



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 participating at the first practice, it is mandatory to complete the following steps:

- Mail* a signed Participant Release Form (or bring to the first practice)
- Mail* registration fee (or bring to the first practice)
- Register with AVP America and pay the fee (this is our club's affiliation and all players must be a member of AVP America prior to the first practice)
 - Register at www.avpamerica.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 and bug spray 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 second 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 – Summer 2019

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: _____



2019 Summer Logistics

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

- As you pull into the park, there is a playground on the righthand side with a stone pathway. Follow the stone pathway to the volleyball courts that will be down and to the left of the playground.

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 is available on the AVP America website. We will also be sure to announce upcoming tournaments each week as a reminder for those players who are interested in competing.



Participant Name: _____

PARTICIPANT RELEASE OF LIABILITY

For Riptide Beach Volleyball, LLC and its employees and staff

In consideration of being allowed to participate in any way in the program, related events and activities, the undersigned, acknowledge, appreciate and agree that:

- 1. The risk of injury from the activities involved in this program is significant, including the potential for permanent paralysis and death, and while particular rules, equipment and personal discipline may reduce this risk, the risk of serious injury does exist and,
- 2. I knowingly and freely assume all such risks, both known and unknown, even if arising from the negligence of the releases or others and assume full responsibility for my participation; and,
- 3. I willingly agree to comply with the stated and customary terms and conditions for participation. If however I observe any unusual significant hazard during my presence or participation, I will remove myself from participation and bring such to the attention of the nearest staff immediately and,
- 4. I, for myself and on behalf of my heirs, assigns, personal representatives and next of kin, hereby release, indemnify, and hold harmless Riptide Beach Volleyball, LLC and their officers, officials, agents and/or employees, other participants, sponsoring agencies, sponsors, advertisers, and if applicable, owners and lessors of premises used to conduct the event (Releasees), with respect to any and all injury, disability, death or loss or damage to person or property, whether from arising from the negligence of the releases or otherwise to the fullest extent permitted by law.

I have read this release of liability and assumption of risk agreement, fully understand its terms, understand that I have given up substantial rights by signing it and sign it freely and voluntarily without inducement.

Participant's Signature	Age	Date
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FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF PARTICIPANT OF MINOR AGE

(Under age 18 at time of registration)

This is to certify that I, as parent/guardian with legal responsibility for this participant, do consent and agree to his/her release as provided above of all the Releasees, and for myself, my heirs, assigns, and next of kin, I release and agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Releasees from any and all liability incidents to my minor child's involvement or participation in these programs as provided above, even if arising from the negligence of the Releasees, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

Parent/Guardian Signature	Date	Emergency Phone Number(s)
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Photo Release Permission

I give permission for my child's picture to be used by Riptide Beach Volleyball on their website, social media and other publications in conjunction with Riptide Beach Volleyball with the understand that the player's name will not be used in the photo and the player will not be identified in any other way.

Player Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____



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.