



Hutchinson Junior Olympic Volleyball Association

2020 Fall Friendly Commitment Details

Purpose: The purpose of the 2020 fall season is to provide competitive playing options (scrimmages) for girls within the Hutchinson High School Volleyball program (Grades 9-12). The program will “piggyback” off of the fall practices provided by the high school program. Outside of the first two practices held on August 31 and September 3 to determine team placement, practices will not be held. It is our intention to participate in the North Country Region (NCR) Fall Friendly Players League. (Information attached)

Eligibility: Players must be in grades 9-12 for the upcoming school season and registered to play with the High School Volleyball Program. Players must also be registered members of USAV. *Players do not need to be Hutchinson JO members to take part in the Fall Friendly.*

Cost: \$100 plus USAV registration costs if not currently registered. (\$15 for fall fee or \$50 for 2020/21 season fees). Girls who played with Hutchinson JO Volleyball last year are currently registered with USAV. Cost covers gym rentals, coaches’ salary, and registration fees for scrimmages. Payment and signed commitment/waiver form will be due at first practice on August 31.

Team Sizes/Placement: Everyone who registers will make a team. Teams will consist of the following:

- Players will be assigned a team based on age, position and talent/skill level
- Each team will have 6-11 players and at least one coach
- Assignment to teams will be very informal and placement will have no bearing on high school team placement or winter JO team placement
- Teams may have combined age groups

Scrimmages/Season Length: The season will be from August 31 to October 10. There will be a minimum of two practices and 5 events (2 scrimmages each event) that we participate in. The two practices will be held August 31 and September 3 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Hutchinson Rec Center. Location and time of events/scrimmages are TBD, but Hutchinson JO has volunteered to be a host site for the NCR Fall Friendly League. If selected, we would host 5 Friday evening events here in Hutchinson at the Rec Center. Play dates would be September 11, September 18, September 25, October 2, and October 9. If Hutchinson is not selected to be a host site, we will play within a 50-mile radius of Hutchinson, once a week, Tuesday through Friday. You will know the location and time of your scrimmage on the Thursday prior to the week of play. All matches will include a USAV certified, adult referee. Spectator rules and regulations will be shared at a later date. Please note that some locations may limit spectator availability.

Participation Guidelines and Waiver & Release of Liability – COVID-19

The novel corona virus, COVID-19, is an infectious disease that is extremely contagious and believed to spread mainly from person-to-person contact, including by individuals without symptoms. This disease has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization, and various activities have been curtailed or restricted across the country. As a result, federal, state and local governments and health agencies recommend the following guidelines:

- Wash hand with soap and water often and especially after using the restroom, prior to and after handling food and/or drink
- Use alcohol-based hand sanitizers in the absence of wash facilities
- Refrain from touching face – eyes, nose and mouth – with hands
- Cough into your elbow or a tissue – then throw the tissue away

- If you are not feeling well or are sick, stay home
- Keep at least 6 feet away from others to maintain social distance
- Those in the vulnerable age groups or with underlying medical conditions should protect themselves and not attend an event until the COVID 19 threat has passed

In addition to those general guidelines, Hutchinson JO Volleyball has established the following additional guidelines in connection with voluntary participation in sanctioned programs and activities:

- Each individual is to bring their own towels, water and water bottles and keep their bags and items separate from any other participants' items
- Each spectator and player should respect the distancing requirements set up by the event and not violate other's space
- Spectators should wear masks and distance themselves from unmasked participants
- No handshakes, high fives, hand slaps.

Until COVID-19 is either eradicated, a vaccine is developed, or a cure is found, there is no way to completely eliminate the risk of infection and as such Hutchinson JO Volleyball strongly encourages all participants to follow these recommendations and the USAV guidelines as safety precautions. The information in this document is not intended or implied to be a substitute for professional medical advice, diagnosis, or treatment, nor does Hutchinson JO Volleyball or USA Volleyball assume any liability or responsibility for the recommendations provided herein.

Participation in this program is strictly voluntary. No one has coerced or required anyone to participate.

Participation by anyone in this program is AT YOUR OWN RISK. There is no participant accident or liability insurance coverage for infectious diseases.

If an individual does not agree to comply with the guidelines for participation, then we ask that you not participate. Hutchinson JO Volleyball asks each person to understand the risk of contracting COVID 19 and take responsibility for their own personal care by following the guidelines and social distancing for the safety of themselves, their family, their teammates and all those participating in the program.

By signing this agreement, I acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID 19, voluntarily agree to the participation terms, and assume the risk that my child, my family at home and I may be exposed to or infected by COVID-19 while participating in this program. I agree that I will take responsibility for the personal protection of my child and myself. I agree to indemnify and hold harmless, Hutchinson JO Volleyball, USA Volleyball, and any other unnamed organization, their employees, agents, and representatives working to organize and operate this program.



Signatures:

We have read and agree to adhere to the commitment details and the COVID-19 Waiver:

Player Signature

Parent Signature

Date