



Welcome to EVC
2026–27 New Parent Meeting



2026-27 EVC Standard is
“Earned! Not Given!”

What EVC is Committed to Providing

- A competitive, family-oriented volleyball environment
- Skill development, team growth, and personal accountability
- Coaches who teach, communicate, and support their athletes
- Clear expectations for players and families
- Opportunities for athletes to grow at the level that best fits their development



Meet the EVC Leadership Team

- **Brian Eich — EVC Director**
- **Sarah Eich — Finance and Travel**
- **Jonathan Espinili – Assistant Director**
- **Kiersten Eich — EVC Fitness and Performance Head Coach**
- **Natalie Bolyn — EVC Program Director**
- **Rita Schein — Administrator**
- **Sami Pittman — EVC Events Coordinator**

Contact information and responsibilities will be shared with families.

Projected Teams for 2026–27*

12u	13u	14u	15u	16u	17u
12 Premier	13 National	14 National	15 Elite	16 Elite	17 Elite
12 Regional	13 Premier	14 Premier	15 National	16 National	17 National
		14 Select	15 Premier	16 Premier	
		14 Regional	15 Select		
			15 Rise		

TEAM PLACEMENT

All athletes will train and be evaluated during the first three weeks of the season. Coaches consider skill, position, team needs, attitude, work ethic, coachability, and long-term development. We are typically able to do so by the Thanksgiving Break.

"Our goal is to place each athlete on the team that best supports her development and the needs of the club."

"Trust the Process"

EVC Practice Schedule*

- 12U — Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5:00–7:00 p.m.
- 13U & 14U — Mondays and Wednesdays, 5:00 – 7:00p.m.
- 15U — Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7:30–9:30 p.m.
- 16U & 17U — Mondays and Wednesdays, 7:30–9:30 p.m.

** Each full-season team will get an additional 30 minutes per week from December - April*

November Sunday Schedule – 8-10am-16u; 10:30-12:30pm-17u; 1-3pm-14u; 3:30-5:30pm-12u & 13u; 5:30-7:30pm 15u

***Practice days, times, and Sunday rotations are subject to final confirmation after team placement.**

- **Player Development**

- Fitness Training**

- Led by Kiersten Eich and the EVC performance staff
Strength, agility, and injury prevention included for full-season teams

- **Video and Statistics available for designated high-school teams**

- Supports statistics, highlights, and recruiting preparation



Complete These Requirements Before the Season!

MEMBERSHIPS

- USAV membership
- AAU membership for designated events
- JVA membership for designated events – no cost to you

**Please wait for EVC instructions before purchasing memberships.
Requirements and deadlines are subject to final confirmation.**

UNIFORMS AND REQUIRED EQUIPMENT*

- Game jerseys — athletes will receive an assigned number
- Practice jersey
- Warm-up top and bottom
- Backpack
- Black spandex
- Socks
- White kneepads
- EVC volleyball

Every athlete must attend the fitting and try on all required pieces. Custom uniform items are nonreturnable.

*Package contents and estimated cost are subject to final confirmation.

COMMUNICATION EXPECTATIONS

- LeagueApps is the primary calendar for practices and tournaments.
- EVC administrative staff will communicate to you through League Apps for any cancellations due to inclement weather or other unforeseen circumstances.
- Coaches will identify their preferred team communication method. Players should learn to communicate directly with their coaches.
- Group chats are for logistics—not playing time, other athletes, or coaching decisions.
- Report absences as early as possible using the team's designated method.
- Billing, travel, and administrative questions should be directed to the appropriate EVC staff member.

The Parent–Player–Coach Partnership

Practices are closed unless EVC specifically opens them to parents.

Attendance, effort, attitude, and communication matter.

- Playing time is earned and is not guaranteed.
- **Support the entire team positively and do not coach from the sideline.**
- Follow the 24-hour rule!

COMMUNICATION PATH

1. Athlete speaks with the coach.
2. Athlete and parent meet with the coach if needed.
3. Club leadership becomes involved if the concern remains unresolved.

Financial Obligations*

- Tuition payment options will be available through LeagueApps.
 - Payment plans will use automatic payments.
 - Declined payments may result in a late fee.
 - Tournament fees, uniforms, memberships, and family travel will be billed separately.
 - Families remain responsible for fees according to the EVC Parent and Player Agreement.

*Amounts, payment dates, plan options, and fees are subject to final confirmation.

FUNDRAISING*

Mandatory EVC Raffle. Tickets are distributed near the beginning of the season. A minimum sales requirement applies.

- A portion of eligible sales above the minimum may be credited to the athlete's account.

All fundraising funds (aside from the 10 tickets for the mandatory fundraiser) can be used to offset your EVC tuition or EVC tournament fees. At no point in time can you have it paid to you as cash, check, or a charge back to your credit card on file. Fundraising credits cannot be used for your travel expenses. If you leave EVC you forfeit your credit.

FUNDRAISING*

Additional Opportunities

- Banner Sponsorships
- Double Good Popcorn
- Candy bar sales and other club fundraisers
- Team-specific fundraisers benefit that team

*Requirements, percentages, and available fundraisers are subject to final confirmation.



Travel Expectations for Full-Season Teams

- Travel requirements vary by team level and final tournament schedule.
- Elite and National athletes must commit to all required travel events.
- Some tournaments are stay-to-play and require booking through the designated hotel block.
 - Sarah will send out hotel blocks for all out-of-town tournaments
- Families are responsible for transportation, lodging, meals, and related travel costs unless otherwise communicated.
- Most overnight events require arrival the day before competition.
- National events may require air travel and multiple hotel nights.
- Tournament fees remain subject to the Parent and Player Agreement.

Final destinations and dates will be provided after schedules and team placements are confirmed.

Local League Competition

WINDY CITY POWER LEAGUE/CHICAGO VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE

- Multiple competition dates during the season
- Local events generally use an AM or PM wave
- Division and format vary by age group and team level
- Local league competition

Team movement may be based on results

Includes a final playoff weekend



Typical Tournament-Day Expectations

- Arrive one hour before the first playing or officiating assignment.
- Bring every jersey, required equipment, food, and water.
- Athletes remain with the team throughout the tournament.
- Work-team assignments are part of the competition day.
- Athletes learn scoring, line judging, scorebook, libero tracking, and down officiating.
- Athletes may not leave until the coach dismisses the team.
- Parents should cheer positively and avoid coaching from the sideline.
- Facility food and seating rules vary—check event information in advance.

ADDITIONAL EVC OPPORTUNITIES

- Discounted open gyms*
- Discounted private lessons*
- Positional and specialty training

*Subject to availability and final pricing.

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Your Next Steps



1. Review the Parent and Player Handbook.
2. Complete documents, memberships, payment arrangements, and the uniform fitting.
3. Activate LeagueApps and add EVC dates to your family calendar.

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Questions & Answers



Thank you for being part of the EVC Family!