

BALLISTIC VOLLEYBALL

Spring 2017
HANDBOOK

Who are we and what do we offer?

Our intention is to provide a positive environment: We provide a volleyball club that cares about the development of players in multiple aspects that other clubs do not. Everything we do centers around building a great overall experience, driving the kids to love the game and the camaraderie of their team. Our expectation of hard work ethic and positive attitudes makes us competitive in every sense of the word.

Priority number one, the best coaching: All of our coaches are carefully selected. They are required to:

1. Have a high level of knowledge of the game.
2. Have good reputations within their community.
3. A competitive nature.
4. Have positive methods of teaching.

Our coaches have high expectations and are continually making and creating new goals. We want your kids to love to compete, and love their court experiences. For youth teams, experience is everything. Our coaching style centers on bridging the gap between having fun and being competitive.

We care about their future: Whether it is our players achieving their volleyball goals, or simply the life lessons they learn from their experiences... these are life lessons. Many of the services we offer are support systems of that goal. We will never suggest or peddle anything that we don't see as the best value of your time, effort and money.

We hope that you'll agree that the club has great value to its participants and is building better volleyball in the area. Thanks for choosing Ballistic Volleyball!

Spring Season Information

Tryouts all at Everett HS, \$10 tryout fee

Address: 3900 Stabler St. Lansing MI 48910

please arrive for sign ups 30 minutes early

March 5th

4th-6th grade 9-10:30

7th grade 10:30-12

8th grade 12-1:30

9th grade 1:30-3

10th-12th grade 3-3:30

March 11th (Alternative tryout)

4th-8th grade 10:30-12

9th-12th grade 12:30-1:30

Players MUST tryout with their grade. This does not mean they will be teamed up with all the same age, evaluations are based on ability. Ballistic staff will determine teams based on several criteria, but basically based on what is best for the kids, their team, and the clubs ability to compete. All players need to tryout, even previous season Ballistic players. If you can't make the tryout dates, please contact us.

After tryouts teams will be selected by our staff, and each player emailed within 48 hours. If a player is placed, they will need to reply immediately with a commitment statement. Once all commitments are in, only then will the entire team be emailed and teammates will be revealed, and practice times etc. Half fees are due at the first team practice.

Practices

Practices could be changed or cancelled due to dangerous weather/driving conditions. They could also be changed due to gym availability or other issues. We suggest checking emails often, and having your coach's phone number. If your athlete cannot attend practice, we need to be notified in advance (written via email or text). The coach likewise will try to keep everyone updated if anything changes.

Practices for teams March 27- May 27 (approx. depending on team)

Club practices and events are not scheduled during spring break from 4/1-4/9. No practices or matches are scheduled during that time. Practices are at Aim High Sports Complex average 2 times a week

Mondays, Thursdays, and/or some Sundays.

Times subject to adjustment- Requests taken into consideration at tryouts

Tournaments

TBA

6 dates total 13yrs and up

5 dates total 12yrs and under

3 dates for instructional teams

Uniforms

New players will receive a warm up shirt with number, which they may keep. Players will also receive a "game jersey" to be used during competition. The "game jerseys" must be returned at end of season. This keeps fees at a reasonable level, yet allows all players to wear a high quality performance jersey for competition. Players will be given the same jersey they had before if they play back-to-back seasons. New players will also receive a free pair of black spandex shorts to wear.

Refund Policy and Payment Schedule

Due to costs incurred by the participant's registration, NO REFUNDS will be issued once the season has begun. If a player quits the program before the end of the season, parents are required to pay for their remaining fees for the entire season. In the case of an injury documented by a physician that an athlete cannot continue with a program, a refund will be issued at a prorated amount determined by the director. A player who is dismissed from the program for behavioral deviance will not receive a refund under any circumstances. ½ Payment is due on first practice (4/27). The other ½ is due by (5/27)

More on Fees

13 years and up fees are \$650 for new members to Ballistic, and returning members cost is \$600. The cost difference is for warm up shirt/shorts/jersey creation.

12u fees are \$450 for new members and 400 for returning.

All instructional team fees are \$400

As stated above, the payments may be made in two installments

We accept cash or check made payable to Ballistic. We also now accept credit cards on our webstore (+2.7% transaction fee).

With your paid fees, we will provide your player with an AAU Membership. AAU membership is a limited insurance policy. This allows the facilities to limit their liability, and is required to play in AAU events. A copy of the membership may be sent to you upon your request. Please read the details for your membership to understand the coverage it offers at aausports.org

Positions/Teams/Playing Time

All players are given an equal chance to participate and learn at practices. However, we do not guarantee a certain amount of playing time during competitions. It is at the discretion of the coach on determining playing time. All players will play during competitions, but the amount of play is not and should not be quantified. The value of the club experience comes from the experience of being part of a team/unit, gaining knowledge and skill in practices, and quality of coaching. If a parent has a question related to play time it should be asked in private with the coach at least 24 hours after competition. This assures cool-down time and a clear reflection of the situation by both parties.

Many of our coaches are involved with school sports outside of Ballistic Volleyball Club. Players who participate in this club are not given advantaged placement for their school teams. **Ballistic Volleyball as a club does not assume any direct affiliation with any schools** or have any control over team placement outside of its own club teams. In clear terms, Ballistic does not claim that participation in the club will give any advantages in school-related sports.

Code of Conduct

All people associated with the game are always expected to act with sportsmanship, dignity and respect for others. This includes coaches, parents, players.

Poor sportsmanship includes:

- 1·Arguing with coaches, officials, teammates, opponents or spectators
- 2·Using threatening or profane language

- 3· Baiting or taunting coaches, officials, teammates, opponents or spectators
- 4· Unsafe play
- 5· Uncontrolled behavior in the bench area

Poor sportsmanship will carry, **at a minimum**, the following consequences:

First Offense	Verbal warning
Second Offense	Dismissal from the game
Third Offense	Dismissal from the team

Parents and players must understand that there is no refund or recourse for dismissal from our program as a consequence of breaking this Code of Conduct. Ballistic and its staff are not liable for any mental anguish caused from individuals deviating from these rules.

Travel/Lodging

It is the sole responsibility of the parent(s) to get players to and from practice and to and from games. Ballistic Volleyball will not provide transportation. We encourage that players and families carpool to events to save money. It is also the parent(s) responsibility to take care of lodging if needed. There will be some instances where families might want to stay the night in a hotel; Ballistic Volleyball is NOT responsible for that stay. Also, if you stay in a hotel room you are responsible for your child and or other parent(s) child. Misconduct of any kind will not be tolerated and your child will be asked to leave the team/program. You are also responsible for any legal actions that may come from any misconduct.

Bodily Harm/Injury

Ballistic is not responsible for any injury that could occur in participation. Athletes must know that there is risk of injury in sports and each individual is responsible for their own medical bills or physical ailments incurred through injury. AAU membership includes a limited amount of insurance for such ailments. Please read the coverages included in AAU membership carefully and determine if it is adequate coverage for your needs. AAU insurance coverages can be found at AAUSPORTS.ORG

Catalog Orders and Webstore Orders

Ballistic offers apparel and equipment for purchase as a liaison for other vendors. Ballistic is not responsible for dissatisfaction of purchased items, and refunds will not be given except on a per-situation basis. Custom printed or embroidered items are not refundable. Damaged items are also not refundable.

Social Media Outlets

You can find Ballistic and “like” our page on Facebook under Lansing Ballistic Volleyball for regular updates.

We are also on Instagram #lansingballistic

Ballistic reserves the right to moderate its social media outlets as we deem necessary.