

Point West VBC

Character. Commitment. Community.

At Point West, we have teams to maximize the skills and talents of all our players. Each player is coached to ensure they are developed to their fullest potential and we are committed to the high-level training of all of our athletes within a positive learning environment. Whether it is first-time volleyball players or experienced athletes, Point West takes pride in developing fundamental skills at all levels. The coaches at Point West are committed to the advancement of the individual athlete while building the team dynamic. Learning proper fundamentals and understanding team systems are vital for the athlete who wishes to maximize their potential.

We are committed to empowering young athletes beyond the gym. We want every player to leave Point West feeling successful and confident in who they are and what they have accomplished. We pride ourselves on teaching our athletes how to be responsible and accountable all while enjoying the experience of growing as an athlete and contributing to the team. While playing to win is our focus, we emphasize personal accountability, time management, and interpersonal skills through athletics. We are committed to producing not just outstanding athletes, but outstanding people.

Our Mission is to:

~ Build the youth in our program into confident athletes of high **character** through experiences they have as members of our club.

~ Create an atmosphere where, through **commitment** and hard work, both individual and team successes are celebrated and there is no fear of failure.

~ Foster **community** within our club through cooperation among directors, coaches, players, and parents.

Creating a volleyball tradition of character, commitment, and community since 2001.

"Point West has been the best volleyball experience my two daughters have had. The caliber of coaching is incredible. Mix experience, quality teaching, fairness and just good people and that is what the coaches are at Point West. You gain so much more than volleyball here, you receive good role models for your daughters and a meaningful club season. Point West is what every volleyball club should be."

Jo Ann Smith
(parent of 2 former athletes at Point West)

"Playing for Point West did not just improve my volleyball skills. It increased my confidence and my leadership abilities while teaching me that I could reach goals I never thought were achievable. Point West had such a positive impact on my volleyball experience and I know the coaches and players that contributed to my development will be a part of my life for many years to come."

Halley Weinstock
(3 year player and former coach at Point West)

MEET THE COACHES

Kristine Connolly - Club Owner & Director– With 30 years coaching experience, a deep passion for mentoring athletes and a belief in the positive influence organized sports have on young women, Kristine started her coaching career in 1995, beginning as an assistant 18s club coach while still in college. Since then, she has coached at the high school, club and collegiate levels. Five of those years she spent leading her alma mater, Oak Park High, as head coach of their varsity program and coached 4 years of club locally before founding Point West in 2001. With a philosophy founded on providing a positive club experience while producing the best volleyball players possible within the scope of a team first mentality, Kristine has grown Point West into a highly respected club known for player development and true commitment to athletes. Her influence has guided this strong club program to top finishes in both SCVA and in national tournaments.

Kristine is currently the head coach at Royal HS. She took over the program in the spring of 2014. In just her second season with the Royal program she led them to a League Championship in 2015 and then in 2019, 2021, 2022, 2023, & 2024. She was also the Head Volleyball Coach at NAIA Division I Master's University. In 2007, her team finished 3rd at NCCAA Nationals. She coached 5 former Point West players while at Master's.

A four-year scholarship athlete and 1st-team All-conference player in the Western Athletic Conference, she made her mark at D1 University of New Mexico by fulfilling the role of team captain for 2 years and team MVP and helping her squad to a National NCAA Division I ranking of #8 and 4 years in the top 20, during her campaign. Kristine started her career locally at Oak Park High School where she began playing volleyball competition during her sophomore year. A quick learner, she earned both all-league honors and team MVP awards during her final two seasons. After completing her career at University of New Mexico, Kristine returned to southern California to begin her coaching career.

In 2006 she was inducted into the Oak Park High School Hall of Fame for her work in the volleyball community.

Aaron Hedland – 118 Boys Club Director - 18s/17s Head Coach - Player Development– Aaron joined the Point West family as a well-known and highly respected coach in the volleyball community. He believes in the Point West philosophy of teaching both the fundamentals of volleyball and life, to give athletes opportunities to learn life lessons through game situations.

Aaron's coaching career started in 2005 coaching both club and college volleyball. He is currently the assistant coach for the Moorpark College Beach Volleyball team and his 12th year with the Women's Volleyball team, and 9th year as Men's Head Coach. Aaron began his Moorpark College coaching career as a volunteer assistant coach with the Women's Volleyball program in 2010, becoming the assistant women's volleyball coach in 2011 and head men's coach in 2014.

Growing up in Ventura County, Aaron has been extremely active with the coaching at the youth club level over the last 12 years, working with local clubs such as Sports Academy, Ventura County Volleyball Club, Bones Volleyball Club, and California Heat VBC before joining Point West. He also served as the men's head coach for San Diego State University's men's club volleyball team and assistant for Westlake High School's boys' team.

As a coach, Aaron's coaching accolades include 2017 WSC-N Coach of the Year (Moorpark College Men's), 2017 WSC-N Conference Champions (Moorpark College Men's), 6-time WSC Conference Champions (Moorpark College Women's), 2014 USAV BJNC – U18 Club division silver medalist (VCVC), 2013 SCVA Boys Junior Classic – U16 bronze medalist (Bones VC), and multiple Top 4 CIF-SS finishes (Westlake High School). He also has been host and director of the Ventura County High School Volleyball All-Star games since 2013.

He is a graduate of Westlake High School, playing for their two-time Marmonte League champion (2003, 2004) and Division I CIF finalist (2004) volleyball team. Hedland then attended Moorpark College and UC San Diego, receiving All-Western States Conference and Scholar Athlete honors. Aaron also has a Master of Arts in Coaching & Athletic Administration and a Master of Science in Coaching & Exercise Sciences from Concordia University, Irvine.

Danny Rodrick – 16s Head Coach – 118 Boys Co-Director – Setters' Coach - Danny Rodrick joined the Point West family as a Co-Director and coach of our 118 Boys Club program. A well-known coach in Ventura County, Danny brings years of experience as boys and girls coach and has also served as developer of local boys' club programs in the area. He also was a Gold Medal Squared Camp travel coach for 6 years. Danny coached local high school programs at Newbury Park HS and Moorpark HS, where he was the head

coach for both the head boys' and girls' programs. He is currently a lead assistant for both the men's and women's programs at Moorpark College.

Danny attended Kapaa High School in Kapaa, Hawai'i where he lettered all four years in volleyball. He also earned Player of the Year honors in 2005 and was a first team Kauai Interscholastic Federation selection in 2005 and 2006. He helped the Warriors to the Div. II state championship in 2005. He graduated from Kapa'a High School in 2007 where he was a four-sport varsity athlete – setter for three years in volleyball, midfielder for two years in soccer, singles and doubles for three years in tennis, and three years in track and field.

Danny went on to play volleyball at El Camino College where was the starting setter for the Warriors and earned 1st team all-conference honors in 2009 and 2nd team in 2008. Danny transferred to Cal State Northridge, where he finished out his career under head coach Jeff Campbell.

Brooke Bunker - 18s/17s Assistant- Brooke is a former Point West athlete who is continuing her career as a coach. She was a standout performer for Simi Valley HS and played at Point West for 6 years. Brooke also played 2 seasons as the starting setter at Moorpark College where her team went to the state playoffs and she won an athlete-of-the-year award. She then went on to finish out her college career playing at D2 Azusa Pacific University as their setter.

After recently graduating from Azusa, Brooke has returned to her alma mater Simi High School as their head coach. Brooke previously coached for our Junior Spikers program and was our 14s head coach and assistant 16s coach.

Joey Nelson – 15s Coach - Joey is a PW 118 Boys alum where he was a libero for 2 seasons. His teams won 3 medals at the National level. He also played 4 years at Royal HS where his team won the a CIF Championship and he was Libero of the Year and All-County 1st Team. He coached our Junior Spikers program as well as numerous camps and clinics. He is currently the frosh girls coach at Royal HS and is playing on the men's team at Moorpark College.

Garrett Ream - Assistant – Garrett was a star setter for the Royal HS boys team where he helped lead his 2022 team to a CIF Championship. He played at Moorpark College as their starting setter and helped his team to the State Final Four. He is currently in his second season as assistant varsity coach at Royal HS and coached for both girls 17s and 118 boys 16s teams last year.

Cindy Hedland - Assistant - Cindy is a PW alum who returned to PW as a coach. Cindy loves to see girls learn to play the sport she grew up with and loves. Cindy wants to help make them the best they can be and believes there is no better feeling than helping players be successful in the sport they are passionate about.

Cindy played at local Moorpark HS and played at Point West for 4 years. After a strong HS career, she went on to join the Moorpark College team for 2 years before transferring to D2 New Mexico Highlands University. At Moorpark College she won 2nd team and 1st team all-conference awards and was her team's MVP, as well as being a 2-year scholar athlete and was given the Character Champion Award. She earned a full-ride scholarship to New Mexico Highlands University, where she made the Dean's List and was a Scholar Athlete.

She started her coaching career when she was a freshman in college when she assisted with the 16-1 team for 2 years and also was the head 14s coach. She was the 18s and 17s assistant and has head coached both 16s and 15s. Cindy joined the Royal HS coaching staff in 2019 as the FS coach and is was the JV coach and Varsity Assistant and currently runs their strength and conditioning program and assists with JV. Cindy is also a teacher at Hillside Middle School.

Tresa Perzaz – Assistant -Tresa coached in our 18s and 16s divisions last season where her 18s team finished 3rd at the Las Vegas Classic. She started playing volleyball at the age of 10 where she fell in love with the sport. She was the varsity setter at Camarillo HS for all 4 years then went on to play at Alla Hancock College for 2 years where she was top 5 in the state for aces, serving percentage and digs. Tresa finished her college education at UNLV where she got her degree in Kinesiology with a teaching credential in Physical Education.

Tresa started her coaching career while doing student teaching at Western HS in Las Vegas in 1999 where she was the varsity assistant coach. She then went on to coach at Las Vegas HS for 7 years as the girls' head frosh coach and varsity assistant. She was also the strength and conditioning coach for the program while she was there. She was also the head varsity softball coach for 4 years where she was named Coach of the Year for Southern Nevada and her team was the runner up in the state championship.

When Tresa moved back to Camarillo in 2008, she started teaching at Hueneme HS where she is currently. During her years at Hueneme she has gained years of coaching experience: she was the Girls Varsity Soccer Coach 2008-2010, Softball Varsity Coach 2009-2014, Athletic Director 2009-2014, Boys Varsity VB Coach 2015-2023 where she was named Coach of the Year for the Pacific View League Boys Volleyball. She also coached at Ventura County Volleyball Club (VCVC) for two seasons and she is a local volleyball referee.

Heidi Buonauro - Junior Spikers Program Head Coach – Heidi is a well-known and highly respected fixture in the volleyball community in Simi Valley and surrounding areas. A standout setter at Royal high school, she was Marmonte MVP and 1st Team All-CIF. After graduating in 1996, she played collegiately at both NCAA Division II Hawaii Hilo and Moorpark College.

After returning to Simi, Heidi started coaching at the Ferguson youth camps started by her father Bob. She has coached the youth camps for over 20 years and during that time began coaching at Royal HS in 1999 for both the boys' and girls' programs. She was the JV boys' coach for 10 seasons, the girls' JV coach for 5 seasons and the Varsity girl's coach for 8 seasons. At the JV level her teams won 11 league championships and her Varsity team won 1. She has returned to coach at Royal HS as a Frosh and JV head coach as well as setters' coach.

Olivia Campisi – Assistant Coach – Olivia, or Liv, as she likes to be called, started as assistant coach with us in 2024! She has been around volleyball most of her life and her older sister played for Point West and she grew up watching her play. Liv has been with Point West since age 13 and played through her senior year. She coached our Junior Spikers program and our Point West Middle School Clinics. Liv is extremely passionate about volleyball. She loves to play and coach and share her passion for the game with young athletes.

Olivia played on the Simi Valley High Volleyball Team for 4 years as a standout Outside Hitter helping her team to a second place CIF finish her junior year. Liv was named the Ventura County Star player of the week and the Ventura County Stars top 25 girls volleyball players in Ventura County. She won All-League Honors 1st team awards 2 years in a row. She was named Most Outstanding Offensive player her Junior year and MVP her Senior year, as well as being awarded athlete scholar awards all 4 years of high school.

Liv is currently in her second season as an outside hitter on the Moorpark College Women's teams.

Akina Campisi- Assistant Coach – Akina joined Point West her junior year of high school where she helped lead our 18s team to a 5th place finish at Nationals. Now she is returning to share her volleyball knowledge as a coach and her love of the sport.

Akina played at Simi High School where she was the starting varsity setter for 3 seasons. She earned MVP and 1st Team All-League Honors. She is starting her freshman season as a setter on the Moorpark College Women's team. She also coached for our Junior Spikers program.

Mia Paculan – Assistant Coach – Mia is a libero that started her career at Thousand Oaks HS and she is currently on the Moorpark College Women's team. She was an assistant coach for our 16s team last season.

Carly Ballentine – Assistant Coach – Carly is a 4 year alum of Point West that returned to coach last season as our 15s assistant. She played at Royal HS where her team won back to back league championships and she led her team in blocking. She is back for her second season as assistant coach for both the frosh and varsity teams at Royal.

2025-2026 ESTIMATED SEASON COSTS

18s:

Club Dues: \$3,450

- Cost covers gym fees, coaches, equipment, registration fees, insurance, and entry to all regular season SCSN tournaments.

Las Vegas Classic or Red Rock Rave Qualifier (Las Vegas, NV): \$300*

- Costs cover tournament entry fee and travel/lodging costs for coaches

JVA West Coast Cup (Long Beach, CA): \$95*

- Costs cover tournament entry fee

Colorado Crossroads Qualifier (Denver, CO): \$300*

- Costs cover tournament entry fee and travel/lodging costs for coaches

GJNC Nationals (Reno, NV) – must qualify: \$300*

- Costs cover tournament entry fee and travel/lodging costs for coaches

AAU Nationals (Orlando, FL): \$450*

- Costs cover tournament entry fee and travel/lodging costs for coaches

Uniforms: \$75 - \$100

- jerseys, warm-ups (additional items available)

Practice Tees: \$30 (new players or replacement tees)

- 2 practice tees

17s/16s/15s:

Club Dues: \$3,450

- Cost covers gym fees, coaches, equipment, registration fees, insurance, and entry to all SCSN tournaments.

Las Vegas Classic (Las Vegas, NV): \$300*

- Costs cover tournament entry fee and travel/lodging costs for coaches

JVA West Coast Cup (Long Beach, CA): \$95*

- Costs cover tournament entry fee

AAU Nationals (Orlando, FL): \$450*

- Costs cover tournament entry fee and travel/lodging costs for coaches

Uniforms: \$100

- jerseys, warm-ups (additional items available)

Practice Tees: \$30 (new players or replacement tees)

- 2 practice tees

14s/13s:

Club Dues: \$3,450

- Cost covers gym fees, coaches, equipment, registration fees, insurance, and entry to all SCSN tournaments.

Summer Soiree (Anaheim, CA): \$150*

- Costs cover tournament entry fee and travel/lodging costs for coaches

Uniforms: \$100 (all players)

- jerseys, warm-ups (additional items available)

Practice Tees: \$30 (new players or replacement tees)

- 2 practice tees

**Costs are based upon current estimates as of July. Prices may change when final travel arrangements are made. Amount due will be adjusted accordingly. Athletes travel arrangement are NOT included in the cost.*

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT:

If you are asked to join a Point West team, you will be emailed details on payment and registration needed to secure your spot. We will collect first payment and signed commitment letter on July 27th (15s-18s) or Oct 5th (12s-14s) – done online.

What to do on commitment day:

- 1st payment of \$475
- Online Registration and Commitment Form (links will be emailed to you)