

U13 Team Parent Email: Everything You Need to Know

Parent To Do List:

- 1) Read this email and respond to Coach
- 2) RSVP regarding your child's availability to play in the tournaments (no later than January 2nd—sooner is preferable).
- 3) Respond if you are willing to volunteer to become an R1 (head ref), R2 (second ref), or a scorekeeper. (Desperately needed)!
- 4) Report any upcoming absences at bethesdavolleyball.com/absence
- 5) Send Coach Bublick a picture of your child in his/ her uniform with black shorts.
- 6) Join Team WhatsApp Group
- 7) Register for Winter Clinics (if you haven't).
- 8) Pay for the uniform (if you haven't).
- 9) Let coach know if you want anyone else from your family added to the mailing list.



Hi, everyone, happy holidays. I hope you and your family have a great break and a restful holiday season. Forgive this long email, but as competition season nears, there is a lot of information that you need to know, and given our attendance at practice, it has been difficult to relay that message to everyone.

BVC Calendar:

Just a reminder that you can view the BVC calendar at bethesdavolleyball.com/calendar and that I have invited everyone to view the calendar so that you receive updates.

Read Previous Emails:

Missed something? You can read previous emails at bethesdavolleyball.com/team

Did you register for Winter clinics?

- If your child would like to play on both Saturday and Sunday, **they may for no additional charge**. Just please let me know so I can reserve their spot.
- Payment of \$855 is due by January 3rd.
- I need to know which date your child plans to play.

- Register at bethesdavolleyball.com/register (if you haven't already).
- Attendance at the weekend clinics is mandatory. We work on different skills than the team practices.

Attendance:

- Your children will improve with practice.
- There have been far too many last-minute absences for planned events. This is highly disruptive to the team.
- The team practices are focused on learning position play in relation to the same people each time. If your child is not present, they will be lost.
- Report Absences in Advance: <http://bethesdavolleyball.com/absence>

Tournament Schedule + TBD Scrimmage for U15s:

- Sunday, January 11th: U13s at Vienna Elite: Rockville Sportsplex 8:15AM-6PM* (may end earlier)
- Saturday, January 24th: U13s at Platform: Covenant Life Church: Gaithersburg 7:30AM-6PM*
- TBD Scrimmage U15 vs. Olney Volleyball Club (Either one Saturday or Sunday night in January. Either at Westland 5:30-7:30 or 6-8PM Sunday at Einstein. Date TBD.
- February 15th: U15s at Maryland Juniors (time to TBD likely 8am-6pm.
- February 21: U13 at Rockville Sportsplex: 8:15-6PM
- Sunday, April 26: U13 at Maryland Juniors TBD
- Other dates may be added if we have interest and refs/ scorekeepers.

First January Tournament Information:

January 11, 2026 at Rockville Sportsplex, 60 Southlawn Court Rockville, MD 20850

- Tournaments are an all-day event.
- Arrival Time: 8:15AM. (9AM start time. Players need to arrive earlier to warm up. If you are late, you will not play in the first match as I have to submit rosters and rotations in advance).
- Departure: 4PM-6PM
- Parents are encouraged to come watch; however, you are not required to stay all day. (Please read under "what to expect below")

What to bring:

Uniform, warmups, water bottle, knee pads, volleyball shoes, change of clothes, socks, undies, shoes, a camp chair and book.

What to Expect at a Tournament:

Round 1: Pool Play

- Typically, there are 4 teams in each pool.
- We will play two sets against each team.
- Play starts at 4-4. Games played to 25 points.

Round 2: Knockout Round

- Typically, best of 3. Single elimination.

Playing Time:

Everyone will play; however, not everyone will play in every match or every set. Please talk with your child about setting reasonable expectations.

Playing time will be based on 1) the team's needs, 2) attendance at practice, and 3) player readiness. I will try to put our players in the best position for the team's success. i.e. if your child can't consistently serve from the endline in practice, I will try to avoid having him/ her serve in the game. This is what it means to play on a team.

Depending on which offense we are running 6-2 or 5-1, some players will not serve in the rotation. Please emphasize that players can get more playing time by practicing more and getting better.

Uniforms

- Wear uniforms and warmups to the match and be ready to play immediately.
- Uniforms were distributed on 12/20 and 12/21 and will be available first week of January.
- Warmups and backpacks are expected the first week in January. Please pay Coach Bublick if you have not already done so. U13 cost \$278, U15 cost \$248.
- Buy black shorts (or black leggings/ spandex) for your child. **Send Coach a picture of your child in his/ her full uniform** to confirm that they are ready to play.
- If your child does not have their uniform, they will not be able to play.
- Coach Bublick will distribute libero uniforms the day of the match and will collect them after.

Parent Volunteers Needed!

We need parents to volunteer to become certified refs and scorekeepers. Each tournament we will have to work one match and provide and R1, R2, scorekeeper, and line judges. If we do not have volunteers, this will limit our ability to play in all the scheduled tournaments and to add additional tournaments.

U13 Offense:

We are planning to run a 5-1 Offense with Dylan Setting. And/ or we may switch to a 6-2 with Dylan **and** Rose setting.

If your child has not been in practice and does not know what position they play or where they should be, they can watch videos on bethesdavolleyball.com/learn

U15 Offense: We are planning to run a 5-1 with Noa setting. (See note above).

Payment Due Dates: After this there aren't any more!

- Winter/ Spring Clinics: \$855 Due January 3, 2026
- Last Team Payment \$920 Due February 1, 2026 (covers February to May)
- Uniforms: U13 \$278, U14/15 \$248 (due 12/18)
- I will cover the costs of any additional tournament registrations.

Have Friends Who Want to Play:

Our clinics are currently 75% full. If you have friends (at any age level who want to play), we likely still have a spot. Please help us by sharing our information.

Team WhatsApp Group:

Although I'm worried about getting spammed with messages to buy Crypto, I've decided to create a BVC Team WhatsApp group, so that parents **and** players can stay informed and ask questions. Please bear with me as I learn the platform. Join here:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/CuluVgJAQOY1WikORE9eWw>

Happy holidays to you and your family. I'm looking forward to exciting and fast-paced season when we get back.

Yours,
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