



Welcome to Riptide Beach Volleyball!

We are very excited to have you join our summer program, meet our coaches and other girls and boys like you who are interested in playing beach volleyball.

This summer, each player should expect to improve on their fundamental volleyball skills, solidify ball control, build strength and endurance playing in the sand and learn the rules of beach volleyball. We promote a positive and competitive learning environment that is focused on teamwork. We expect our players to demonstrate good sportsmanship, work hard and have fun. Each session is led by experienced coaches (i.e. high school teams, High Performance Club teams and former college coaches).

One of the benefits to Riptide Beach Volleyball is that you will have the opportunity to play with different partners during practices (since beach volleyball is a 2 player per team game). Each player will have the opportunity to meet and partner with different players who you may then decide to join tournaments and compete with.

Prior to attending your first practice, it is mandatory to complete the following steps:

- Mail* a signed Participant Release Form (must be received before the first practice)
- Mail* registration fee (must be received before the first practice)
- Register with VolleyAmerica and pay \$15 fee (this is our club's affiliation and all players must be a member of VolleyAmerica prior to the first practice)
 - Register at www.volleyamerica.com and select Riptide Beach Volleyball in the second part of the drop down menu, under beach clubs

Each player should plan to wear comfortable clothes and bring a water bottle to each practice. No shoes are needed (unless we are playing grass courts, the players will be notified in advance). Please note that practices are held in rain or shine (only thunderstorms or lightening will cancel a practice).

This is our first year as a formal club and while we have spent many months planning, please be patient as we work through the schedule and any unforeseen obstacles.

Feel free to reach out prior to the first practice with any questions! We look forward to seeing you!

Jon Bui, Riptide Beach Volleyball Head Coach

Brian Guerraz, Riptide Beach Volleyball Club Director

*Mail participant release form, player information and registration fee to Riptide Beach Volleyball, 5 East Normandy Drive, West Hartford, CT 06107



Player Information – Summary 2018

Player Name: _____

Address: _____

Player Age: _____

Player Date of Birth: ____ / ____
(Month/Year)

T-shirt Size: _____

(S, M, L, XL)

1. Parent/Guardian Name _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

2. Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____



Fast Facts About Beach Volleyball

The Court and the Ball

The court is 26.25 by 26.25 feet with a net height of 7 foot 4 1/8 inches. Beach volleyballs are slightly bigger and softer compared to indoor volleyballs.

Scoring

Rally scoring is used in beach volleyball games. Games start at zero points and are played up to 15 points or 21 points. Teams must win by 2 points

Teams switch sides either every 5 or 7 points (depending on the tournament) due to wind and sun advantages.

Switching positions is allowed anywhere and at any time.

The Play

Servers must serve from behind the end line. Served balls may graze the net and drop on the other opposing team's side for a point.

Players are allowed to step under the net, only if it does not interfere with the play.

There are no open hand tips allowed over the net. All tips must be with knuckles or the palm. No fingers must touch the ball for tips.

Setting

Beach volleyball rules indicate that there must be very little spin on an overhand set, typically one ball rotation is acceptable. Overhead setting must be done perpendicular to the direction of ball travel.



2018 Preliminary Summer Schedule

Three Sessions

- First Session: May 13th to June 9th
- Second Session*: June 10th to July 14th
- Third Session: July 15th to August 11th

Two evening practices per week (after 5 pm)

Practice Location: Northwest Park, 448 Tolland Turnpike, Manchester, CT 06042

You do not need a volleyball partner to join this club. Players will be divided in training groups based on age, experience and skills

Schedule (days and locations) will be finalized by May 1st

Summer Program Club Fees

\$125 per session includes 8 practices with instructional coaching, club t-shirt and club tank top

- Three Sessions (2 nights per week)
- If registered for multiple sessions, a discount applies
- Flexibility around makeup sessions due to family vacations (must notify club in advance)
- All players will be required to join VolleyAmerica and pay an additional \$15 fee per year

Drop ins are welcome (\$20 fee per practice)

Tournaments

There is no commitment to participate in tournaments

- Entrance into tournaments is the responsibility of players
- Tournament entry fees are not included in this program
- A list of tournaments available on the next page (note, not all tournament dates/locations have been posted yet)



2018 Beach Volleyball Tournaments in the Northeast

Tournament	Dates	Location	Affiliation
To Be Named (TBN)	Saturday, May 19	Brookline, NH	SpikeU
Westerly Volleyball Association Junior Seasons Opener	Sunday, May 20	Westerly, RI	VolleyAmerica
Great America Volleyball (GAV) Junior National Bid	Sunday, May 27	Point Pleasant, NJ	VolleyAmerica
East End Volleyball Summer Kickoff	Sunday, May 27	Long Beach, NY	VolleyAmerica
TBN	Saturday, June 2	Brookline, MA	SpikeU
Southern CT Volleyball Grass Doubles	Saturday June 2	Woodbury, CT	VolleyAmerica
East End Volleyball	Sunday, June 3	Long Island, NY	VolleyAmerica
GAV	Sunday, June 3	Atlantic City, NJ	VolleyAmerica
TBN	Saturday, June 9	Brookline, NH	SpikeU
GAV Summer Smash Junior National Bid	Sunday, June 10	Point Pleasant, NJ	VolleyAmerica
South County Juniors Volleyball Grass Summer Kickoff	Friday, June 15	Ashaway, RI	VolleyAmerica
Westerly Volleyball Association Juniors June Jam Junior National Bid	Saturday, June 16 and Sunday June, 17	Westerly, RI	VolleyAmerica
GAV	Sunday, June 17	Point Pleasant, NJ	VolleyAmerica
East End Volleyball Junior Beach Club Series	Sunday, June 17	Long Beach, NY	VolleyAmerica
TBN	Saturday, June 23	Hampton Beach, NH	SpikeU
Sandbox Junior Beach Volleyball Tournament National Bid	Sunday, June 24	Groton, CT	VolleyAmerica
TBN	Saturday, June 30	Cape Cod, MA	SpikeU
Sandbox Junior Beach Volleyball Series	Sunday, July 1	Groton, CT	VolleyAmerica
TBN	Saturday, July 7	Old Orchard Beach, ME	SpikeU
South County Juniors	Saturday, July 14	Westerly, RI	VolleyAmerica
TBN	Saturday, July 14	Hampton Beach, NH	SpikeU
Sandbox Junior Beach Volleyball	Sunday, July 15	Groton, CT	VolleyAmerica
Sandbox Junior Beach Volleyball	Sunday, July 22	Groton, CT	VolleyAmerica
GAV	Sunday, July 22	Point Pleasant, NJ	VolleyAmerica
VolleyAmerica Junior National Championships <i>Requires bid to qualify</i>	Wednesday, July 25 – Saturday, July 28	Atlanta City, NJ	VolleyAmerica
August Tournaments- To Be Announced; Schedule is not available yet	TBD	TBD	TBD

NOTE: Schedules to be announced for the NERVA Juniors Beach Volleyball Tournaments and NEBV Summer Series