



(FAQ) Frequently Asked Questions

How long does the season run?

The season starts in Nov and ends in April or May (Depending upon the team) . We take holidays off (2 weeks for Christmas) and a week off for Spring Break.

What is a CEVA membership?

The CEVA (Columbia Empire Volleyball Association) is the regional organization for USA Volleyball (US National and Olympic volleyball). The CEVA membership is required for any player playing in a club that participates in any USA Volleyball sanctioned event, such as Power League and National Qualifiers. You need one to try out and play at NW Elite.

Where will practices be held?

We have a number of venues, Oregon City, West Linn and potentially Wilsonville, Clackamas and Tualatin (around Stafford Road)

How often are practices held and how long are they?

2 Practices per week. For 12s it is usually 1.5 Hours, and 2 hours for older teams. Most Practices will be Mon-Wed, Tue-Thu and some teams will have a Mon-Fri or Wed-Fri.

How big are the teams / How many players on a team?

We try to keep the teams to around 10. This provides more opportunity for playing time for players. We will go to 11 depending on circumstances, but more than 11 requires approval at the director level (not usually approved)

What is the difference between Local, Regional and National Teams?

- Local teams play Power League and local friendship tournaments
- Regional team expand this to overnight tourneys (that are drivable)
- National teams add National Qualifiers that require flights and hotels

For travel, how are the costs managed?

We work hard to minimize the costs for travel. Unlike some clubs, we do not charge a huge portion up front and make a profit from travel. It is a pass through cost. For flights we let parents know the flights we plan on (the ones the coach will be on) ahead of time, and let parents use mileage points, discounts or however they can best minimize their costs. For hotels, we book team rooms for the girls and that cost is distributed across the team. The target is to put 3 to 4 girls to a room.

For travel, do the players stay together?

That is the expectation. With COVID, we are less rigid and will allow players to stay in parents rooms if there is (well in) advance notice to the club (allowing the club to cancel rooms without penalty/costs).

Are Masks Required at Practices and Tournaments?

For practices/scrimmages, we will be monitoring and adhering to mask protocols as the season progresses. Currently the "Athletics" protocol is "No masks while actively participating in practice or games". When on the sidelines, the masks are currently required.

For tournaments, this will depend on the policies of the venue in which the tournament is held. This may vary from location to location. It is expected that for the time being, that all spectators and coaches will need masks.