

# LI HURRICANES VOLLEYBALL CLUB

## Player Guide – 2021 Season

Welcome to the LI Hurricanes Volleyball Club. Due to the current COVID19 pandemic, the 2021 Club volleyball season is filled with a lot of questions and uncertainties:

*When will NY and NJ allow high risk sports (i.e. Volleyball) to engage in full competition?*

*Will GEVA be able to run tournaments this season*

*Will there be roster limits for GEVA tournaments this season?*

*Will public schools and Universities make their facilities available for GEVA events?*

*Will there be a 2<sup>nd</sup> wave of COVID and another NY State shutdown?*

The answers to these questions and many more may not be known for some time, and the landscape for this season could be in a constant state of change. As a result of the current situation, the LI Hurricanes will operate under the following guidelines for the 2021 season. These guidelines are subject to change and will be updated to adjust for the ever changing environment we are now in.

### **Practice Facility:**

This year the LI Hurricanes will practice at LI Sports Dome in Massapequa. The practice schedule and updates will be posted on the Hurricanes website – [www.LIHurricanesVolleyball.com](http://www.LIHurricanesVolleyball.com). Practice schedules are subject to change based on facility availability. At the current time, the facility's hardwood floor is under construction and is expected to be ready in November. In the meantime, practices and tryouts will take place on a turf field.

### **COVID19 Safety Procedures:**

Players will need to adhere to the following safety procedures for each practice:

1. Complete the LI Sports Dome health screening checklist which will be posted on the Hurricanes web site. A new form must be completed and submitted for every practice. Players answering YES to any question on the checklist should not attend practice.
2. When entering the facility, players will be temperature checked (no contact). Any player registering a high temperature will not be able to practice that evening.
3. At drop off and pick up: only players may enter the building. Parents, please allow some time for your daughter to be temperature cleared before leaving the area.
4. Masks are required when entering and exiting the building and during idle time. Masks are optional when players are participating in on-court activities.
5. Players are required to bring their own personal hand sanitizer and use it often. Hand sanitizers will also be available at the facility. Bathrooms will be available on site, but there are no water fountains. Bring your own water bottles.
6. Social distancing should be observed at all times when feasible, especially during water breaks and idle time.

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### **Tryouts:**

Tryouts for the 2021 season are completed.

Players should read and be familiar with the GEVA recruitment and commitment policy guide available on the GEVA website to fully understand the process and meaning of accepting an offer from a club.

### **Membership Fees:**

Due to the uncertainty of the GEVA tournament schedule for the 2021 season, the membership fee for this year does not include tournament fees. The fee for Club Membership and practice participation is as follows:

#### Middle School Groups (U13):

\$200 Club Membership Acceptance Fee (due at first practice)

\$100 Monthly Fee (6 payments, due the first of the month November through April)

Total Fee for a full season = \$800

#### High School Groups (U15/U17):

\$250 Club Membership Acceptance Fee (due at first practice)

\$150 Monthly Fee (6 payments, due the first of the month November through April)

Total Fee for a full season = \$1,150

#### High School Groups (U18):

Fee information detailed in the offer letters

Players must be up-to-date and in good standing to participate in the club practices. Advance payments for future months will not be accepted. In the event of NY State shutdown, refunds will only be given on a portion of the current month's fee.

For tournaments: players will be charged a separate fee for each tournament. See the "Tournament" section for more details.

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### **Season Dates:**

Club Acceptance: Practices for all age groups will begin the week of September 28. During the first practice, players will be required to submit their club commitment paperwork as well as the club acceptance fee. Any player who is still considering offers from other clubs should not attend practice until she has decided to commit to the LI Hurricanes. We will allow you to take as long as you need to make your decision. As a reminder, players should read and be familiar with the GEVA recruitment and commitment policy guide available on the GEVA website to fully understand the process and meaning of accepting an offer from a club.

Club Season: Practices will be held weekly from October through the end of April. The U13 group begins on 9/28/20 and will practice every Monday. The U15 and U17 groups begin on 10/01/20 and will practice every Thursday with an occasional 2<sup>nd</sup> practice on Wednesday or Friday. The U18 team begins on October 7 and will practice every Wednesday with an occasional 2<sup>nd</sup> practice on Friday. There could be an occasional break in the schedule due to holidays and loss of facility. The practice days are subject to change depending on facility availability. Due to the potential conflicts with school sports in March and April, we will review the practice schedule and possibly reduce the schedule or shorten the season for these months. The availability of a GEVA tournament season will have a major impact on this decision. Any reduction in practices will also result in a corresponding reduction in the monthly fee for March and/or April.

Tournament Season: Traditionally, the GEVA tournament season runs from the first weekend in January through early May. This year, if there turns out to be a tournament season, we expect the season will start as soon as the states of NY and NJ allow for competitive competitions in high risk sports, i.e. Volleyball. In addition, it is not known whether or not GEVA will decide to extend the season to allow for more tournament opportunities.

### **Practice Structure:**

For the U13 and U15 groups, the practice structure for the 2021 season has changed. The season will be divided into 2 segments: Pre-season and In-season. The In-season segment will begin once it is determined that a tournament schedule is likely.

During the pre-season segment, practices will be held by age level. For U13 and U15 all players will practice together on 2 courts. Currently scheduled as U13 on Mondays and U15 on Thursdays.

During the In-season segment, the U15 team selections will be made and teams will begin practicing on 2 separate courts. For U13, players will continue to practice together on 2 courts.

For the U17 and U18 levels, the teams will be selected after the tryouts and the teams will practice individually as a team. Some crossover practicing could occur when teams practice at the same time.

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### **Tournament Structure and Fees:**

As noted above, due to the uncertainty of tournament availabilities for the 2021 season, this year's membership does not include tournament participations. In the event that a tournament schedule is available, players who attend the tournaments will pay a separate tournament fee for each event they attend. The estimated fee for each tournament is \$75 which is subject to change slightly depending on tournament costs and potential roster limits.

Players should be aware that due to potential roster limits at facilities, full teams may not be able to attend each event. A selection process will be used to determine which club members will attend each event and rosters could vary from tournament to tournament. In addition, some facilities have indicated that there will be no spectators admitted during tournaments. Online streaming could be available. We will make every effort possible to enter local tournaments, only.

The LI Hurricanes will not be attending any overnight weekend tournaments this season.