pkandrick@elitevball.com or CALL 1-833-4VOLLEY ASAP
- ✓ 4-6 HOURS OF COURT TIME PER WEEK
 - ✓ MASTER COACHING OVERSIGHT
 - ✓ 7 - 9 TOURNAMENTS
 - ✓ 9-10 MONTHS OF TRAINING



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Team Photos—to be taken soon!

Stay tuned—our team photos date to be announced soon! Our team photos in uniforms are planned for November, however, we will be taking a preliminary team photo in Elite shirts during uniform fittings. We will need full participation the weekend of 8/24 and 8/25 for uniform fittings and preliminary team pictures.

Kickoff

Elite-SRQ teams will have their kickoff meeting on Sunday August 11th at Cardinal Mooney High School with Allan Knight, Nancy Hopper and the SRQ coaches. This event will include meet and greet with coaches, scrimmaging and more. SRQ 10s/13s/14s will attend 5-7PM. SRQ 15s/16s/17s will attend 6-8PM.

For the Elite Red, White and Navy teams, the kickoff meeting is scheduled for Sunday August 18th at Cardinal Mooney with the Elite coaches. It will include meet and greet with coaches, scrimmaging, and more. 11s/12s/13s/14s will meet 1-3PM. 15s/16s/17s will meet from 3-5PM.

Teams, please make sure you can attend your season kickoff event!

“The strength of the team is each individual member. The strength of each member is the team.”

Our story begins with the recognition and desire to build a volleyball club like no other. A club that not only leverages best-in-class coaching, player analytics and leading approaches, but also incorporates leadership and community outreach into our program. We wanted our program to truly create a community feel for our families and provide much-needed character building opportunities for our youth. Our club not only includes great coaches, but also industry leaders and other local leaders on our board of directors.

What else is unique? 100% of our donations and tuition are invested into our players and coaches. We know after meeting our coaches and administration you will quickly notice the difference in our club. We not only play elite volleyball, we develop young leaders of tomorrow.

Elite Invasion

Our Elite Invasion event will bring all of our teams together for an exciting season kickoff event. This event is planned for downtown Lakewood Ranch in mid September. Our planning committee is currently working on the details!



SportsEngine

Elite purchased the highest package for SportsEngine and will begin the migration soon. The Pro Package includes rostering, registration, member directory, team mobile app, live video streaming, class and lesson management (to schedule private lessons), and more!



Jim Stone Volleyball Clinic at Elite



Jim Stone Volleyball clinic



Athletes go to University of Tampa

Coach Nancy brought athletes to the University of Tampa for a weekend camp while they trained for volleyball and played in mini-tournaments....and perhaps had a little fun too!



Jim Stone Volleyball Clinic

Elite Volleyball was excited to welcome Jim Stone to Sarasota. Jim is largely considered a youth and collegiate volleyball coaching legend and one of the top volleyball instructors in the country. Jim lead 2 clinics on July 22nd – July 25th at Booker High school. We had many attend!

Considered one of the best collegiate coaches of his time while on the sidelines at Ohio State as head coach, Stone spent 26 years at the helm of the program, arriving in Columbus in 1982 and serving through the 2007 season, making him the longest tenured coach in program history.

Stone racked up a program-record 531 wins during his time there, including 297 in conference play, which both rank fourth in overall and conference wins in Big Ten history.

Stone led the Buckeyes to 15 NCAA Tournament appearances, reaching the semifinals in 1991 and 1994. He was inducted in the OSU Athletics Hall of Fame in 2012, joining nine of his former players. Stone coached 17 AVCA All-Americans and two AVCA National Players of the Year.

Since retiring as head coach at Ohio State in 2007, Stone has been busy working within the USA Volleyball High Performance pipeline serving as head coach of the U.S. Girls' Youth National Team. He served as head coach for the U.S. Girls' Youth National Team, earning a ninth-place finish at the 2011 FIVB Girls' Youth World Championship and the gold medal at the 2010 NORCECA Girls' Youth Continental Championship. He also served at the head man for the U.S. Girls' Youth National Team at the 2010 USA Volleyball High Performance Championships, leading them to a gold medal in the Women's International Junior Division. Shortly after, Stone served as the assistant coach for the U.S. Women's National Team during its gold-medal performance at the FIVB World Grand Prix.

Thank you, Jim Stone, for visiting Elite Volleyball Prep Academy!

Reach Your Potential

Elite Volleyball Prep Academy offers a unique portfolio of classes, lessons and player assessments. Your youth athlete will be provided an assessment every 6-months including our ELITEV-score analytics system.



Total Athlete Program—Coming Soon!

- Jump Training
- Mechanics
- Core and Power
- Conditioning
- Leadership
- Tactics
- Mental Toughness
- Education



“When you look to Olympic Teams, National Teams, Saban’s Alabaman Tide, Top Tier consulting firms or Fortune 500 companies, you begin to see a pattern that connects all of these organizations. They endure repeated and sustainable success for one reason: These organizations architect “a program.” They architect a formula for success and strategically and methodically ensure repetition and control of that formula in all facets of their operations.

Leaning into industry leaders, collegiate leaders and executive leaders, Elite is formulating an athletic development program that will be second to none with resources to ensure quality and performance top-to-bottom, end-to-end, season-to-season.”

~Justin Bash, BOD Chairman, Elite Sports

Tournament Schedule

Our tournament schedule will be out soon! We are hoping to schedule our first tournament at Daytona Beach for the Nike Florida Holiday Tournament on Dec 14-15.



Back to School!

It’s that time of year again! The first day of school is upon us and both excitement and nerves are brewing among our athletes and parents! The first day of school marks a new beginning, a fresh start, and a chance to make the most of the academic year. So from all of us here at Elite, we want to send our first day of school good wishes to all the Elite athletes, teachers, and parents as they embark on this journey!



Elite Sports Sponsorship and CoMarketing Opportunity

Know of an organization that is interested in sponsoring opportunities with Elite? Our sponsorship opportunities allow businesses to enjoy a return on investment while supporting the local community. If you own a business or know of someone who is interested, please reach out to:

ADMIN@ELITEVBALL.com to learn more.

DEVELOPING LEADERS OF TOMORROW

Our mission is to develop our youth athletes into community leaders of tomorrow, making the most of valuable teaching opportunities through sports, education and core values.

Player Handbook

Each athlete will receive a 1/2" binder to receive and provide feedback on athlete's growth, ongoing evaluations, and track measurables. More to come soon!



PLAYER EVALUATIONS ► SKILLS

	SEPT/OCT	FEB	APR
SERVING			
PASSING			
HITTING			
DEFENSE & BLOCKING			

Fundraisers



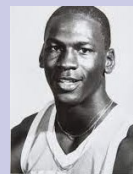
Need a way to offset those upcoming tournament costs? Stay tuned! Fundraising ideas coming soon!

Elite Big Program

Coming soon: Mentorship program for girls 3 years apart to help guide, support, and transfer knowledge from experienced athletes to mentees.



Michael Jordan



Did you know...

Jordan tried out for his varsity basketball team during his sophomore year of high school. At the time, he was around 5' 10" tall and reportedly on the skinny side. The coach chose another sophomore (Jordan's close friend who measured 6' 7") for the varsity spot and placed Jordan on junior varsity instead.

This was a heartbreaking rejection for Jordan. It was also a pivotal moment for him. He could quit basketball and focus on other sports, as many young athletes do in similar situations. Or he could accept his spot on the JV team, work hard, and try again the following year.

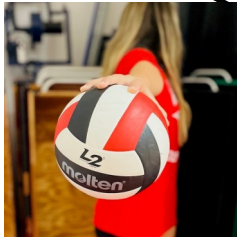
Fortunately for Jordan and the sport of basketball, he decided not to quit. He was a star on the JV team that year and continued to hone his skills. He would practice in the school gym before class in the morning, a testament to his strong work ethic. He was determined he wouldn't be cut from varsity a second time. The summer before his junior year, Jordan had a growth spurt. He measured 6' 3" and made his varsity team. Jordan scored 35 points in his first game and never looked back.

Volunteers Needed

The impact of volunteering extends even beyond the immediate benefits to the volunteers and those they serve. It influences individual lives, shaping perspectives, and encouraging a culture of care and empathy. Volunteers often report a heightened awareness of social issues and a commitment to active citizenship, inspired by their experiences and the stories of those they've helped. If you are interested in volunteering with Elite, please fill out information at <https://elitevball.com/volunteer-groups/>



	FUNDRAISING AND THE ELITE PASS		EVENT PLANNING & SOCIALS
	PHOTOGRAPHY & VIDEOGRAPHY		FACILITIES
	RECRUITING		VOLUNTEER COORDINATION
	APPAREL		WELLNESS AND CONDITIONING



Athletes of the Months coming soon!



If you haven't already done so, please join our **BAND** to stay updated on communication and events:

<https://band.us/n/a2a9A4dfh946y>

Also look for communications coming from our Elite Email Address: Admin@elitevball.com



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