



## **ARAA JO VOLLEYBALL FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

### **What is JO Volleyball?**

USA Junior Olympic (sometimes called JO) Volleyball or club volleyball is a nationwide, junior volleyball system made up of individual clubs organized by region under the parent organization, USA Volleyball, for the primary purpose of growing and supporting the sport.

### **Is JO Volleyball for skilled players only?**

No, JO Volleyball is for players of any skill level. JO Volleyball focuses on skill building and knowledge of the game in a competitive setting.

### **How old does my daughter have to be to play in ARAA Junior Olympic Volleyball?**

Currently, we have teams that support 4th through 12th graders.

### **What age group would my daughter sign up for?**

JO Volleyball teams are organized and labeled by age level, not grade level. The player's age level is determined by where their birthday is in relation to the July 1st date. Refer to the 21/22 USA Volleyball Age Definition Chart.

### **Why are there tryouts?**

Tryouts/assessments are needed to determine what team your daughter will play on. These teams are formed by placing players on teams with like skill level. Number of registrants per age level is also a factor in team placement.

### **What do the season fees go towards?**

ARAA Volleyball is non-profit. The season fees go towards coaching, uniforms, gym time and tournament fees.

### **Why is there a membership fee?**

ARAA JO Volleyball players are a part of North Country Region (NCR) Volleyball. Players and coaches are required to become members in order to participate in tournaments. Officiating and Scorekeeping courses and certifications are also covered under the fee.

### **How long is the JO season?**

ARAA JO Volleyball's season length is designed to allow players to participate in spring sports. Practices and tournaments take place between November 1st and April 1st. Players participating on a high school team must wait until the highschool volleyball season is over to begin.

**How many practices a week will we have?**

The number of practices you will have is determined by age level and gym availability.

**How many tournaments/playdates will we play in?**

The number of tournaments/playdates will be determined by age level.

**What is the difference between tournaments and playdates?**

Tournaments consist of pool play and bracket play over 1-2 days. Playdates are half day events that focus on learning of the game in both play and officiating/scorekeeping aspects. Most tournaments and playdates charge spectator entry fees.

**What impact does COVID have on tournaments/playdates this season?**

Some COVID aspects of tournament/playdate formats remain and some aspects are still to be determined. Spectators are currently allowed to attend volleyball events.

**What happens if we are unable to finish our season due to COVID?**

If there is a mandatory shutdown of club volleyball due to state or local guidelines, ARAA Volleyball will issue partial refunds at the end of the season if practices or tournaments cannot be rescheduled. NCR/USAV memberships, uniforms worn, gym time used and tournaments played are non refundable.