



16U & 18U

Our 16U & 18U Program

Entering our 17th season, Velocity provides a high quality club experience for players to **enhance their skills and team development**. We will start in early-September and will end in mid-February, about three weeks before spring high school volleyball tryouts. Our practices are usually held on Tuesday & Thursday evenings. We will schedule a minimum of:

- > 4 two-day weekend tournaments (Sat & Sun) at the Bedford Park Point Series (by Midway Airport)
- > USAV Chicago Winter Championships (Sat, Sun & Mon over MLK Holiday) at McCormick Place
- > 4 additional single-day local tournaments, about 35 matches total, and 35 practices (minimums)

Club Fees for 2023-24

\$1,950 – new player (uniform & memberships included) about 30-50% less than other clubs

\$1,775 – returning Velocity roster player from 2022-23 (use existing uniform; new hoodie & T-shirts)

\$1,700 – new 15-year-old on 16U team (\$250 discount, uniform & membership included)

*Based upon 11-12 players per team; will adjust higher if less than 11 to cover team expenses.

New player uniform package includes 2 jerseys, shorts, long-sleeve hitting shirt, 3 T-shirts, hoodie, backpack, kneepads and volleyball.

Velocity Advantages

- > Convenient location for practices at St Paul gym in downtown Skokie (1 block south of library)
- > Lower fees with the most cost-effective volleyball club in Illinois
- > A highly competitive schedule at best tournaments around our Chicagoland area

Open Gyms & Tryouts

Attend our **FREE open gyms** on Tues & Thur, Aug 8 & 10, 6:30-8:00pm for 16U, 8:00-9:30pm for 18U. Come and meet your future teammates, talk with our coaches, and have your questions answered. Our **tryouts** will be held on **Saturday, Aug 12, 6:00pm for 16U & 8:00pm for 18U** at St Paul gym, 5201 Galitz Ave, Skokie.

All interested NEW players must complete a \$5 GLR Tryout Membership thru SportsEngine to attend our volleyball club tryout. Returning club players will need to mail/bring a copy of last year's membership card. Please contact us with questions via email: contact@velocityvolleyballclub.com.

Checklist for Tryouts

Velocity Advance Tryout Registration

1. Velocity Registration Form filled-out
2. Printout of USA-GLR "Tryout Membership card", confirmation email printout, or last year's membership card
3. \$15 check payable to *Velocity Volleyball Club* – bring it to our 1st open gym on Aug 8 or mail all items to Velocity Volleyball Club, 8303 Keystone Ave, Skokie, IL 60076 (postmark by Aug 7)

Velocity On-site Tryout Registration

1. Velocity Registration Form filled-out
2. Printout of USA-GLR "Tryout Membership card", confirmation email printout, or last year's membership card
3. \$30 check payable to *Velocity Volleyball Club* – bring all items to our tryouts at St Paul gym, 5201 Galitz Ave, Skokie (downtown Skokie, 1 block south of library)

USAV-GLR Tryout Membership

To attend our club tryouts, new prospective athletes must be registered with the USAV Great Lakes Region (GLR). New players should select the \$5 Tryout Membership. A credit card is needed for GLR registration. Afterwards, make a printout of your USAV-GLR "Tryout Membership card" and bring it to tryouts.

Use the link below for **USAV-GLR \$5 Tryout Membership** thru SportsEngine:

https://user.sportsengine.com/users/sign_in

Club Volleyball Q&As

Practices and matches – Velocity will hold 1^{1/2} or 2-hour practices usually twice a week for 16U & 18U, and a few on weekends. Overall, we will hold 35 or more practices and 9 tournaments (minimum of 35 matches). Velocity will play at tournaments within a 90-minute drive. We will NOT schedule any events within 7 days of final exams in December to avoid any conflicts. *This is one item that separates Velocity from other volleyball clubs.*

Tournaments – All tournaments are held on weekends. Usually, we will play 3 matches per day. During one-day event, we will play 3 matches and move onto single-elimination playoffs if we advance.

Fees and payments – The total club fees for 2023-24 will be \$1950 (uniforms and membership included) for a new player, and \$1775 for a returning player (based upon a roster of 11 or 12). We might adjust fees if roster is smaller. Half of the fees will be collected at our parents/team meeting a week after tryouts and balance will be due in early-January. Freshmen on 16U will received a \$250 discount.

Transportation – Similar to all clubs, it's the responsibility of each family to arrange for rides to practices and tournaments. A team contact sheet with addresses and phone numbers will be provided to assist families.

Club volleyball 16U & 18U comparison – Be informed!

Club	Open Gyms	Tryout Fee	Club Fees	Addl Fees	Tournaments
Velocity	2, free	\$15 advance \$30 on-site	\$1950 New ⁺ \$1775 Returning	None	9 local tournaments
a	?	?	?	U, T&H [^]	9-11 tournaments, St Louis Qualifier
b	?	?	?	?	?
c	?	?	?	?	?

Please verify other club fees to get an accurate **total cost of participation**. Use the chart above to compare and be informed.

+ Velocity total fees - Uniforms and memberships are included for all new Velocity players. Our uniform package consists of 2 jerseys, 1 shorts, hoodie, long sleeve hitting shirt, 3 T-shirts, backpack, knee pads, and a volleyball.

[^] Uniform, Travel and Hotel (U, T&H) fees for St Louis Qualifier and other out of Illinois tournaments. A 6-hour drive to St Louis, plus three-night hotel stay in February can be expensive. Please verify with clubs their total fees to get an accurate total cost of participation. Other clubs total fees can easily exceed \$3500.

Please visit our website at velocityvbc.com for updated information or contact us via email: contact@velocityvolleyballclub.com

Velocity Registration Form

Tryouts are held on Saturday, Aug 12, 4:00pm for 14U, 6:00pm for 16U & 8:00pm for 18U – St Paul gym, 5201 Galitz Ave, Skokie

Please PRINT neatly. For our **Advance** Tryouts Registration, please mail this form, USA-GLR tryout membership printout, and \$15 check to: Velocity VBC, 8303 Keystone Ave, Skokie, IL 60076 (postmark by Aug 7), or bring all of these items to our first open gym on August 8. For **On-site** Tryouts Registration, bring this form, USA-GLR tryout membership printout, and check for \$30.

Player:	Tryout # (Velocity will assign):	
Address:	City, Zip:	
Date of birth:	Player's cell:	
School:	Grade:	E-mail:

1st position (check one): Outside hitter, Middle hitter, Right side, Setter, Defensive specialist
2nd position (check one): Outside hitter, Middle hitter, Right side, Setter, Defensive specialist

Mother/Guardian:	Father:
Mother's cell:	Father's cell
Mother's e-mail:	Father's e-mail:

How did you hear about Velocity VBC?

Online search, Referral, Informed by HS coach, Other

Glenbrook Athletic Club/Velocity VBC Waiver and Release Form

I acknowledge that volleyball or any sporting event is an extreme test of a person's physical and mental limits and that my participation in a volleyball event can cause potential death, serious injury, or property damage. With a full understanding of the potential risks, I HEREBY ASSUME THE RISKS OF PARTICIPATING OR OFFICIATING IN A VOLLEYBALL EVENT. I hereby take the following action for myself, my executors, administrators, heirs, next of kin, successors and assigns: a) I WAIVE, RELEASE, AND DISCHARGE from any and all claims or liabilities for death or personal injury or damages of any kind, EXCEPT THAT WHICH IS THE RESULT OF GROSS NEGLIGENCE AND/OR WANTON MISCONDUCT OF PERSONS OR ENTITIES LISTED BELOW, which arise out of or relate to my traveling to and from or my participation in any volleyball practice or event, THE FOLLOWING PERSONS OR ENTITIES: Glenbrook Athletic Club/Velocity VBC and its officers, directors, board members, employees, representatives, coaches, practice sites and facilities, and agents of any of the above as well as USA Volleyball and its Regional Volleyball Associations, tournament directors, sponsors, and tournament facilities, and the officers, directors, employees, representatives, and agents of any of the above; b) I AGREE NOT TO SUE any of the persons or entities listed above for any of the claims or liabilities that I have waived, released or discharged herein; and c) I INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS the persons or entities mentioned above from any claims made or liabilities assessed against them as a result of my actions.

In consideration of the rights and privileges granted to me by my membership with the RVA, a USAV Group D Member, by signing this membership form, I certify that:

1. I have read and understand the Waiver and Release of Liability.
2. I understand that I have given up substantial rights.
3. I (or my parent or legal guardian) am at least eighteen (18) years old.
4. I agree and consent to abide by the Waiver and Release of Liability set forth herein.

Participant's signature: _____ Date signed: _____

If applicant is under 18 years of age, a parent or guardian must execute, in addition to the foregoing Waiver and Release, the following, for and on behalf of the minor. The undersigned parent and natural guardian or legal guardian on the applicant

(_____ [minor's name]) executes the foregoing Waiver and Release for and on behalf of the minor named herein. I hereby bind myself, the minor and all other assigns to the terms of the Waiver and Release. I represent that I have legal capacity and authority to act for and on behalf of the minor named herein, and I agree to indemnify and hold harmless the persons or entities named in the Waiver and Release for any claims or liabilities assessed against them as a result of any insufficiency of my legal capacity or authority to act for and on behalf of the minor in the execution of the Waiver and Release. I have also received the USAV Participant Code of Conduct and have reviewed the Code with my child regarding the stipulated conditions and their ramification. I fully consent to my child's participation in RVA/USAV events.

Parent/Guardian name: _____ Signature: _____ Date signed: _____