

# **BALLISTIC VOLLEYBALL**

Spring 2018  
HANDBOOK

Who are we and what do we offer?

**Our intention is to provide a positive environment:** Everything we do centers around building a great overall experience, driving the kids to love the game and the camaraderie of their team. We believe that with proper guidance the players can gain great knowledge in their sport and learn valuable life lessons in the process.

**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 earned great reputations within their community.
3. Have a competitive nature.
4. Utilize positive methods of teaching.

Our coaches have high expectations and are continually making and creating new goals for them and their teams.

The services we offer are systems for self-improvement. 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 and community in the area. Thanks for choosing us. Please read through the handbook fully to ensure your player will be able to participate and abide by all policies.

## **Services Available in Spring**

- **3 month teams 18yrs-13yrs-** Players practice 2x per week, one 2-day tournament per 3 months. 6 tournament dates minimum.

Cost: \$650 payments divided into 2x, returning members discount \$50

When: Mid March to End of May, Practices are Monday, Thurs at Aim High or Holt HS

- **Youth teams (12 yrs and under)**

Players practice 2x per week, 4 dates of tournaments minimum

Cost: \$450 payments divided into 2x, returning members discount \$50

When: Mid March to End of May, Practices are Monday, Thurs at Aim High or Holt HS

- **Youth teams (10 yrs and under)**

Players practice 2x per week, 2 dates for tournaments minimum

Cost: \$300 payments divided into 2x

When: Mid March to End of May, Practices are Monday, Thurs at Aim High or Holt HS

- **Instructional Team 18-13 yrs (only when resources are available)-**

Players practice 2x per week, 4 tournament dates.

Novice players that need a little instruction to catch up. Only offered when resources are available (i.e. enough players, coaches, and gym space). Cost: \$450 single payment only

### **Info on Tryouts**

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. Players could be asked to play up in age level but cannot play down. Ballistic staff will determine teams based on several criteria but is based on what is best for the kids, their team, and the clubs ability to compete. All players must attend a tryout to play, 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. Reminder: half fees are due at the first team practice.

### **Practices: Important!**

Practices will begin on 3/12 and end on the last tournament date for each team (Around May 27<sup>th</sup>).

If your athlete cannot attend practice, we need to be notified in advance (written via email or text). Please understand missing practices affects our practice plans and quality of practice. Missing practices for unexcused reasons could affect play time, or if occurring often could be removed from the team.

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. The coach will work to keep everyone updated on changes.

Club practices and events are not scheduled during spring break. No practices or matches are scheduled during that time. Practices are at Aim High Sports Complex or Holt HS (could be other locations if necessary)

Team schedules are sent to players after tryouts and after player acceptances are made. Practice schedule requests can be written on tryout forms and will be considered; however players may be limited to constraints of the team and will need to choose if they can participate or not.

### **Tournaments**

TBA

### **Uniforms**

Players will receive a warm up shirt which they may keep. All 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 and allows all players to wear a high

quality performance jersey for competition. **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. In the case of an injury documented by a physician that an athlete cannot continue with a program, a refund could be issued at a prorated amount at the discretion of the director. A player who is dismissed from the program for behavioral deviance will not receive a refund.

### **More on Fees**

Payments may be made in installments. **The first payment is due at the first practice.** We accept cash or check made payable to Ballistic. We also now accept debit/credit cards (convenience fees for credit). **The 2<sup>nd</sup> payment will be due April 19th**

With your paid fees, we will provide your player with an AAU Membership. AAU membership is a limited insurance policy 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 [aasports.org](http://aasports.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 for 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.

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·Threatening or use of profane language
- 3·Baiting or taunting coaches, officials, teammates, opponents or spectators
- 4·Unsafe play

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

<b>First Offense</b>	Verbal Warning or dismissal from the game
<b>Second Offense</b>	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 emotional distress incurred.

### **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.

### **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.