

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 2nd 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:

The practice schedules and locations will be posted on the Hurricanes website – www.LIHurricanesVolleyball.com. Practice schedules are subject to change based on facility availability. At the current time, practices are being held at one of two facilities: Sportime Bethpage and Sportime Syosset.

COVID19 Safety Procedures:

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

1. The Sportime online waiver form must be completed. The link will be emailed to you.
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.~~ **Revised 11/12/20: Per USA Volleyball guidelines, players must wear a protective mask at all times during the practice.**
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.

Refund Policy: If practices are canceled due to a NY State shutdown, a pro-rata refund will be issued and used as credit toward the first month that we are allowed to restart and continue the season. For any practices that are canceled due to a group quarantine as a result of one of our players testing positive for COVID-19, no refunds will be given as the club will still be liable for the cost of the practice facility.

Tournament Fees: 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 once per week. The U15 and U17 groups begin on 10/01/20 and will practice once per week with an occasional 2nd practice. The U18 team begins on October 7 and will practice once per week. There could be an occasional break in the schedule due to holidays and loss of facility. Practice schedules are posted on the Hurricanes website. 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. As of 12/4/20, GEVA has not begun to authorize any tournaments or scrimmages between clubs.

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. Depending on facility availability, the U13 group could be split into separate practice groups at separate times.

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.