

**2017 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS**

- NO CLUB FEE INCREASES from 2016 season!!
- possible 2<sup>nd</sup> 11's or 3<sup>rd</sup> 12s team
- 14-PiNK will be American/Elite; 14-BLACK will be American
- 15-PiNK & 16-PiNK will be National\*; 15-BLACK & 16-BLACK will be American
- positional training sessions for American/Elite and National teams
- strength & fitness sessions (INCLUDED in your club fees) - January thru May

**WHAT IS CLUB VOLLEYBALL?**

Club volleyball is a "select" volleyball training program for elementary, junior high and high school athletes outside of their school system. Practices are held throughout the week and matches are played in a tournament format on weekends. Most club teams play in 6-10 tournaments throughout the course of this 4-6 month season. The tournaments feature round-robin pool play followed by bracketed playoffs. Some tournaments are one-day events and others are two-day events. Club volleyball is a fee-based program where teams are selected following tryouts. The costs involved with club volleyball cover court rental, coach salaries & registration, uniform and equipment costs, tournament entry fees and administrative expenses. In Ohio, club volleyball is governed by the Ohio Valley Region (OVR) and USA Volleyball (USAV). Players and clubs must also adhere to rules set by the OHSAA regarding out of season/non-school athletic participation.

In the OVR, teams are classified as National, American (13's thru 17's) and Regional. National teams consist of higher caliber athletes who play in highly competitive events including USAV national qualifier tournaments which typically entail high entry costs and significant travel. These National level teams are likely to end the season by playing in a National tournament. Regional teams consist of a athletes (in terms of caliber) who want to learn the fundamentals of the sport, gain playing experience and play tournaments that are more local or regional in nature. And, the American division teams fall somewhere in between the National & Regional divisions, offering somewhat of a mix of these two. Each club structures teams in these divisions differently so make sure to look at what is included at each division within a club to make comparisons between different clubs.

**AIR CITY CHICKS MISSION**

**AIR CITY CHICKS** volleyball club is committed to providing quality instruction and tournament play opportunities for girls in age groups 11-and-under through 18-and-under, within the Ohio Valley Region and USA Volleyball. The directors, coaches, and affiliates of **AIR CITY CHICKS** are united in creating an environment where players can learn life-enhancing qualities such as discipline, self-respect, sportsmanship, teamwork, goal definition and achievement, work ethic, self-esteem, confidence & cooperation; while also developing fundamental & strategic skills of volleyball.

**OUR CORE PHILOSOPHIES**

Quality of coaching over quantity of teams - we won't simply add teams to accommodate players if we can't provide quality coaches to coach those teams.

We are straightforward and honest - you may not always like what you hear, but it will be honest information that is presented in a direct and fair manner.

We will COACH and be passionate about it - our coaches will be actively involved in coaching and instruction both during practices and tournament play.

Minimal tournament travel - even our higher level teams aren't travelling much more than 2-3 hours

Each team has two coaches who are involved with all practices AND tournaments.

## COACHES

The **AIR CITY CHICKS** coaching staff is one of the best in Southwest Ohio. I personally have played with, played against, played for, coached against, coached with many of the coaches on our staff - I can attest to the fact that their passion for volleyball rivals my own and those of you who know me, know that I am passionate about volleyball! And, the **AIR CITY CHICKS** coaching staff wants to share a little bit of that volleyball passion with you and your daughters!

ALL of our head coaches have PRIOR coaching experience a various levels of the game. We are committed to having two coaches on each team who will be present at all practices & tournaments.

Take a look at the coaching profiles on our website (<http://www.aircitychicks.com/staff.htm>) and you'll see the wealth of VOLLEYBALL EXPERIENCE that this coaching staff brings to the table. I am proud to call these individuals my colleagues and I'm thoroughly excited about the quality of coaching that **AIR CITY CHICKS** is going to be able to give you!

### The following are coaches confirmed for our 2017 coaching staff:

tina mc nachtan - 11's head coach  
amber halstead - 11's asst. coach  
arielle dzaferagic - 11's head coach  
paula bridgman - 12-PiNK head coach  
kathy ward - 12-BLACK head coach  
eliza stierle - 12's asst. coach  
renee de graff - 13-PiNK head coach  
stephanie reveal - 13-PiNK asst. coach  
colleen cunningham - 13-BLACK head coach  
amanda kaylor - 13-WHiTE head coach  
dre smith - 13's asst. coach  
ashton riley - 13's asst. coach  
tina jasinowski - 14-PiNK head coach  
claire houser - 14-PiNK asst. coach  
dee lippke - 14-BLACK head coach

allie petri - 14-WHiTE head coach  
melissa mireles - 14-WHiTE asst. coach  
michelle long - 15-PiNK head coach  
matt long - 15-PiNK asst. coach  
robin shelton - 15-BLACK head coach  
alan ronnebaum - 15-BLACK asst. coach  
briana butler - 15-WHiTE head coach  
nicole weininger - 15-WHiTE asst. coach  
carol leedy - 16-PiNK head coach  
rob leedy - 16-PiNK asst. coach  
rick berry - 16-BLACK head coach  
malorie valentine - 16-BLACK asst. coach  
jill howard - 17-PiNK head coach  
cheryl franklin - 17/18 head coach  
karen pedtke - 17/18 asst. coach

**PLEASE NOTE:** the above coaching *assignments* WILL be finalized prior to/during tryouts in order for AIR CITY CHICKS to meet OHSAA coaching regulations. Any changes to advertised assignments will be communicated prior to offers being made!

**TEAM COMPOSITION**

For the 2016-17 club season, our plan is for ALL of our teams to carry 10 full-time players. On our 14-and-younger REGIONAL teams, coaches will have the option to pick-up two "practice players" in addition to the 10 full-time players. The "practice player" opportunities will be left up the head coach's discretion and would be determined after teams are filled with full-time players. Practice players would pay a reduced fee as indicated in our fee schedule.

AIR CiTY CHiCKS teams are named "PiNK", "BLACK" or "WHiTE" with the "PiNK" teams being the #1 team in an age group, the "BLACK" team being the #2 team and the "WHiTE" team being the #3 team. The DIVISION that these teams register as (National, American or Regional) within the OVR is different for each age group and will, ultimately, be dependent on the TALENT of players in that age group and the positional depth within that age group. Below is a breakout of the planned structure in each age group for the 2017 CHiCKS' season:

- TWO 11-and-under teams - These teams will play a slightly shorter season than our older age group teams and will end their tournament season in late April, prior to OVR Championships.
- TWO or THREE 12-and-under teams - If we only have ONE 11's team, we will likely field a THIRD 12's team (with a possible combination of 11U & 12U players. All of our 12's teams will register as REGIONAL teams within the OVR. Our 12's teams will end their season with OVR Championships in May.
- THREE 13-and-under teams - 13-PiNK will register as an AMERICAN team and will play more two-day tournaments than our Regional 13's teams. Our 2<sup>nd</sup> (13-BLACK) and 3<sup>rd</sup> (13-WHiTE) 13's teams will register as REGIONAL level teams and will play a similar tournament schedule to one another; ALL of our 13's teams will end with OVR Championships in May.
- THREE 14-and-under teams - Our top 14's (14-PiNK) will register as NATIONAL or AMERICAN/ELITE team, will play in nine tourneys (primarily 2-day events), including MEQs, OVR Championships and ending the season with AAU Nationals in Orlando. Our 2<sup>nd</sup> team (14-BLACK) will register as AMERICAN and our 3<sup>rd</sup> team (14-WHiTE) will register as REGIONAL. 14-BLACK will play in seven events, four 2-day and three 1-day tourneys; 14-WHiTE will also play in seven events, six 1-day tourneys and one 2-day event. Both 14-BLACK & 14-WHiTE will end their season with OVR Championships in May.
- THREE 15-and-under teams - Our top 15's (15-PiNK) will register as NATIONAL team, will play in nine tourneys (primarily 2-day events), including MEQs, OVR Championships, and ending the season with AAU Nationals in Orlando. 2<sup>nd</sup> team (15-BLACK) will register as AMERICAN and our 3<sup>rd</sup> team (15-WHiTE) will register as REGIONAL. 15-BLACK will play in seven events, four 2-day and three 1-day tourneys; 15-WHiTE will also play in seven events, six 1-day tourneys and one 2-day event. Both 15-BLACK & 15-WHiTE will end their season with OVR Championships in May.
- TWO 16-and-under teams - Our top 16's team (16-PiNK) will register as NATIONAL team, will play in nine tourneys (primarily 2-day events), including MEQs, OVR Championships, and ending the season with AAU Nationals in Orlando. Our 2<sup>nd</sup> 16's team (16-BLACK) will register as either an AMERICAN or REGIONAL team (depending on tryout numbers, caliber of play and positional depth at our 16's tryouts). If REGIONAL, they will end the season with OVR Championships in May; if AMERICAN, they will end the season with AAUs in Orlando.
- TWO teams between 17-and-under & 18-and-under - Our #1 17's team (17-PiNK) will register as an AMERICAN team in region (due to grade-level player commitments from early offers), but will play a NATIONAL level schedule out of region; they will play in 8-9 tournaments (primarily two-day events) including MEQs and will end the season in May either at OVR Championships or another event. Our 2<sup>nd</sup> team in the 17's/18's age group will either be a 17 AMERICAN team or an 18 REGIONAL team (there is no american division at 18s); this team will play in 8-9 tournaments (primarily two-day events), may attend MEQs and will end the season in May either at OVR Championships or another event.

## **TRYOUT DATES & TIMES**

**11's & 12's:** Sunday, Oct. 30; 3-6 pm **AND** Wednesday, Nov. 2; 5:30-7:30 pm

**13's:** Sun, Oct. 30; 12-3 pm **AND** Tue, Nov. 1; 5:30-7:30 pm **AND** Thu, Nov. 3; 5:30-7:30 pm

**14's:** Sun, Oct. 30; 9 am-12 pm **AND** Tue, Nov. 1; 7:30-9:30 pm **AND** Thu, Nov. 3; 7:30-9:30 pm

**15's:** Sunday, Nov. 13; 11 am-2 pm **AND** Monday, Nov. 14; 5:30-7:30 pm

**16's:** Sunday, Nov. 13; 8-11 am **AND** Tuesday, Nov. 15; 5:30-7:30 pm

**17's & 18's:** Sunday, Nov. 13; 6-9 pm **AND** Monday, Nov. 14; 7:30-9:30 pm

*\*\*ALL TRYOUT SESSIONS WILL BE HELD AT SOUTH METRO SPORTS (10561 Success Lane, Centerville 45458)*

## **AIR CITY CHICKS TRYOUT REGISTRATION**

- COST: \$25 per age group (includes ALL tryout dates for that age group)
- attending all tryout sessions in an age group is NOT required, but is strongly suggested
- PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED! Register online AFTER 10 AM TUESDAY, OCT. 11 at:  
**<http://www.aircitychicks.com/tryouts.htm>**

**\*\*PLEASE READ THE SECTION BELOW CAREFULLY BEFORE YOU CONTACT US WITH QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR AGE GROUP\*\***

**WHAT AGE GROUP AM I SUPPOSED TO TRY OUT FOR?**

Using the TABLE BELOW, first find your birth month & birth year and then look at the age group heading at the top of that column. This would be your "age-based" age group. **Example:** Your birthdate is January 12, 2003 - your "age-based" age group would be 14-and-Under.

**If your "age-based" age group is OLDER than that of most of your classmates,** you may be considered a "grade level" player. "Grade Level" players are those whose birthdate/year places them in an older age group, but their GRADE IN SCHOOL allows them to play in a younger age group.

**Example:** Your birthdate is August 4, 2003 and you are currently in 7<sup>th</sup> grade. Based on your BIRTHDATE/YEAR, you would need to try out for 14's; but, because you are still an 7<sup>th</sup> grader, you would be considered a "grade level" player (playing with your grade) and could play at 13's with other 7<sup>th</sup> graders.

Players who are **YOUNGER** than most of their classmates in school may be able to play in a younger age group than that determined by their grade. These players are NOT considered "grade level" players, they are simply players who can determine their age group based on birthdate/year. They may also play in the age group determined by their grade because players are always permitted to try out for OLDER age groups (you just can't play in a YOUNGER age group than your birthdate/year dictates UNLESS you are a "grade level" player).

**VERY IMPORTANT:** When trying to determine your age group, PLEASE DO NOT simply look at a player's CURRENT AGE (or age at the time of tryouts). In other words, "My daughter is 12 years old, so she should try out for 12-and-under." This statement may or may not be accurate - you must use your birthdate/year first and possibly your grade in school to determine your age group. **Example:** Player is a 7th grader, is currently 12 years old, and has a January 1, 2004 birthday; she would need to tryout for the **13**-and-under age group based on her birthdate/year AND her current grade in school. Even though she is currently 12, this does NOT make her eligible for the **12**-and-under age group.

**BIRTHDATE & AGE GROUP TABLE**

	<b>18 &amp; Under*</b>	<b>17 &amp; Under</b>	<b>16 &amp; Under</b>	<b>15 &amp; Under</b>	<b>14 &amp; Under</b>	<b>13 &amp; Under</b>	<b>12 &amp; Under</b>	<b>11 &amp; Under</b>
	Seniors	Juniors	Sophomores	Freshmen	8th Graders	7th Graders	6th Graders	5th Graders
Sept	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Oct	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Nov	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Dec	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Jan	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Feb	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Mar	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Apr	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
May	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
June	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
July	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Aug	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006

\*Players who are born on or after September 1, 1997 and are high school students during some part of the current academic year may play in the 18-and-under age group.

## AGE GROUP NOTES:

- 1) "Grade level" players are only recognized in OVR & Pioneer regions and are only permitted on Regional or American division teams. To play on a National division team, you must use your birthdate/year to determine your age group.
- 2) If you are currently a FRESHMAN in high school, but your BIRTHDATE would permit you to try out for the 14-and-under age group and this is something you would like to pursue; please contact club director, Tina Jasinowski, BEFORE you register for tryouts so that we can discuss some of the "conflicts" that may arise.

## SELECTION PROCESS, NOTIFICATION & OFFER DEADLINES

- AIR CITY CHICKS did extend some early offers in July, the following team positions have been filled:
  - \*\*17-PiNK: 1 setter, 1 middle hitter, 1 defensive player
  - \*\*17s/18s age group: 1 rightside hitter, 1 middle hitterALL OTHER POSITIONS on these and other teams are open and will be filled via the tryout process in october/november
- tryout evaluation includes volleyball skill tests, physical skill tests, game play evaluation, assessment of potential, and observation of intangible qualities (communication, hustle, etc.)
- team selection will be based on numerical tryout data, evaluator input, players' school (to adhere to the OHSAA three-player rule), and positional needs
- offers will be made on-site or via cell phone call/text... some offers could be made at the end of the first day of tryouts if there are top-level players we want to "secure"...
- \*\*ALL first-round offers for 11's & 12's will be made by 5 PM on THURSDAY, NOV. 3
- \*\*ALL first-round offers for 13's and 14's will be made by 5 PM on FRIDAY, NOV. 4
- \*\*ALL first-round offers for 15's will be made by 10:00 PM on MONDAY, NOV. 14
- \*\*ALL first-round offers for 16's will be made by 10:00 PM on TUESDAY, NOV. 15
- \*\*ALL first-round offers for 17's & 18's will be made by 11:00 PM on MONDAY, NOV. 14
- First-Round Offer Acceptance Deadlines:
  - CHICKS' 11's-14's NON-NATIONAL Teams:** 9 pm Wednesday, November 9, 2016
  - CHICKS' 14 NATIONAL TEAM:** 9 pm Wednesday, November 2, 2016
  - CHICKS' 15's-18's Regional or American Teams:** 9 pm, Wednesday, Nov. 23, 2016
  - CHICKS' NATIONAL Teams:** 9 pm, Wednesday, Nov. 16, 2016
- the deadline for acceptance of any "secondary" offers either the deadline indicated above or 48 hours from the time of the offer, whichever is longer
- ALL offers (first-round or secondary) will be made in person or via phone call/text and will be followed with an email that reiterates the offer in writing and provides contact information for you to respond to the offer
- within 48 hours of the end of the final tryout session, we will publish (on the HOMEPAGE of our website) tryout status by tryout numbers (please remember the number you are issued at tryouts)... #s will be listed as: offered, accepted, wait list, non-offered
- we encourage you to give us an answer as soon as possible so we can finalize our teams AND so players who are "waiting" can get a final status; BUT, we also want you to take the time you need to evaluate your options and make a good decision... please don't hesitate to contact the coach who offered you or club director, tina jasinowski, if you have questions about your offer/team!
- be patient with the "process" - first offers are made, we have to wait for acceptance/rejection and then "trickle down" to the next player in line; each new offer extends the process
- players who try out for more than one CHICKS' age group will only receive ONE offer at a time! if a 2<sup>nd</sup> CHICKS' coach wants to extend an initial round offer, the player will be notified by the club director that a 2<sup>nd</sup> offer is "pending" and the player will be given 1 HOUR (from the time of conversation with club director) to decide which offer they wish to pursue

## **AIR CITY CHICKS FEES**

Our 2017 fees cover club expenses including but not limited to: practice court rental, tournament entry fees, coaches' salaries, administrative functions, registration fees for coaches, equipment costs, weekly strength & fitness training, AND coaches' tournament expenses.

**WHEN COMPARING COSTS BETWEEN CLUBS**, please note that AIR CITY CHICKS club fees ALREADY INCLUDE: coaches' tournament expense money and weekly strength & fitness training as well as the usual items (court rental, coach salaries, tourney entry fees, etc. listed above). Other clubs may not have some of these costs rolled into their published club fees.

## **FEE BREAKDOWN by TEAM**

11-and-Under Team = \$680  
12-and-Under Teams = \$925  
12-and-Under Practice Player = \$550  
13-and-Under REGIONAL Teams = \$1125  
13-and-Under Practice Player = \$550  
13-and-Under AMERICAN Team = \$1225  
14 thru 18-and-Under REGIONAL Teams = \$1175  
14-and-Under Practice Player = \$550  
14 thru 17-and-Under AMERICAN Teams = \$1500  
14 thru 17-and-Under AMERICAN ELITE Teams = \$1575  
14 thru 18-and-Under NATIONAL Teams = \$1650

## **FEE SCHEDULE**

There are THREE installments of club fee payments. One third of the total fee is due on each of these dates: Dec. 3-4, 2016; Jan. 7-8, 2017; Feb. 4-5, 2017.

## **UNIFORM PACKAGE**

Players will be required to purchase or recycle specified uniform items, depending on the team they make. A breakdown of these requirements and approximate costs are detailed on the INFO page of our website! **RETURNING PLAYERS PLEASE NOTE:** returning CHICKS from 11's & 12's may recycle jerseys, returning CHICKS from 14's-18's may recycle jerseys, returning CHICKS who move up from 13's to 14's will have to purchase new jerseys as they are different from 13's to 14's. Returning 11's or 12's CHICKS who make the 13-PINK team can recycle their PINK jersey, but will also have to purchase a BLACK jersey. ALL returning CHICKS may recycle other uniform items (t-shirts, sweats, warm-ups) from last season as long as they are in good, wearable condition. Please check the INFO page of our website for uniform requirements for this season's teams and costs from last year's uniform packages - these numbers should enable you to budget for the upcoming season with the CHICKS as we don't expect the uniform costs to change very much.

**PLEASE NOTE:** In order to allow returning players to "recycle" uniform items, your uniform costs ARE NOT INCLUDED in club fees. These costs are vendor costs extended directly to you - AIR CITY CHICKS makes no additional money or "incentives" off your uniform orders!

## **OVR TRYOUT MEMBERSHIP & SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE**

- ALL players trying out for an OVR club team are REQUIRED to obtain an OVR "tryout membership" available at: <https://www.ovr.org/register/female-junior.php>
- \$10 OVR "tryout membership" provides supplemental insurance coverage during tryouts
- OVR "full membership" is an upgrade from "tryout membership" (\$52 to upgrade once you make a club team)
- the OVR tryout and/or full membership costs are NOT part of CHICKS 2017 club fees

## PRACTICES

ALL practices will be held at South Metro Sports (10561 Success Lane, Centerville 45458).

- **11's** jan-feb: 2X weekly (weeknight & sun); feb-april: 2X weekly (weeknights)
- **REGIONAL TEAMS** dec & jan: 2X weekly (weeknight & weekend); feb-may: 2X weekly (weeknights)
- **13 AMERICAN** dec & jan: 2X weekly (weeknight & weekend); feb-may: 2X weekly (weeknights)
- **14-17 AMERICAN** dec & jan: 2X weekly (weeknight & weekend); feb-june: 2X weekly (weeknights)

NOTE: Any "American/Elite" division teams we field will also get weekly "position training sessions" in march & april

- **NATIONAL** dec & jan: 2X weekly (weeknight & weekend); mid feb-april: 3X weekly (weeknights); may-june: 2X weekly (weeknights)
- **NOTES:** 1) our teams DO NOT practice on weekends once tournament play begins! This means you won't lose any practice time because a tournament & practice are scheduled on the same day! 2) practice schedules WILL be available by the time offers are extended at tryouts!

Any unplanned practices that are added will result in additional cost to be covered by team members.

## TOURNAMENTS

**11's** FIVE 1-day tournaments (feb thru april); will NOT play in the OVR Championships

**12's** FIVE 1-day tournaments within region, & OVR Championships

**13 REGIONAL** FOUR 1-day tournaments in region, ONE 2-day tournament, & OVR Championships

**13 AMERICAN** TWO 1-day tournaments within the region, FOUR 2-day tournaments in or near region, & OVR Championships

**14's-17's REGIONAL** FIVE 1-day tourneys in region, ONE 2-day tourney, OVR Championships

**14's-17's AMERICAN** THREE 1-day tourneys, FOUR 2-day tourneys, OVRs\*\*

**14's-18's AMERICAN ELITE** SIX regular tournaments (mix of 1 & 2-day events), MEQs, OVRs, AAU Nationals in Orlando\*\*

**NATIONAL** SIX regular tournaments (primarily 2-day events), MEQs, OVR Championships, AAU Nationals in Orlando or USAV Nationals (if qualified)

\*\*NOTES: 1) some of our high school age group AMERICAN teams may have the opportunity to participate in AAU Nationals in Orlando; 2) all of our 17's & 18's teams will end their season in May, they will NOT participate in AAUs in Orlando; 3) To get an idea of the tournaments we played in LAST YEAR, you can view our TEAMS page on the website where our 2016 teams and their tournament schedules are still posted.

## OTHER INFO

- south metro sports MAY be offering OPEN GYM time between now and tryouts - these sessions are NOT conducted by AIR CITY CHICKS; we will NOT provide any coaching, instruction or adult supervision. there will be a "drop-in" fee to participate, you must bring your own volleyballs and adults must stay on site with players. if offered, we will post these dates on our website.
- winter & spring YOUTH CLINICS; spring, summer & fall TRAINING TEAMS; CHICKLETTE developmental program; CHAMPIONSHIP VOLLEYBALL CAMPS july are additional programs we offer to players in 1<sup>st</sup> thru 8<sup>th</sup> grades; do NOT need to be CHICKS' players to participate!

## CHICKS CONTACT INFO

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