



Welcome Athletes and Families

What is "club" volleyball?

It's an opportunity for girls of varying abilities to develop their skills through practice and competition.

Each year hundreds of thousands of girls will participate in Junior Olympic "club" (ages 12-18) and "youth" (ages 7-10) volleyball programs sponsored by USAV Volleyball.

Who is Tucson Juniors Volleyball Club?

Tucson Juniors was started by Dan Bartley who was the head coach at Sunnyside High School. The club was started for his players that wanted to play club, but couldn't afford playing with other clubs. He ran the club through the 2007 season.

In 2009, Dan turned the club over to Derrick Champaco to run while he coached at Sunnyside High School. Tucson Juniors soon partnered with the coaches at Cholla High Magnet School to help the club grow and give both schools an affordable club their players can play for.

This year we will look to expand even further by adding several other high schools and middle schools to our club.

How are we different?

Our goal is to keep volleyball affordable for girls that want to learn and compete in the sport of volleyball. We are able to do this by cutting major expenses:

- For one, our club does not make money. We are working towards being recognized as a non-profit organization.
- Our club will not travel out of state for competition.
- Coaches salaries are kept to low and really only reimburses coaches for their travel. Coaches in our club, coach because they have a strong passion for teaching the game.

Where do we practice and compete?

In club volleyball the biggest expense a club has is in gym rental. A club could easily spend over \$20,000 in renting a facility. Because of this we practice out of Cholla High Magnet School. It's school and administration has worked with us to help keep costs down by letting us use the gym at no cost to our club.

Our teams will practice on Sunday afternoons and once or twice a week. This year we will also offer position training.

Tournaments are held on Saturdays once or twice a month. The majority of club teams in our region are in the Phoenix area. Due to this, tournaments are usually played in the Phoenix area. A club in Tucson may host a tournament during the year but is usually unlikely.

How much does it cost?

Our prices are significantly lower than most clubs. Since we take out the most expensive costs to a club we can offer lower prices to our members. Fees paid by our members pays for team registration, tournament fees, equipment, uniforms, coaches salaries, coaches certification, player registration, and administration fees.

Our region level teams costs just \$600. After paying a \$150 start up fee, members will pay less than \$100 a month.

Our Festival teams costs as low as \$1,500. After a \$150 start up fee, members pay less than \$200 a month.

This year the athletes and their families will be responsible for their daughter's travel, housing, and supervision while at national tournaments (Cactus Classic, Fiesta Classic, Vulture Peak, and Volleyball Festival).

Paying Club Dues

Paying your club dues is easy and this year will be even easier. Simply bring a cash, check, or money order to Derrick Champaco at practice or mail to the club. This year our club will take credit card payments. We accept Visa, MasterCard, AMEX, and Discover.

Fundraising

We offer several fundraising options to help reduce out of pocket expenses to our members and to help the club raise funds to purchase more training equipment. Players are expected to participate in these fundraisers.

Tryout Process

The coaches will evaluate all players that attend our free tryout. Our most experienced coaches will work together placing players on teams. Tryouts will take place on the following days:

Middle School Athletes

November 6, 2011 from 1-4pm

High School Athletes

November 20, 2011 from 12-2pm and 3-5pm

All Tryouts will take place at Cholla High Magnet School. Players will be placed on teams based on position, skill, athleticism, and commitment. Again some players may be cut if we do not have enough room on our teams. We will try to field as many teams as we can, but we will not sacrifice quality. Meaning if we don't have a qualified coach we will not put that team together.

Practice Players

After a team has been selected and roster filled we will take up to 3 practice players per team. Practice players will train with the team but will not compete in tournaments. This is a great option for players that want to play club volleyball but are still unsure of their commitment.

Extra Tournaments

Our club's region teams will play in the Cactus Classic Invitational. A three day tournament held in the Tucson Convention Center. The tournament invites teams from all over Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, California and most recently Mexico.

Festival teams will participate in the Cactus Classic or Fiesta Classic in Phoenix, and the week long Volleyball Festival held in Phoenix at the end of June.

Sponsors/Partnerships

Baden - Is now the official ball of Tucson Juniors. This partnership will allow us to keep costs lower.

VolleyballRecruits.net - The official recruiting tool for USA Volleyball. The only database in America that every college has access to. Our members will be able to use this service at a discounted rate.

Joining the Club

Joining is easy:

- Simply register with our region through USAV's WebPoint website
- Pay the \$25 registration fee (this is only half the fee)
- Fill out the Medical Release form
- Attend Tryouts
- Once offered a spot on a roster sign and return the commitment contract
- Pay the \$150 start up fee (this pays the other half of your registration fee)

Coaching Staff

- Derrick Champaco
- Adam Welch
- Kellin Lovegren
- Marshall Cole
- Scott Kloefkorn
- Stefanie Frost
- Clarissa Willis
- Alicia Mejia
- Michael Frazzelle
- Sadie Rangel