



Hutchinson Junior Olympic Volleyball Association

Commitment, Fees, COVID-19 and Refund Policies for the 2021 Season

Commitments:

Practices typically occur twice a week. Players are expected to participate in practice and a lack of attendance at practice will impact playing time at tournaments.

Tournaments usually take a full Saturday or Sunday, one being the Tiger Jam Tournament in Hutchinson. Parents are responsible for your child's transportation to the tournaments and one parent per player is expected to volunteer for one or more shifts during the Tiger Jam Tournament which is usually held in April.

Players who participate with Hutchinson JO Volleyball are also expected to register with North Country Region (NCR) Volleyball of which Hutchinson JO Volleyball is a member of. There is a separate registration fee of \$50 which is not covered by Hutchinson JO Volleyball.

TEAM POLICIES

15/16/17/18 DIVISIONS (GRADES 9-12 ONLY – CURRENT SCHOOL YEAR)

Registration for 15/16's, and 17/18's levels is open for any girl in current grades 9th to 12th.

This is a team for players with advanced skills. Players will receive the following:

- Advanced instruction on an individual and team basis.
- Emphasis will be placed on successful execution of the game -- encompassing both the physical and mental demands.
- Sustained high level of volleyball play.
- Playing time that is dependent upon the conditions of each game situation and may not be equal.
- Begin to specialize, placing players in positions suited to their skill.

The official start of the season will begin with tryouts and player selection. Tryouts are held in early to mid-November. Practices start in January and the season typically ends in late April or early May.

Cost for the **17/18's Team** (9th – 12th Grade) is **\$950** (\$900 Hutchinson JO/\$50 NCR). Players must be 18 years of age or younger. A \$150 deposit will be due following tryouts and team placement when registration opens in November. Team costs do not include a nonrefundable tryout fee which may be charged by Hutchinson JO Volleyball. Payment plans may be set up for the remaining balance. All registration will be done online. Costs cover 2 uniforms, program t-shirt, level of coaching, any league fees the team may incur, practice time for 20-25 practices and space rentals, and a minimum of 6 competitive events and other competition if schedules allow.

Cost for the **15/16's Team** (9th – 10th Grade) is **\$750** (\$700 Hutchinson JO/\$50 NCR). Players must be 16 years of age or younger. A \$150 deposit will be due following tryouts and team placement when registration opens in November. Team costs do not include a nonrefundable tryout fee which may be charged by Hutchinson JO Volleyball. Payment plans may be set up for the remaining balance. All registration will be done online. Costs cover uniforms, program t-shirt, level of coaching, any league fees

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14 & UNDER DIVISION (GRADES 7-8)

Players must be 14 years of age or younger. The team will be made up of current 7th – 8th graders.

Players will receive the following:

- An Introduction and reinforcement of the fundamentals of volleyball
- Introduction of the team concepts of offensive and defensive skills
- Emphasis on developing a well-rounded volleyball player
- Everyone will play, but playing time may not be equal.
- Emphasis will progress toward developing a more well-rounded volleyball player.

The official start of the season will begin with tryouts and player selection. Tryouts are held in mid-November. Practice starts in in January and the season typically ends in late April or early May.

Cost for the 14's Team is **\$450** (\$400 Hutchinson JO/\$50 NCR). A \$150 deposit will be due following tryouts and team placement when registration opens in November. Team costs do not include a nonrefundable tryout fee which may be charged by Hutchinson JO Volleyball. All registration will be done online with options for a payment plan. Costs cover uniforms, program t-shirt, level of coaching, practice time for 20-25 practices and space rentals, and a minimum of 5 tournaments.

12 & UNDER DIVISION (GRADES 4-6)

Players must be 12 years of age or younger. The team will be made up of current 4th – 6th graders.

This is entry level volleyball. Players will receive the following:

- An introduction and reinforcement to the fundamentals of volleyball
- Instruction that's appropriate to the skill level of the team
- Fair playing time based on practice attendance, player commitment and attitude
- Focus will be placed on the fundamentals of the game, enjoying the game, and building a strong team.
- Emphasis is placed on fun, enriching environment, grouped by ability with fair playing time, and practice as a group.

For the 12's division, the first day of practice constitutes the start of the season. Practice typically begins in early to mid-January.

Cost for the 12's Team is **\$300** (\$250 Hutchinson JO/\$50 NCR). A \$100 deposit will be due when registration opens in November. Registration that occurs after the registration period and before the first day of practice will be charged a \$25 late fee. All registration will be done online with options for a payment plan. Costs cover uniforms, program t-shirt, level of coaching, practice time for 20-25 practices and space rentals, and a minimum of 5 tournaments.

Team Placement & Tryouts

For our 14's, 15/16's and 17/18's teams, players will be grouped by their ability to be coached, attitude, athletic ability, communication, position, work ethic, teamwork, and volleyball ability. The JO Board desires to have team sizes in the range of 9 to 11 players. Cuts may occur if there are over 11 players but less than 18 players. The JO Board reserves the right to form a team with less than 9 players or with more than 11 players when they feel it is in the best interest of the program.

Tryouts for 17/18's team and 15/16's team will be held at the same time. The tryout period is 3 hours and players may be assigned to their team throughout the tryout process or at the end of the tryout process. Tryouts for our 14's team will be held over 3 days. Teams will be assigned after the third day of tryouts.

Our 12's Teams will be selected after the first few practices. 12's players will be assigned to a team based off of their ability/talent level. There will be one or more teams depending on the amount of players registered.

In the unfortunate event that a player does decide to withdraw, the Hutch JO Volleyball Board reserves the right to rearrange the teams with the remaining players based on what is best for the program.

Fees & Volunteer Deposit Policy

The fees must be paid by the time noted above and fees will not be refunded once tryouts have occurred and teams selected. On top of the team fees noted above, every player will be responsible for a \$90 deposit. This \$90 deposit will be returned upon the completion of volunteer hours by a parent of the player. The \$90 deposit is due at tryouts or on the first day of practice for the 12's players. All fees must be paid on time according to the schedule set by the Board.

Payment Plans

Most fees will be paid online with the terms as established by the Hutchinson JO Board of Directors or NCR. Deposit amounts are due by the time as laid out in the above team policies. If payments are not made by the due dates outlined above or in the online payment plan, the player will not be allowed to participate in practices or competitions until the outstanding balance is paid. The NCR fee must be paid prior to the first day of practice or the player will not be allowed to participate.

Fee Refund

If an injury/medical condition occurs during tryouts and team selection, the player may decide to withdraw and receive a full refund upon presentation of a doctor's note. Should a player become injured after the start of the season, a prorated refund will be issued upon presentation of a doctor's note.

A participant who is cut from the program will receive a full refund.

No refunds will be given to any participant who chooses to quit or withdraw from the program after the teams have been posted.

Tryout fees imposed by Hutchinson JO Volleyball are not refundable and must be paid prior to taking place in tryouts.

Participation Guidelines and Waiver & Release of Liability – COVID-19

The novel corona virus, COVID-19, is an infectious disease that is extremely contagious and believed to spread mainly from person-to-person contact, including by individuals without symptoms. This disease has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization, and various activities have been curtailed or restricted across the country. As a result, federal, state and local governments and health agencies recommend the following guidelines:

- Wash hand with soap and water often and especially after using the restroom, prior to and after handling food and/or drink

- Use alcohol-based hand sanitizers in the absence of wash facilities
- Refrain from touching face – eyes, nose and mouth – with hands
- Cough into your elbow or a tissue – then throw the tissue away
- If you are not feeling well or are sick, stay home
- Keep at least 6 feet away from others to maintain social distance
- Those in the vulnerable age groups or with underlying medical conditions should protect themselves and not attend an event until the COVID 19 threat has passed

In addition to those general guidelines, Hutchinson JO Volleyball has established the following additional guidelines in connection with voluntary participation in sanctioned programs and activities:

- Each individual is to bring their own towels, water and water bottles and keep their bags and items separate from any other participants' items
- Each spectator and player should respect the distancing requirements set up by the event and not violate other's space
- Spectators should wear masks and distance themselves from unmasked participants
- No handshakes, high fives, hand slaps.

Until COVID-19 is either eradicated, a vaccine is developed, or a cure is found, there is no way to completely eliminate the risk of infection and as such Hutchinson JO Volleyball strongly encourages all participants to follow these recommendations and the USAV guidelines as safety precautions. The information in this document is not intended or implied to be a substitute for professional medical advice, diagnosis, or treatment, nor does Hutchinson JO Volleyball or USA Volleyball assume any liability or responsibility for the recommendations provided herein.

Participation in this program is strictly voluntary. No one has coerced or required anyone to participate.

Participation by anyone in this program is AT YOUR OWN RISK. There is no participant accident or liability insurance coverage for infectious diseases.

If an individual does not agree to comply with the guidelines for participation, then we ask that you not participate. Hutchinson JO Volleyball asks each person to understand the risk of contracting COVID 19 and take responsibility for their own personal care by following the guidelines and social distancing for the safety of themselves, their family, their teammates and all those participating in the program.

By signing this agreement, you acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID 19, voluntarily agree to the participation terms, and assume the risk that your child, your family at home and yourself may be exposed to or infected by COVID-19 while participating in this program. You agree that you will take responsibility for the personal protection of your child and yourself. You agree to indemnify and hold harmless, Hutchinson JO Volleyball, USA Volleyball, and any other unnamed organization, their employees, agents, and representatives working to organize and operate this program.



Signatures:

We have read and agree to adhere to the commitment, fees, COVID-19, and refund policies:

Player Signature

Parent Signature

Date