

THE Oakland Volleyball Program
The Volleyball Festival Tournament (Phoenix)
June 24, 2026 to June 29, 2026
June 24th & 29th are travel days.

We're very excited about our upcoming trip to The Volleyball Festival, June 25th-28th, held at Phoenix Convention Center, 100 N. 3rd Street! This will be our biggest volleyball tournament this season, with teams from all over the world. There are a few things we'd like to bring to your attention.

ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES: As we make final preparations for the trip to Phoenix, we need to clearly define the roles and responsibilities:

Competitive Players: All eligible competitive players are expected to make the trip to Phoenix. Attending all practices will increase the team potential for success.

Training Players: Training players will not be attending the Phoenix Tournament. You may continue to come to practices with the understanding that our focus will be preparing for the competition.

Coaches: The coaches are ultimately responsible for the players during the trip. If a parent or guardian, wants to take your child away from the hotel or the volleyball venue, you must let your child's Team Coach and Chaperone know. We continually do a headcount to make sure that all players are accounted for, so it helps to know who is "supposed" to be where.

Chaperone Parents/Guardians: Each chaperone will be provided transportation and accommodation. Each chaperone will be assigned to a room with 2-3 players and unless there is an extenuating circumstance, **Room Assignments Are Final.** The chaperone is responsible for insuring that the players get up and ready for competition and doing a curfew check each evening. In general, the chaperone should know where the players are at all the times. Chaperones have limited free time during this trip. And it is imperative that parents/guardians not take ANY player away from the volleyball venue or hotel without checking with the Coach and Chaperone.

Non-Chaperone Parents/Guardians: Non-chaperone parents/guardians will be responsible for their own food, lodging, and transportation. Non-chaperones are not to be in the hotel rooms. They have no responsibility for supervising any of the players. Again, it is imperative that parents/guardians not take ANY player away from the tournament or hotel without checking with the Team Coach and Chaperone.

Cost: Our program will cover the transportation and accommodation for all players and chaperones to travel with the team. Chaperones may have to pay some incidental costs (under \$100), such as their tournament admission pass as this requires a photo ID.

Schedule: The team will have a rigorous schedule. Each day, before we leave for the venue, there is an "all-hands" meeting to review the logistics for the day and any other pertinent information.

The playing schedule will be between the hours of 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. **OR** 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. – for 4 days in a row! As with most tournaments, the days are structured and there is very little free time. There will be intermittent breaks during the day, but the exact game times are impossible to predict. **Again, it is imperative that parents/guardians not take ANY players away from the Volleyball venue or hotel without checking with the Team Coach and Chaperone.**

College Showcase, Wed. Jun 24th, 5-6:30PM – This showcase provides the opportunity to demonstrate skills in front of college coaches. There is usually feedback and assessment metrics to assist in achieving your potential goals to play college volleyball. Please understand that this is not a scholarship offer but it is an excellent exposure to experience college recruitment workout drills.

The cost to attend the showcase is \$149. For more information and player registration check out their website at <https://markirecruitingevents.sportngin.com/register/form/004278882>. You can use your club SportsEngine account for login. Be sure that the player has an electronic or hard copy of the registration confirmation on hand for showcase entry. Coach Young will make sure that players who are registered get to the showcase area by 4:30PM.

Transportation: We will travel to and from Phoenix by plane, which requires verification of player DOB and name as it appears on student/passport ID. Everyone must have school ID, passport, or school ID for flight check-in and TSA screening.

- **Southwest Airlines:** Jun 24, 2026 – Depart Oakland, 10:25AM Arrive Phoenix 12:20PM
Players must check in with Coach Young between **8:00-8:30AM in front of the Southwest Terminal so that we have time for TSA screening. **If you are late and/or miss the flight, parents are responsible for getting the player to Phoenix OR refund the flight cost to our program.***

Jun 29, 2026 – Depart Phoenix, 4:30PM Arrive Oakland 6:25PM

- **Luggage:** Carryon bags: Southwest allows all ticketed passengers to carry on the following for free: (a) one carryon bag (e.g., roller bag, garment bag, tote bag) that does not exceed external dimensions of 10 x 16 x 24 ; and (b) one smaller, personal type item (e.g., purse, briefcase, laptop computer case, backpack, small camera), provided that such items can be stowed under a seat or in an overhead compartment.

You are allowed to bring a quart-sized clear bag of liquids, aerosols, gels, creams and pastes in your carry-on bag and through the checkpoint. These are limited to travel-sized containers that are 3.4 ounces (100 milliliters) or less per item. Placing these items in the small clear bag and separating from your carry-on baggage facilitates the screening process. Pack items that are in containers larger than 3.4 ounces or 100 milliliters in checked baggage. Any liquid, aerosol, gel, cream or paste that alarms during screening will require additional screening.

Checked bag: \$45 for the 1st bag and \$55 for the second bag. *Please refer to the attached Packing List for suggested items.*

- **Local Transportation** – While in Phoenix, we will rent passenger vans to transport the team to and from the volleyball venue and other activities. The departure and return times will be determined once the playing schedule for all team activities is confirmed.

Lodging: We will be staying at Hilton Garden Inn Phoenix Airport North, 3838 E Van Buren St, Phoenix, AZ, 85008.

There will be 2-3 team members assigned to a room with a Parent/Chaperone to ensure player safety and supervision. **Players shall not allow anyone into their rooms, other than Oakland players. Members of the opposite sex are NOT allowed in the rooms. Room assignments are final.**

Players/parents will be held accountable for any and all damages to hotel property.

Laundry: Parent/Chaperones will coordinate laundering uniforms for the team. Players must coordinate any personal laundry with the chaperones. Players are expected to follow instructions to ensure that they have clean gear. Otherwise, players assume the responsibility for their own gear.

Curfew: In order to ensure that the team is able to meet the demands of their hectic schedule, we will require that they be in their assigned room by 10:00 p.m. and in bed by 11:00 p.m. This will be adjusted for the team playing in the evening schedule. **QUIET HOUR IS 10PM – NO EXCEPTION**

Meals: **(Please ensure that we are aware of any food allergies for your child.)**

Breakfast, will be provided by the hotel. We will coordinate lunch & dinner based on the competition schedule. Food and drink for individual consumption by the athlete is allowed into the playing area of the Convention Center. All other food and drink must be consumed outside the playing halls in designated food gardens.

Spending Money: Each player must have adequate spending money for ALL their needs for 6 days, which includes food, souvenirs, and incidentals. Players are responsible for keeping their money secure. We recommend putting FUNDS ON AN ELECTRONIC PAYMENT APP (\$200 plus, depending on your child's spending habits).

Additional Activities: There is a swimming pool at the hotel. All activities must be supervised by chaperones/coaches. **However, please inform us if your child does not have minimum water safety skills, i.e. able to swim, tread water, etc.**

If you have any questions or concerns, please text me Coach Young at (510)325-2335 or send an email to Coach@OaklandVolleyball.org.

RULES

Player behavior is of the utmost importance as most parents are not making the trip to Phoenix. Any violation of these rules will be subject to disciplinary action up to and including being sent home at the parent’s expense.

1. Treat everyone with respect - teammates, coaches, opponents, officials, parents. No foul language or lewd behavior.
2. Curfew is 10 p.m. in your room and 11 p.m. in bed (late games will be considered).
3. QUIET HOUR IS 10PM – NO EXCEPTION.
4. Sleep in your own room. There will be no switching from assigned rooms.
5. You are not allowed to go ANYWHERE ALONE, and you must have permission.
6. Violence, fighting and/or theft will not be tolerated.
7. Do not damage any non-owned property, i.e. hotel, rental vehicle, convention center, other player’s property, etc. Player/parent will be held responsible for any and all damages.
8. No inappropriate attire (short shorts, revealing clothing or clothing with alcohol, tobacco, drugs, or sexual messages).
9. No alcoholic beverages, weapons, or smoking.

Although these rules primarily apply to the players, we hope that parents/chaperones will use good judgment and remember that you are setting the example. Therefore, we insist that chaperones adhere to these rules or be subjected to a \$250 fine.



TRAVEL PACKING LIST

Team Backpack	Toiletries:
<input type="checkbox"/> ALL 4 Jerseys	<input type="checkbox"/> Toothbrush/Toothpaste
<input type="checkbox"/> Warm-Up Jacket	<input type="checkbox"/> Brush/Comb (Hair dryers are in the room)
<input type="checkbox"/> Warm-Up Pants	<input type="checkbox"/> Hair Care Products
<input type="checkbox"/> Volleyball/Athletic Shoes	<input type="checkbox"/> Lotion
<input type="checkbox"/> 4 Sports Bras	<input type="checkbox"/> Shaving supplies
<input type="checkbox"/> 4 Black Vball Shorts	<input type="checkbox"/> Shower/Bath Soap
<input type="checkbox"/> 4 pr Socks	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Personal medications such as epi-pen, inhalers, etc.</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> 2-4 Gray Practice T-Shirts	
<input type="checkbox"/> Kneepads	Clothes:
<input type="checkbox"/> Deodorant	<input type="checkbox"/> Pajamas / Slippers
<input type="checkbox"/> Sanitary Products	<input type="checkbox"/> Panties/Bras
<input type="checkbox"/> Team Backpack	<input type="checkbox"/> Walking Shoes/Sandals
	<input type="checkbox"/> One Casual Outfit (1 top & 1 pants/shorts)
Additional Items:	No inappropriate attire (short shorts, revealing clothing or alcohol/tobacco/drugs/sexual messages).
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Photo I.D. (must have to board the plane)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal Listening/Earbuds/Headset	
<input type="checkbox"/> Cell Phone	
<input type="checkbox"/> Spending money –approx. \$200	
<input type="checkbox"/> Reading Material	
<input type="checkbox"/> Swimsuit	

DO NOT BRING/WEAR ANY VALUABLES (jewelry, cash, etc.)!