



Illini Elite Volleyball Club

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Dear Parents and Athletes:

Welcome to the Illini Elite Training Center and 2021-2022 informational meeting for the Illini Elite Volleyball Program. We hold this informational meeting at the start of each club season for all potential players and their parents so everyone can make an educated decision about where to play club volleyball. Last year was our most challenging season to date due to the pandemic, but we finished on an incredibly high note with three medals (including a 15 Classic National Championship) at the AAU National Championships in Orlando. Over the last 20+ years, Illini Elite has grown to become one of the largest volleyball clubs in Illinois with well over 650 players and coaches. Illini Elite is well recognized and well respected nationally in the junior volleyball community as well as among college coaches and programs across the country as the premier volleyball club in Central Illinois for developing youth volleyball players.

The choice to play club volleyball can be, at times, a demanding commitment not only for the players, but also for the parents and families. The Illini Elite programs have a great deal to offer each athlete and throughout this packet, we hope to show that Illini Elite is worthy of that commitment. If you understand the core beliefs of this organization, then it will be much easier to understand how and why we do things the way we do them. At Illini Elite, our programs strive to develop each athlete in every area of volleyball to the best of their ability. Our philosophies regarding the methods and teaching the techniques of all the basic skills, as well as our practice planning and implementation are different from other clubs in the area. We hope to help you understand why we think our program has great things to offer each athlete and that Illini Elite is a club volleyball program and not just a collection of club volleyball teams and coaches. Our goal is, and will always be, to provide the best club experience for our athletes and develop their skills as volleyball players and their integrity as young adults. While athletics are something we participate in while we are young, the lessons learned from athletics can and should last a lifetime. While many of our players simply want to be the best they can be for their junior high and/or high school teams, some of our high school athletes are preparing for competition at the collegiate level. There is no arguing the fact that Illini Elite players have experienced unparalleled success in both the junior high and high school settings in Central Illinois. At the same time, our club players and teams have experienced that same success nationally as well as at the college level.

We hope to continue our efforts of bringing a new level of volleyball excellence to Central Illinois with your participation. We hope that all of you find Illini Elite to be an excellent program, worthy of your support for the 2021-22 club volleyball season.

Sincerely,

Andy Erins – Club Director

Joe Sanders – Local Director

Kyle Caldwell– Associate Director



ILLINI ELITE PROGRAM PHILOSOPHY - Why choose Illini Elite VBC?

Illini Elite is different from other clubs that you may have been involved in for several reasons. Not only is Illini Elite the only club in Central Illinois with its own training facility, but more importantly, Illini Elite is set up as a complete program that allows players to develop and grow as athletes, volleyball players and young adults as they continue with the club. The Illini Elite Volleyball program is completely dedicated to providing its athletes with the technical, tactical and physical training needed to reach their highest possible potential. We strive to help each and every player achieve their maximum performance regardless of age or ability. For the young player we want to develop a solid base of fundamental skill, as well as a passion for the sport. As players get older and progress through the program, we want to provide the path to a level of excellence that allows each and every athlete to test their own limitations. We understand that we are providing a service to you, the players and parents, not the other way around. This understanding is what drives us to provide the best possible club experience for everyone involved. For those that have not been involved with Illini Elite before, we have explained several key aspects of our philosophy below which makes Illini Elite the right club volleyball choice.

Focus on Skill Development - The BEST reason for choosing Illini Elite is that we understand and embrace the idea that the purpose of club volleyball is to assist players in training and developing their individual skills and techniques. This is why we focus most of our training time on developing the player rather than developing the team. Yes, we want our teams to be successful, but not at the expense of developing the individual players. We feel that good players can and will become a good team if trained properly and given the opportunity to succeed. When athletes are young, it is easy for players and parents to make the mistake of getting caught up in trying to find the best team to play on or trying to play with their friends. In the search to play on the best team, however, players often overlook the most important element of long-term growth in the sport of volleyball, which is the training and development of individual skills. College coaches do not recruit elite teams; they recruit elite players with elite skills. By providing the best available training and developing the skills of each athlete, we can provide the best possible club volleyball experience for our athletes.

Master Coach Concept - This type of training allows each athlete to receive the same comprehensive training as everyone else in her age group regardless of individual or team skill level. In most clubs, each athlete is at the mercy of his or her individual coaches' technical, tactical, and physical understanding of the sport of volleyball. If this is the case, practices can be poorly organized, inefficiently executed and often fail to give each player the chance to reach his or her full potential. At Illini Elite, we have adopted the master coach concept to ensure that this does not happen. The master coach oversees developing and implementing the practice plan for all the athletes and making sure that all of the involved coaches understand the practice plan, thereby assuring each athlete the same high quality training during practice. Yes, there is position specific training as well (i.e., setters, middle hitters, defensive specialist, etc.), but with this concept, it can be accomplished simultaneously if all the coaches are working together under the same plan.

Systematic Approach to Training - We have developed a volleyball program, not just a club with a collection of teams and coaches. One of the problems that exists in youth volleyball, especially in this area, is the lack of consistency regarding teaching the basic skills. It is not uncommon for young players to have several different coaches teaching them the skills many ways over the course of their youth and junior playing days. In our program, all the coaches, in every age level and every team, must learn to teach all the basic skills with the same techniques and methods that we have been using for years with a great deal of success. In doing so, players can continue to develop and improve each year and build on what they learn each season instead of starting over again each year with a new coach. We understand that player development is an ongoing process over a period of time, and we try to teach each skill systematically and efficiently with the player's long-term growth, development and health as primary objectives. Our program is modeled, in part, after the Sports Performance Volleyball Club's training program which is recognized as one of the premier volleyball clubs in the country for developing youth and junior volleyball players.

Life Lessons to Learn – Over the years we have learned that when a group of people make a commitment to do something great, success usually follows. Words and concepts such as Hard Work, Commitment, Sacrifice, Responsibility, Accountability, Dedication and Perseverance have great value not only in athletics, but all areas of our lives. These are the concepts that allow people to succeed. It seems more and more parents and athletes approach athletics with a sense of “entitlement”. They believe that the concepts above do not apply to them and that they are “entitled” to a position or “entitled” to success. Athletics, just like the real world, do not operate that way. Success, either individual or team, is only accomplished by understanding, believing, and applying those ever-important concepts listed above. Through their participation in sports, young athletes learn lessons about themselves and others, which will carry over throughout every aspect of their lives. As young student-athletes, they must learn the most efficient ways to use time and energy to manage schoolwork, family, practice, social life, etc. They must learn about setting priorities, setting goals, and striving to achieve those goals while at the same time understanding that success comes in the pursuit of excellence. At times it seems that we all have forgotten that future success almost always comes from past failures. Part of becoming a successful adult is learning to deal with failure as a child. That is how we grow. That is how we learn. There is nothing noble about falling down but getting back up each time is one of the most important qualities we can teach. Winning is fun but losing is often much more valuable and the lessons we learn from that eventually shapes us into winners. As coaches, we know that the lessons learned from making a commitment, being part of a team and making some sacrifices in a program like ours can be carried over into other aspects of our athletes' lives. We want our players to understand what it really means to be part of a program, part of a team and what the words TEAM and TEAMMATE really stand for - *a group of people who share a common goal together and understand and agree to make the sacrifices necessary to make that goal become a reality*. These athletes learn that individual needs are sometimes put aside for the good of the team or the team is destined for failure. We realize this goes against today’s “SportsCenter” mentality where individuals have become bigger than their teams, but we also know that individual glory takes a backseat to team success every time. Being a part of a team within a larger program and making sacrifices and commitments to help that team achieve success is possibly the greatest single lesson to be learned from athletics.

Full-time director and full-time staff – Andy Erins is the full-time director of Illini Elite and is involved in all aspects of the club and its operations. Joe Sanders has been working full-time for Illini Elite since the early years and oversees the Local program while assisting with all aspects of the club and our facility. Kyle Caldwell was hired in the fall of 2017 to assist with all aspects of the club including coordinating our social media, website/registration systems, coaching camps/clinics, and other day to day operations. Typically, club coaches and club directors have other full-time jobs requiring their attention every day. This can often prevent them from putting in the time that these athletes deserve. As full-time directors, it is our job to make sure that each practice, regardless of the age level or skill level, is prepared and ready to be implemented and that all other matters regarding the club are taken care of regularly. We also ask that all parent/player issues and communications go through both Andy and/or Joe before going to the individual coaches. This (and our 24-hour rule) will be discussed in depth at the Parent/Player meetings after tryouts. For our athletes looking to play in college, we are also a resource for all questions regarding the college search and the recruiting process.

Illini Elite Training Center – Late October of 2018 marked the opening of our new air conditioned, 6 court Training Center. We opened our first volleyball dedicated Training Center in 2004 and our new facility expands to 6 full competition courts with air conditioning, an expanded concession stand, a volleyball specific retail space and more. We offer private lessons, various skill and specialty clinics, summer camps, leagues and much more. Our facility provides the training environment needed for Illini Elite to continue its past success and growth. This type of environment is extremely helpful in developing a training atmosphere and sense of pride, where players learn to understand that they are not just playing for a team, but rather an entire program. It also allows our coaches and players to learn from each other daily and share ideas since we are all practicing at the same time and all working together.

What's new for the 2021-22 Illini Elite season?

- There are a few new changes to the upcoming 2021-22 season. The most important being the migration to SportsEngine for our website, registration and billing/invoicing.
 - This is the first year that we have switched over to SportsEngine for our registration needs. If you have completed a JVA Waiver for previous seasons, you should already have a SportsEngine account. If you are brand new to Illini Elite and SportsEngine, you will need to create a SportsEngine account before you can register. If you click “Sign In” in the top right corner of our website (www.illinielite.com) and enter your e-mail address, it will either prompt you to sign in or to create an account. In previous years, the tryout registration and JVA waiver were two separate parts of the full tryout registration. Thanks to our partnership with SportsEngine this year, the JVA waiver has been built into our tryout registration to make it a one step process.
 - The e-mail that is associated with your account will be the primary address that we use for billing. All billing (dues, uniform, travel payments, etc) will be completed through SportsEngine this year. If you will be splitting payments with another adult, you will need to add them as an additional guardian to your player's profile. After you have added them as an additional guardian, please email Kyle at kyle@illinielite.com to let him know so we can split up the invoices. To add a secondary guardian, please follow the instructions from the following help article:
<https://help.sportsengine.com/en/articles/314-how-to-add-guardians>
- **Payment/Invoicing changes with SportEngine–**
 - After tryouts, parents will receive an invoice in their SportsEngine account for the dues. The initial payment will need to be made before the mandatory parent/player meetings listed in the next section. More payment information will be in each program specific section later in the packet, but we do want to let all parents know that collecting payments will be different this season and much more streamlined than waiting in lines at the parent/player meetings.
- **National program changes –**
 - The first change this season is that our Elite program is now called the National program. Last season we changed the Expansion program to Local with the idea that the Elite program would shift to be called National.
 - This season, our National HS tryouts will be two parts – Position Evaluation and Tryouts. We did this last year and it was extremely helpful in our evaluations.
 - Last season, our 15U National players practiced three times per week and we are continuing that this season. All National HS teams will practice together three times per week.
 - We plan to work again this season with ConnectVolleyball.com to assist all of our players and the club as a whole with recruiting and the recruiting process. We started the shift from SportsRecruits to Connect last season and all players will have the opportunity to use ConnectVolleyball this year if they choose. It was a much more cost-effective option than Sports Recruits.
 - COVID derailed our plans for strength/conditioning last season, but we are planning to bring Lucas Cook back this season to work with our athletes. Lucas, formerly of the Warbird Academy, will create and implement our strength program and we imagine it will run very similarly to what we have done in the past. The strength program is intended to complement anything we do in the gym and anything any athlete is doing outside the gym as we focus on core muscle groups, shoulder stabilization/health and long-term growth/health of the players.
- **Open Gyms** –We realize there are many players who finish their seasons long before tryouts so open gym time may provide an opportunity for them to come in and play. Group lessons are also currently offered every Sunday to work on skills before tryouts. More group lesson dates/times as well as any open gym times will be posted on the website.

Frequently Asked Questions

What do I need to bring to tryouts? All players must register online for tryouts. If they have registered online properly, players should not have to bring anything additional to tryouts. At the tryout sign-in time, we will verify that you have registered properly and check positions, age group, etc.

What happens after tryouts? When are the mandatory parent/player meetings? The week after the National tryouts is set aside for our mandatory parent/player meetings. *These meetings are required for all players/parents.* This is when we will discuss the rules/guidelines for players and parents, inform everyone of important season information, changes from the packet, verify uniform sizing for the National players, etc. At least one parent and the player must attend one of the meetings and we've listed the dates/times here so everyone can plan accordingly.

- Monday, November 15th, 5:30 PM: **Local Program Meeting** for NEW IE players and all 15U players
- Tuesday, November 16th, 5:30 PM: **Local Program Meeting** for all RETURNING IE 16U-18U players
- Wed., November 17th, 5:30 PM: **National Program Meeting** for NEW NATIONAL players and all 15U players
- Thurs., November 18th, 5:30 PM: **National Program Meeting** for all RETURNING National 16U-18U players

With SportsEngine this year, we will invoice all players after tryouts and the first payment will be done prior to these meetings. We no longer need to collect payment sheets at the meeting since all parents will have their dues already loaded in their SE account.

Do I need to tryout for both programs? If I tryout for National and don't make it, can I play Local? Players only need to tryout for one program. If a player has the interest and desire to play on one of the National teams, they should tryout for National. Any player not selected for the National program will automatically be placed in the Local program unless they inform us of other plans.

Can I still make an National team if I did not play here last year? Absolutely. We have an OPEN tryout for everyone and anyone. Each season is a new season and a fresh start. New players are ALWAYS welcome!

Can athletes participate in other sports? An all-too-common misconception is that athletes cannot participate in our National program if they play another sport. This has never been true. National program athletes have always been allowed to play other sports. We understand there could be conflicts if players are multi-sport athletes. We do ask that players inform us if they are participating in another sport that might include some conflicts so we can make any necessary adjustments for them and their teams. Some athletes have chosen to play collegiate volleyball as a goal, and they must understand that serious training and competition is necessary for a player to reach their potential and possibly achieve that goal. The Local program is also in place for those multi-sport athletes that still want the club volleyball experience but may be involved with multiple sports and activities at this time.

How many players are on each team? We strive to have 10 players on each team at all levels and all age groups. More than 10 can make it difficult for coaches to give all players playing time and less than 10 can result in teams being short players in case of injury and/or conflicts. There are scenarios where more than 10 players is an option (developmental possibilities, position changes, experience), but these scenarios are rare.

Do all players get "equal" playing time? There is no such thing as "equal" playing time in volleyball. Volleyball is different from other sports in that it is not a timed game; there are no innings, no quarters or halves to base playing time. Due to the nature and speed of the game, you cannot judge "time" by rotations or points either. We understand that all players practice so they can play in games. We strive to give all players "fair" playing time based on practice, ability, attendance, skills, positions, situations, etc.

How/when are teams selected? We always wait to make the actual teams until we can get into practice and see the players in the practice environment. For players trying out for a National team, they will know the night after tryouts if they made an National team, but we will not make the teams until sometime in early/mid-December. All players who try out for the Local program will make a team, but teams will not be announced until mid-December. This gives us the opportunity to properly evaluate all the players fairly.

How many teams will we have in each program/age group? For the Local program, we will have as many teams as needed to accommodate the number of players at tryouts. Typically, we have between 18-20 Local teams divided into all three age groups (~ 6-17U/18U teams, 6-16U teams, 6-15U teams). The number of teams in the National program is based on the number and level of players attending tryouts. We usually have around 10 teams in the National program, typically divided into 3-4 teams in the 15U age group, 3 teams in the 16U age groups and 3-4 teams in the 17U/18U age group.

Will the National teams go to OWLS again this year? Yes. Our hope is that our National teams can return to OWLS this year in January/February. The OWLS program is included in the National team dues. For those that are new to the National program here is a quick overview of what OWLS is:

Our National teams will also attend OWLS (Outdoor Wisconsin Leadership Synergies) at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. OWLS is not a tournament but is a weekend of learning about themselves and their teammates through outdoor adventures, ropes courses, a climbing tower, and other problem-solving scenarios. The entire weekend is extremely challenging and rewarding both mentally and physically and is one of the most valuable things we do every season for the players and coaches. The program will again be specially designed for us and our players to empower the group to combine their efforts to become more effective teams and teammates and at the same time learn about themselves as individuals. It is always cold up there, so be prepared to bundle up!

What role do the parents play at Illini Elite? The landscape of youth sports has changed quite dramatically in the last decade regarding parent behavior and parent actions. We will address these issues in depth at the mandatory parent/player meeting after tryouts but felt it necessary to include something here. We want all our parents to enjoy the experience of club volleyball with their daughters. All we ask is that parents remember who the adults are and to ALWAYS show good sportsmanship with what you say and how you act to support your daughter and her team in a positive manner. Parents should NEVER speak negatively towards or about a teammate, a coach or an opposing player. *You too are representing Illini Elite as much as the players are.*

In this current “new normal” in the COVID era, parents need to be prepared for potential spectator limits at events. Parents need to understand, appreciate, and accept that some local/facility rules and regulations regarding masks, vaccines and social distancing might be different than their own personal and/or political options. We all want this season to start and finish without interruption (unlike last season), so it is incumbent on all of us to do all the right things to keep our player safe and healthy. We will do our best and set the example by doing the right things inside and outside of our gym. We understand and appreciate how important sports and volleyball are to you and your athletes and we will continue to adjust what we do to keep them active, safe, and engaged in our sport.

Finally, thank you for your continued support of the Illini Elite Volleyball Club. We appreciate you and will continue to do our best to provide your players the best experience we can.

2021-2022 LOCAL PROGRAM INFORMATION

The Local program has always been geared towards those athletes who wish to participate in club volleyball and improve their skills for their high school seasons without the extensive time commitment and/or cost. Local teams practice two days per week during the season. Teams will compete in our local Illini Elite Central Events held at our facility here in Bloomington. We strive to give the Local players competitive matches while at the same time trying to finish the season early enough to avoid the potential spring sport conflicts. We realize that during the season there may be some school sport conflicts with some practices and the occasional Saturday events, so we are willing to work with the players regarding those conflicts. The complete competition schedule is listed for each age group in this packet. In the past, we have had some Local teams “play up” in divisions if we feel that they need to be challenged more or if the competition suits their needs. The Local season will conclude after their final competition date scheduled to be the Central Finale on March 5-6 for the 17U/18U age groups and March 12-13 for the 15U/16U age groups. All the competition dates listed on the competition schedule are included in the Local dues.

Local Practice Schedule:

Practices will begin on Monday, November 29th for all Local players. Each month we will post the monthly practice/competition schedule on our website. At the mandatory parent/player meetings (*the week of November 15th*) after all tryouts are done, we will inform everyone when to be at practice since teams will not have been selected yet. The practice times/days for the Local teams are as follows (note that slight adjustments may need to be made based on tryout numbers):

Monday and Wednesday Nights at 5:00-7:00 or 7:00-9:00 (and once teams are selected, we may practice until 9:30 on some Wednesday nights before competition weekends)

The practice time slots will most likely rotate from week to week to possibly avoid having the same teams always in the early slot where there are typically more conflicts with other school sport practices. If players have conflicts with one of the time slots due to school sport practices on one night, they will be able to attend the other time slot to make up that practice. They may not be with their team, but they will be able to get their practice time in.

Local Competition Schedule:

The tournament schedule is listed on the next page. Typically, teams will play 3-4 matches on each date. Start times vary but are usually 8:00 AM for a morning wave or about 2:30 PM for an afternoon wave. There is no way to know what time your daughter might play on any given date until about a week before the event as the start times are based on the number of teams and the format of the event. The schedules are typically posted on our website (www.illinielite.com) the Monday or Tuesday before each event (so we can ensure that we have the right teams and there are no late additions/cancellations). Note that the 15U/16U teams will typically play in either the Presidents' Day event or Central Challenge, but typically not both events.

Local Competition Schedule (cont.):

Date	Event	Age Divisions (combined)	Location
January 8-9	17U/18U Weber Electric Central Kick-Off Event	17U/18U	Bloomington
January 15-16	15U/16U Central Kick-Off Event	15U/16U	Bloomington
January 22-23	17U/18U Central Winter Event	17U/18U	Bloomington
January 29-30	15U/16U Central Winter Event	15U/16U	Bloomington
February 5-6	17U/18U Central Illinois Classic	17U/18U	Bloomington
February 12-13	15U/16U Central Illinois Classic	15U/16U	Bloomington
February 19-20	15U-18U Holiday Inn Express Presidents' Day at Illini Elite	15U/16U & 17U/18U	Bloomington
February 26-27	15U/16U Central Challenge	15U/16U	Bloomington
March 5-6	17U/18U Central Finale	17U/18U	Bloomington
March 12-13	15U/16U Central Finale at Illini Elite	15U/16U	Bloomington

2021-2022 LOCAL PROGRAM FEES

The dues for the Local program for the 2021-2022 season are listed below. The dues include the uniform (1 practice shirt, 2 uniform shirts, 1 pair spandex), practice times and gym time, tournament entries, all insurance/registrations, coaching fees, etc. The only additional charges would be if players decide to purchase additional equipment. Dues have increased due to a significant increase to our hourly coach wages and the costs associated with SportsEngine.

Local Program Dues: \$900.00

*****NEW THIS YEAR***:** After tryouts, all parents will be invoiced in their SportsEngine account for the \$900.00 dues. Once you receive the notification that you have been invoiced, you will need to go to your SE account and enter your payment information. You will be able to pay by credit card or ACH through the SE account. The initial payment needs to be made by the time of the Parent/Player Meetings starting November 15th. At those meetings, we will not collect any payments since you will have already done it. We will verify that payments have been made and double check any pertinent information, but we will not need to collect payment forms as previous seasons.

Once you receive your invoice notification, you will have 2 options for payment:

- 1) Pay in full
- 2) Pay \$450.00 as the initial payment and \$450.00 on Jan. 1, 2022. The 2nd payment will be automatically set up when you make the first payment.

If you have more than one daughter in the either high school program, we offer a 10% discount on the dues for the 2nd player, 3rd player, etc. so please email Kyle at Kyle@illinielite.com to let him know you have multiple players in the program as we will invoice you with the discount already applied.

If player dues are not paid, we will unfortunately not allow your daughter to continue practices or competitions until your account is in good standing.

2021-2022 NATIONAL PROGRAM INFORMATION

Our National program always strives to build on the successes of our previous season. Last season was challenging for so many reasons. Between the shutdowns/startups, the player/team gym limits and the IHSA season in the spring, we had a lot to overcome. We did what we could, when we could and had a truly amazing finish to the season. Our 15 White team won the AAU 15 Classic National Championship, and our 18 Black team took 2nd in the 18 Club division. In addition to those medals for our HS teams, our 14 Cardinal team finished 2nd in the 14 Premier division. Given the challenges we had throughout the season, coming away from AAU's with three medals was an impressive accomplishment.

The National program is geared for those athletes that wish to excel in volleyball and compete at the highest level possible. Most of our National players have hopes of continuing volleyball at the collegiate level and we have been fortunate to have so many players continue their volleyball careers at the collegiate level (see the Alumni page for a list of players and colleges). The 2021-22 season will see a typical National schedule starting in late November with conditioning/rehab and position training and once again concludes at the end of June with the AAU National Championships (Orlando, FL.). We strive to give our National teams and players maximum exposure to college coaches and recruiters on the regional and national levels and our competition schedule reflects those goals (see the National Competition Schedule pages). Any changes or additions to the attached competition schedule will be known well in advance and will be listed on the website and on the monthly calendars. If we have three teams in an age group, our Cardinal teams will compete at the Open level while our Black and White teams will compete at the Premier or Club level throughout the year. With the growth of the AAU National Championships the last few years (over 2000 teams the last few years!) we will most likely have our Cardinal teams in the Open, our Black teams in the Club and our White teams in the Classic Divisions at AAU's to give all of our teams the best chance to play for a medal at AAU's.

We hope that our National teams will once again attend OWLS (Outdoor Wisconsin Leadership Synergies) at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. We had to cancel OWLS last year due to COVID and are working with the OWLS folks to make it happen again for this season. OWLS is not a tournament but is a weekend of learning about themselves and their teammates through outdoor adventures, ropes courses, a climbing tower and other problem-solving scenarios. The entire weekend is extremely challenging and rewarding both mentally and physically and is one of the most valuable things we do every season for the players and coaches. The program will again be specially designed for us and our players to empower the group to combine their efforts to become more effective teams and teammates and at the same time learn about themselves as individuals. It is always cold up there, so be prepared to bundle up!

When the National teams travel to out-of-state tournaments, the teams will travel together. The girls will stay together as a team in a hotel, eat meals together and travel to and from the tournament sites together. In addition to allowing the teams to focus on the task at hand and to use that time for team bonding, it allows players to travel to these tournaments even if their parents are unable to attend. Players are allowed to travel home with their parents once the competition and their team's duties have concluded. When we travel to the Chicago suburban area events and local events, everyone can make their own arrangements as we will not travel as a team for most of those events.

2021-2022 NATIONAL PRACTICE INFORMATION

The National teams will practice 3 days per week. A calendar will be available on our website each month with detailed information regarding practices and competitions. Strength training and maintenance will be included during these practice times. Position specific training will be incorporated into each practice. The scheduled practice days and times for the National teams are listed below:

All National teams – 3 days per week – 4:30-8:00 Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday.

After our spring break in late March, the National team practices will move to **Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday** to accommodate the needs of our Junior High club programs.

Prior to our normal practice routine starting on **Tuesday, November 30th**, we will have Position Training practice strength/conditioning sessions (and/or rehab for those players that need it) on the following dates:

Saturday, November 20th for ALL 15U and NEW National players (9:00am – 1:00pm)

Sunday, November 21st for ALL 15U/16U/17U players (18U optional) (9:00am – 1:00pm)

Tuesday, November 23rd for ALL 15U/16U/17U players (18U optional) (4:30-8:00pm)

Saturday, November 27th for ALL players (9:00am – 1:00pm)

Sunday, November 28th for ALL players (9:00am – 1:00pm)

All teams will also practice on some Sundays in December before the competition season starts to get additional practice time. We will not practice on the weekends once the competition season starts until we get to the final weeks of preparation for AAU's in June.

Currently the Sunday practices in December are scheduled for 11:30-3:00 on the following days:

December 5th

December 19th

January 2nd

2021-2022 NATIONAL PROGRAM FEES

Dues this season include all practice and gym time, all individual and team registration fees (JVA and AAU), insurance, all OWLS charges for participation and travel (\$250.00), coaches' salaries, office expenses (credit card fees for dues, phone, website, etc.), equipment purchases, etc. Dues have increased due to a significant increase to our hourly coach wages and the costs associated with SportsEngine. This season, the entry fees for events where all of the National teams attend the same local area or Chicago area event are included in the dues. Events where different teams attend different events will be invoiced separately and included in the trip cost.

National Program Dues: 15U/16U/17U - \$2500.00

18U - \$2000.00

*****NEW THIS YEAR***:** After tryouts, all parents will be invoiced in their SportsEngine account for the \$2,500.00 dues (or \$2000.00 for 18U). Once you receive the notification that you have been invoiced, you will need to go to your SE account and enter your payment information. You will be able to pay by credit card or ACH through the SE account. The initial payment needs to be made by the time of the Parent/Player Meetings starting November 15th. At those meetings, we will not collect any payments since you will have already done it. We will verify that payments have been made and double check any pertinent information, but we will not need to collect payment forms as previous seasons.

2021-2022 NATIONAL PROGRAM FEES (CONT.)

Once you receive your invoice notification, you will have 2 options for payment:

- 1) Pay in full
- 2) For all 15U/16U/17U - Pay \$400 as the initial payment and then \$350.00 in six (6) monthly installments starting Dec. 1 and running through May 1, 2022. The payment plan will be automatically set up when you make the first payment.
For all 18U – Pay \$400.00 as the initial payment and then \$320.00 in five (5) monthly installments starting Dec. 1 and running through April 1, 2022. The payment plan will be automatically set up when you make the first payment.

If you have more than one daughter in the either high school program, we offer a 10% discount on the dues for the 2nd player, 3rd player, etc. so please email Kyle at Kyle@illinielite.com to let him know you have multiple players in the program as we will invoice you with the discount already applied.

If player dues are not paid, we will unfortunately not allow your daughter to continue practices or competitions until your account is in good standing.

For the National teams, there are additional travel trip charges for events when/if our teams travel out of state when van rentals and hotel stays are required and for event weekends when our teams may be playing in different events with different entry fees. Those fees will vary from team to team depending on how much they travel, where they are going and how long the tournament is. Each event to be charged will be invoiced through your SportsEngine account.

2021-2022 NATIONAL PROGRAM UNIFORM FEES

Select Screen and their sublimated uniform addition – Zambi Sports – is who makes our custom jerseys. Our returning players will not need to purchase new jerseys unless they need to replace ones they currently have. Due to inventory and supply issues, our new warm-up jackets and pants will also be coming from Select Screen. Below you will find the new player uniform package as well as the “base” package for all returning players. The uniform fees will be invoiced through your SportsEngine account and will be due at the time they are invoiced. Players listed their sizes during tryout registration, but we will have samples to try on at the mandatory parent/player meetings after tryouts (*the week of November 15th*) in case anyone needs to adjust their sizes. At that meeting, our shop will be open where parents/players can purchase any spiritwear, additional shorts, Ultra Ankles, etc. Again this year, we will allow players to wear whatever shoes they find most comfortable.

<i>Equipment</i>	NEW PLAYER UNIFORM FEES		RETURNING PLAYER UNIFORM FEES	
	<i>Quantity</i>	<i>Cost</i>	<i>Quantity</i>	<i>Cost</i>
Short sleeve practice shirt	3	\$30.00	3	\$30.00
Mizuno Vortex shorts	2	\$40.00	2	\$40.00
Shoulder Training Band	1	\$20.00	1	\$20.00
Mizuno Crossover Backpack 22 (Black)	1	\$42.00	1	\$42.00
Warm-up Pants (new)	1	\$44.00	1	\$44.00
Warm-up Jacket (new)	1	\$54.00	1	\$54.00
Shipping, sales tax, Coach gear, Screen printing (jackets)	1	\$60.00	1	\$60.00
ZAMBI Sublimated Team Jerseys	3	\$150.00	If needed	-
	Total	\$440.00	Total	\$290.00

Below you will find an estimate of what the travel charges might be for each team for this season. We included all of them so that parents can prepare for what those travel trip costs could be. Please keep in mind that these are just estimates figured based on what we know from past years. The cost is figured by adding the total van costs (rental, gas, parking, insurance), hotel costs (team rooms and coach rooms), coach stipend for meals and any other costs associated with the trip. The estimates may vary depending on what our actual hotel rates and van rental rates are.

Estimated Travel costs (note – not all teams are attending all events and the events listed below are the events we will travel to as a club/team together)

Event Name	Estimated Cost	15W/ 15Z	15B	15C	16W	16B	16C	17B/ 17W	17C	18U
OWLS (Lake Geneva, WI)	<i>Included in dues</i>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Illini Elite Events, Jan. 22-23 Champions Cup Apr. 30-May 1 Champions Cup May 21-22 AAU Super Regional	<i>Included in dues</i>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Central Zone Invite (Indianapolis, IN)	~ \$200			X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Champions Cup Feb. 5-6 (Aurora, IL)	~ \$50	X	X							
Triple Crown (Kansas City, Mo)	~ \$350-\$375			X			X		X	18C
SPVB Pres. Day (Aurora, IL)	~ \$110-\$125	X	X		X	X		X		18B
The Showcase at the Dells (Wis. Dells, WI)	~ \$325-\$350	X	X		X	X		X		18B
KIVA Bluegrass Event (Louisville, KY)	~ \$300-\$325			X			X		X	18C
JVA World Challenge (Louisville, KY)	~ \$375-\$400	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
May Events (Rockford/Chicago area) TBD	~ \$50	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Midwest Championship (Louisville, KY)	~ \$300-\$325			X			X		X	
Land of Lincoln Tournament (Aurora, IL)	~ \$110-\$125	X	X		X	X		X		
AAU Nationals (Orlando, FL)	~ \$500 plus flight costs	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	

Note that OWLS is not a tournament. The OWLS program (Outdoor Wisconsin Leadership Synergies) is run through Holiday Home Camp in Lake Geneva, WI.

Tentative Illini Elite HS National Competition Schedule 2022

Jan. 1-2	All HS National Teams OFF
Jan. 8-9	16U/17U/18U @ IE Central Kick-Off (at IE) 15U at OWLS (Wi.)
Jan. 15-16	17U/18U @ OWLS (Wi.) 16U OFF 15U @ IE Central Kick-Off (at IE)
Jan. 22-23	ALL Teams @ Champions Cup at the Great Lakes Center (non-travel trip)
Jan. 29-30	15C/16U/17U/18U @ Central Zone Invite (Indy – Team travel trip) 15B/W/Z OFF
Feb. 5-6	15C/17U/18U OFF 16U @ OWLS (Wi.) 15B/W/Z @ IE Winter Event (at IE)
Feb. 12-13	ALL HS National Teams OFF
Feb. 19-21	Cardinal Teams at Triple Crown (K.C. – Team travel trip). ALL OTHER teams at SPVB Pres. Day event (Rosemont or GLC – non-travel trip)
Feb. 26-27	ALL HS National Teams OFF
Mar. 4-6	Cardinal Teams at Bluegrass (Lville – Team travel trip). ALL OTHER teams at JVA Showcase at the Dells (Wi. – Team travel trip)
Mar. 12-13	ALL HS National Teams OFF, but possible non-travel trip/scrimmage
Mar. 18-28	Spring Break for ALL HS National Teams
Apr. 2-3	ALL HS National Teams OFF, but possible non-travel trip/scrimmage
Apr. 8-10	ALL Teams @ JVA World Challenge (Louisville, KY – Team travel trip)
Apr. 16-17	ALL HS National Teams OFF
Apr. 23-24	TBD, <i>possible non-travel trip/scrimmage</i>
Apr. 30-May 1	ALL Teams @ Champions Cup (Great Lakes Center – non-travel trip)
May 7-8	ALL HS National Teams OFF
May 14-15	TBD. Possible events: Mizuno Cup (Loves Park – non-travel trip) Midwest Crossroads Finale (Indiana – non-travel trip)
May 21-22	ALL Teams @ AAU Super Regional (Peoria/Bloomington)
May 28-29	TBD. Possible events: Prep Dig Gauntlet (Milw. – Team travel trip) Champions Cup (Great Lakes Center – non-travel trip)
June 4-5	TBD for some teams: 1 st Alliance Spring Classic (McCook – non-travel trip)
June 11-12	Cardinal Teams at Midwest Championship (Lville – Team travel trip) ALL OTHER teams at Land of Lincoln Tournament (Rosemont or GLC – non-travel trip)
June 15-???	2022 AAU National Championship – Orlando, FL (Team travel trip). Age group waves have not been released yet.



For directions and/or more information please visit www.illinielite.com or contact us at: (309) 829-3671 or IlliniEliteVBC@aol.com

2021-22 HS Informational Meeting and Tryout Dates

PLAYERS MUST REGISTER ONLINE BEFORE ATTENDING ANY TRYOUTS. (www.illinielite.com).

ILLINI ELITE HIGH SCHOOL CLUB INFORMATIONAL MEETING Sunday, October 24th 7:00 PM

Attendance is NOT required in any way. The meeting is for new Illini Elite Volleyball Club parents/players to find out what we do during the club season. All information and any forms from the meeting WILL BE POSTED on our website.

Meeting and Tryouts to be held at:

The Illini Elite Training Center
2229 Valley View Drive
Bloomington, IL 61705

(next to Birkey's/Interstate Center behind the Wal-Mart on Rt. 9/Market St. just of I-55/74)

ILLINI ELITE LOCAL PROGRAM TRYOUT DATES

Sunday, November 7th

Local - 15U (9th grade)

8:00 AM Sign-in

8:30 AM - 11:00 AM Tryouts

Local - 16U/17U/18U (10th, 11th, 12th)

12:00 PM Sign-in

12:30 PM - 3:00 PM Tryouts

(The Local make-up tryout date is Nov. 14th from 8:00-10:30 AM for those who could not attend Nov. 7th date)

ILLINI ELITE NATIONAL PROGRAM TRYOUT DATES

(NOTE: NATIONAL TEAM TRYOUTS CONSIST OF TWO PARTS - POSITION EVALUATION AND TRYOUTS)

Monday, November 8th
Position Evaluation

15U/16U Liberos - 4:30-6:30

17U/18U Liberos - 4:30-6:30

17U/18U Setters - 7:00-9:00

15U/16U Setters - 7:00-9:00

Tuesday, November 9th
Position Evaluation

17U/18U - Outside Hitters/
Middles - 4:30-6:30

15U/16U - Outside Hitters/
Middles - 7:00-9:00

NATIONAL TEAM TRYOUTS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH

National - 17U/18U (11th, 12th grade)

8:00 AM Sign-in

8:30 AM - 10:30 AM Tryouts

National - 16U (10th grade)

10:30 AM Sign-in

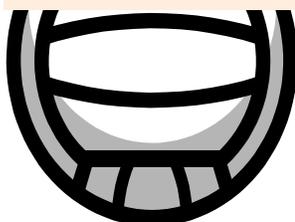
11:00 AM - 1:30 PM Tryouts

National - 15U (9th grade)

2:00 PM Sign-in

2:30 PM - 5:00 PM Tryouts

(NATIONAL TEAM PLAYERS NEED TO ATTEND BOTH THE EVALUATION AND TRYOUTS. THE ONLY EXCEPTION WILL BE FOR PLAYERS STILL IN THE IHSA STATE VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT ON NOV. 8 & 9 SINCE THOSE PLAYERS WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND THE EVALUATION DATES)



AAU Volleyball Junior Age Divisions for 2021-22

18 & Under: Must be born on or after July 1, 2003 OR born on or after July 1, 2002 AND be a high school student (12th grade or below) during some part of the current academic year.

17 & Under: Must be born on or after July 1, 2004 OR born on or after July 1, 2003 AND are in the 11th grade during the current academic year.

16 & Under: Must be born on or after July 1, 2005 ----- Cannot turn 17 before July 1, 2022

15 & Under: Must be born on or after July 1, 2006 ----- Cannot turn 16 before July 1, 2022



ILLINI ELITE ALUMNI



2021

Abby Cox (Central Catholic) - North Central
Ainsley Ranstead (Mahomet-Seymour) - SIUE
Allison Carroll (Tri-Valley) - Millikin
Ashlyn Clayton (Tri-Valley) - Maryville
Caroline Carr (Bloomington) - Indiana Wesleyan
Colleen Douglas (Illini Central) - Lakeland
Elise Dawson (Lincoln) - Heartland
Emily Cole (Mt. Zion) - Illinois-Springfield
Erin Borntreger (Springfield Lutheran) - Augustana
Grace Beekman (Hartsburg-Emden) - SIUE
Gracie Schultz (Fieldcrest) - Illinois Central
Jaelyn Sorensen (U-High) - Carson-Newman
Jenni Slagel (Pairie Central) - Heartland
Jessica Freehill (GCMS) - Texas Woman's
Kaitlin Dean (Olympia) Heartland
Kate Aupperle (Maroa-Forsyth) - St. Louis
Katy Morrison (Argenta-Oreana) - Newberry
Lauren Strange (Bloomington) - Heartland
Lilyen McCarthy (Dee-Mack) - Adelphi University
McKinley Daniels (Bloomington) - Illinois Central
Mira Chopra (Champ. Central) - Michigan
Riley Owens (Tri-Valley) - Grace College
Sam Hovey (Dee-Mack) - Heartland
Sami Allen (El Paso-Gridley) - South Carolina - Upstate
Summer Sheley (Tri-Valley) - Illinois Central
Talia Meyer (Tremont) - Winona State
Tatum Outlaw (Rochester) - Ferris State

2020

Allie Trame (St. Thomas More) - Alabama/Illinois State
Alayna Crabtree (U-High) - Boston College
Corinna Jones (Bloomington) - VCU
MacKenzie Houser (Pleasant Plains) - Southern Illinois
Lydia Hubbard (Maroa-Forsyth) - Indiana University - Kokomo
Amanda Lichtenstein (Morton) - Trinity Christian
Madison Funk (El Paso-Gridley) Illinois-Springfield
Kelsey DeRoeck (Normal Comm.) - Heartland
Emma Clark (Pekin) - Heartland
Adrien Barrett (Athens) - Southern Illinois
Payton Nicoud (Sacred Heart-Griffin) - Spring Hill
Kendall Peck (Tri-Valley) - Heartland
Alivia Larson (Tri-Valley) - Lees-McRae/Heartland
Kathleen Gerig (Normal Comm.) - North Alabama
Tia Hardt (Lexington) - Illinois Wesleyan
Brooke Kitner (Lincoln) - Indiana University - Kokomo
Regan Danko (Tri-Valley) - Heartland
Arika Richardson (La Salle - Peru) - Parkland
Ashlyn Mool (El Paso-Gridley) - Illinois Central

2019

Isabella Classen (Delavan) - Parkland
Halle Sheley (Tri-Valley) - Illinois Central
Jadyn Block (Dee-Mack) - Grace
Kalli Terrell (Olympia) - Illinois Central
Riley Cremeens (Limestone) - Millikin
Kassie Rich (Dee-Mack) - Loras
Carlee Bale (Illini Central) - Illinois College
Ali Vaughn (Mt. Zion) - Maryville
Rachel Hurt (Champ. Central) - Maryville
Abigail Fitzpatrick (Mt. Pulaski) - Southern Illinois/Heartland
Mallory Bergbower (Central Catholic) - Parkland
Anna McGovern (Pekin) - Olivet Nazarene
Madison Wright (Pontiac) - North Central
Lexi Barry (Hartsburg-Emden) - North Central/Illinois Wesleyan
Carson Smalley (Dee-Mack) - North Central
Katie Morin (Eureka) - Cambellsville
Patrice Clark (Champ. Central) - Aurora
Avery Carr (Bloomington) - McKendree
Grace Sanders (Bloomington) - Illinois Wesleyan
Lexi Packard (Bloomington) - Wisconsin-Parkside
Morgan Koch (Central Catholic) - Rider
Macy Tongate (Bloomington) - McKendree
Annelise Sparks (Maroa-Forsyth) - Wisconsin-Green Bay
Hailey Flowers (Eureka) - Radford
Kaylyn Johnston (Urbana) - Gustavus Adolphus
Carley Baughman (Normal West) Millersville/Heartland
Leah Anderson (Bloomington) - Southern Indiana
Dara Kane (Normal West) - Stephen F. Austin
Rylee Hinton (Champ. Central) - Illinois
Savannah Matthews (Mahomet-Seymour) - Kent St.
Anna Hayes (Hartsburg-Emden) - Memphis

2018

Carly Mason (Maroa-Forsyth) - Belmont
Peyton Kelley (Normal Comm.) - Belmont
Hannah Thompson (Pekin) - Bradley
Hannah Sieg (Normal West) - Eastern Illinois
Erika Moore (Central Catholic) - Western Illinois
Madison Brown (ALAH) - Georgia Southern
Brynn Nieuurk (Washington) - North Dakota
Jenny Rush (Pleasant Plains) - Illinois-Springfield
Makenna Barnhart (Normal Comm.) - Indianapolis
Hannah Clayton (Tri-Valley) - Iowa
Grace Cleveland (Normal Comm.) - Purdue
Alexis Engst (U-High) - St. Francis
Caitlynn Whitaker (Dee-Mack) - Illinois-Springfield
McKahl English (Central Catholic) - St. Ambrose
Abigail Burnett (St. Joseph-Odgen) - Parkland
Riley Warfel (Tri-Valley) - Parkland
Addison Pals (Riverton) - Illinois Central
Ashlee Gotter - Lincoln
Madison Crawford (Mt. Zion) - St. Ambrose
Jamie Vasilou (Normal Comm.) - Louisville



ILLINI ELITE ALUMNI



2017

Savana Sparks (Maroa-Forsyth) - Augustana
Ezri Edwards (Bloomington) - Bradley/Kent St.
Abbie Seward (U-High) - Keiser
Natalie Tagala (Tri-Valley) - Kent St.
Sam Hazzard (Cornerstone) - Lincoln Christian
Rachel Maguire (Normal Comm.) - Southern Illinois
Jamie Rys (Normal West) - Tennessee-Martin
Seton Tournoux (Springfield Lutheran) - Upper Iowa
Kylie Michael (St. Joseph-Ogden) - Eastern Illinois
Kate Hoerdemann (Central Catholic) - Memphis/Nichols St.
Alicia Claunch (LeRoy) - Missouri-St. Louis
Lauren Rokey (Eureka) - Morehead St.
Maddie Holt (Central Catholic) - Wake Forest
Lexie Gifford (St. Teresa) - Franklin
Jamie Walling (U-High) - Oakland
Erin Ripple (Mt. Zion) - Illinois-Springfield
Brianna Bush (Bloomington) - Illinois Springfield
Sarah Morin (Eureka) - Indiana-Kokomo
Kari Brucker (Tri-Valley) - South Dakota St.
Jessica Norris (Washington) - Illinois Central

2016

Ginny Gerig (Normal Comm.) - Austin Peay
Kaylyn Hoffert (Lincoln) - Lincoln
Addie Patton (Dee-Mack) - Lincoln Land
Maddy Davis (Mt. Pulaski) - Louisiana Tech
Maddie LeGrande (Champ. Central) - Charleston
Kayla Gadberry (Bloomington) - Coastal Georgia
Claire Boe (Central Catholic) - Duquesne
Kylie Rudsinski (Maroa-Forsyth) - Missouri-St. Louis
Laura Dulle (U-High) - Monmouth
Maddie Krenz (Prairie Central) - Wayne St.
Jessie Jensen (Tri-Valley) - Williams Woods
Taylor Gibson (LaSalle-Peru) - Wright St.
Stacie Harms (Normal Comm.) - Elmhurst
Sydney Benchley (Normal West) - Grand Valley St.
Kenzie Rhodes (Dee-Mack) - Illinois Central
Elizabeth Ganley (St. Teresa) - Illinois Central
Sarah Geosling (Heyworth) - North Central
Micki Quackenbush (Normal Comm.) - Olivet Nazarene
Leah Milam (Dunlap) - Olivet Nazarene
Kira Jackson (Maroa-Forsyth) - Illinois Wesleyan
Sarah Rathbun (Olympia) - Quincy
Michelle Styczynski (U-High) - Rose-Hulman
Kite Oladipupo (St. Teresa) - Rose-Hulman

2015

Patience Brown (U-High) - Akron/Southern Illinois
Jordan Grieff (Pontiac) - Kankakee C.C.
Izzy Carroll (Bloomington) - Lincoln Land
Kendall Linder (Normal West) Lindenwood-Belleville
Lauren Anderson (Dee-Mack) - Lipscomb
Maddy Moser (Normal West) - Loyola-Chicago
Erika Peoples (Normal Comm.) - Southern Indiana
Ellie Seneca (LaSalle-Peru) - Southwest Minnesota St.
Allison Brent (Sacred Heart) - St. Ambrose
Machayla Leonard (Normal Comm.) - Toledo/Illinois St.
Bailey Mason (Maroa-Forsyth) - Truman St./MTSU
Lauren Wombles (Tri-Valley) - Upper Iowa
Regan Coughlin (Normal Comm.) - Coastal Georgia
Leah Anderson (Lincoln) - Coastal Georgia
Lade Adeniyi (Glenwood) - UMass-Lowell
Mady McCarty (Springfield) - Winthrop/North Florida
Maddie Williams (Normal West) - UW-M/Illinois Wesleyan
Emily Zelhart (Blue Ridge) - Illinois Central
Alexis Lee (U-High) - Ole Miss
Alex Ewalt (Olympia) - Olivet Nazarene
Hannah Collins (Normal West) Olivet Nazarene
Courtney Moritz (Fieldcrest) - Parkland
Courtney Pence (Springfield) - Illinois St.
Melissa Swartz (Lexington) - Illinois Wesleyan/LCU
Tyler Brown (Normal West.) - Illinois Wesleyan
Morgan Deaville (Woodmont) - South Carolina-Upstate
Kelly Braghini (Champ. Centennial) - South Dakota

2014

Haley Fairfield (Pontiac) - Kankakee C.C.
Marie Less (St. Teresa) - Arkansas St.
Madeline Morris (U-High) - Asbury
Niani Lewis (Bloomington) - Lincoln
Ashley Robinson (Bloomington) - Lincoln
Caroline Holt (Central Cath.) - Loyola-Chicago/Notre Dame
Jessica Lee (Dee-Mack) - Southern Indiana
Matti Mason (Maroa-Forsyth) - Truman St.
Hannah Sholtis (Normal Comm.) - Christian Brothers
Maddie Bounds (Prairie Central) - Coastal Georgia
Tosin Adeniyi (Glenwood) - Connecticut
Meredith Artime (Decatur Christian) - Millikin
Alora Goodey (Lincoln) - Millikin
Jenna Hilgers (Illini Central) - Millikin
Rosey Waite (St. Teresa) - Millikin
Danielle Moore (Central Catholic) - Missouri Western
Brandi Donnelly (Williamsville) - Illinois
Megan Beutke (Woodland) - Illinois Central
Katie Kupferschmid (Prairie Central) - Illinois Central
Julie Laugel (Bloomington) - North Central
Kyleigh Block (Dee-Mack) - Illinois Wesleyan
Rachel Elshoff (Rochester) - Presbyterian/North Central
Maddie Oh (Springfield) - St. Louis

November 2021 Schedule

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 Local Tryouts <i>(see the tryout flyer for age group times)</i>
8 National Position Evaluation Tryouts <i>(see the tryout flyer for age group times)</i>	9 National Position Evaluation Tryouts <i>(see the tryout flyer for age group times)</i>	10	11	12	13	14 National Tryouts <i>(see the tryout flyer for age group times)</i>
15 Mandatory Parent/ Player Meeting <u>Local:</u> ALL 15U and NEW Players 5:30 PM	16 Mandatory Parent/ Player Meeting <u>Local:</u> ALL 16U-18U RETURNING Players 5:30 PM	17 Mandatory Parent/ Player Meeting <u>National:</u> ALL 15U and NEW National Players 5:30 PM	18 Mandatory Parent/ Player Meeting <u>National:</u> ALL 16U-18U RETURNING Players 5:30 PM	19	20 All 15U and NEW National players: Position Training Setters 9:00-10:00 All players 10:00-1:00	21 All National 15U/16U/17U, (18U Optional) Position Training Setters 9:00-10:00 All players 10:00-1:00
22	23 All National 15U/16U/17U, (18U Optional) Position Training 4:30-8:00	24	25 Happy Thanksgiving!	26	27 All National players Position Training 9:00-1:00	28 All National players Position Training 9:00-1:00
29 All Local 5:00-7:00 or 7:00-9:00 (a list will be posted with time slots)	30 ALL National 4:30-8:00 practice	Dec. 1 All Local 5:00-7:00 or 7:00-9:00 (a list will be posted with time slots)	Dec. 2 ALL National 4:30-8:00 practice	Dec. 3 ALL National 4:30-8:00 practice	Dec. 4	Dec. 5 ALL National 11:30-3:00 practice

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Nov. 29 All Local 5:00-7:00 or 7:00-9:00 (a list will be posted with time slots)	Nov. 30 ALL National 4:30-8:00 practice	1 All Local 5:00-7:00 or 7:00-9:00 (a list will be posted with time slots)	2 ALL National 4:30-8:00 practice	3 ALL National 4:30-8:00 practice	4	5 ALL National 11:30-3:00 practice
6 All Local 5:00-7:00 or 7:00-9:00 (a list will be posted with time slots)	7 ALL National 4:30-8:00 practice	8 All Local 5:00-7:00 or 7:00-9:00 (a list will be posted with time slots)	9 ALL National 4:30-8:00 practice	10 ALL National 4:30-8:00 practice	11	12
13 All Local 5:00-7:00 or 7:00-9:00 (a list will be posted with time slots)	14 ALL National 4:30-8:00 practice	15 All Local 5:00-7:00 or 7:00-9:00 (a list will be posted with time slots)	16 ALL National 4:30-8:00 practice	17 ALL National 4:30-8:00 practice	18	19 ALL National 11:30-3:00 practice
20 All Local 5:00-7:00 or 7:00-9:00 (a list will be posted with time slots)	21 ALL National 4:30-8:00 practice	22 All Local 5:00-7:00 or 7:00-9:00 (a list will be posted with time slots)	23 ALL National OFF	24 ALL National OFF CHRISTMAS EVE	25 MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!	26
27 All Local OFF	28 ALL National 4:30-8:00 practice	29 All Local 5:00-7:00 or 7:00-9:00 (a list will be posted with time slots)	30 ALL National 4:30-8:00 practice	31 ALL National OFF NEW YEAR'S EVE	Jan. 1 NEW YEAR'S DAY	2 ALL National 11:30-3:00 practice