

# 2024/2025 Fusion VBC Information Meeting July 11<sup>th</sup> 2024

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# **Meeting Agenda**

- Welcome & Introductions
- Why Fusion?
- Tryout Details
- Team Selections
- Season Details
- Club Fees
- Insurance
- Questions



# Who is Fusion VBC?

- An Established Club 14<sup>th</sup> Year
- Highly Competitive -
  - Highly regarded by collegiate coaches
  - Recognized both Regionally and Nationally
  - Attend large tournaments to compete with the best teams in the Country
- Committed to Value, Quality & Fairness
  - EVERY athlete gets evaluated and discussed at tryouts
- Dedicated to our athletes & providing top-level training
- Dedicated to providing opportunities to play at the next level
- NOT afraid to fail forward
- NOT just here to Make \$\$
  - Teams are only formed IF a high-quality experience can be provided.
    - Right kids, right coaches, positions, etc.



# Why Choose Fusion VBC?

#### • Our Coaching Staff

- No biases or other motives for coaching
  - No Parent Coaches after U13 level
  - Limited HS Varsity Head Coaches with selection contingencies
- Program oriented and not just team focused Developing written Curriculum
- Continually learning and sharing best practices
- We enjoy and respect each other creates tenured/experienced coaches

#### Competition Schedule

- Competitive events to push ALL of our teams to play at a high level
- Events that provide college exposure and high-end opponents

#### We Develop the Whole Athlete

- Fast paced, competitive practices
- Focus on volleyball acumen and varied offensive/defensive systems
- Straight Shooters
- Administratively Sound
- Our Fusion Family Accepting, Supportive, & Fun

# Why Choose Fusion VBC?

#### Mental Training

- 1<sup>st</sup> Club in the area to provide mental training as part of our Program (5 years ago)
- Give coping tools that are good for sport AND life

#### Recruiting

- Recruiting Coordinator TJ Shultz
- Over 75 college commitments since 2019 alone!!
- Tools Provided– Hudl (U15+) & Sports Recruits (U16 & U17 Blue/White teams)
- Annual Fusion VBC college showcase 18 colleges attended in Spring 2024
- Created a vast network of college connections that have/will continue to benefit our players.

#### Club-wide events

- Find Your Fusion Fam Contest
- Welcome to Fusion Night
- Scrimmage Day
- EOY Celebration

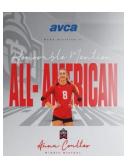


## Why Choose Fusion VBC?

### Successes

- Our athletes are prepared to be big contributors at the HS level
  - Multiple All-State awards each year (5) PIAA All-State Selections last season
  - State Championship MVP awards
  - Players noted by HS coaches and families as "Noticeably Different" from their peers on the court
  - High-Level D2 & D3 coaches acknowledged Fusion training superior to other local clubs
- Competed and Succeeded vs other local clubs
  - 64-35 record vs Nook, Yorktowne and Ballyhoo over the past two seasons (won 65% of matches vs main competitors)
  - 5 teams finished in the Top 22 of the Regional Rankings (AES)
  - U17 Blue completed against (10) teams that Qualified for USAV Nationals (5-5)
- FREE entry to AAU Nationals has been earned each of the past 5 years
- Multiple Fusion vs Fusion matches in late round playoffs in Open/National Divisions
- 30+ Alumni actively competing at the collegiate level THIS Fall (D1, D2 & D3)
- College coaches LOVE our program and athletes Recent discussions

### • **Continued Successes** - Our Alumni have continued killing it too...



University

 Sadie Doss ('19) – Top 20 in the Country for DII in Kills (450) - Kutztown University

- Emma NotarFrancesco ('20) - MAC Defensive Player of the Year - DeSales



- Taylor McInerney ('20) MAC Player of the Year & AVCA Honorable Mention All-American - Lebanon Valley College
  - #1 in the Country for DIII in Kills (570) and Kills per set
- Ryanne Whiteman ('22) 2x National Champion Juniata College



- Anna Coulter ('22) PSAC Athlete of the Year & AVCA Honorable Mention All-American – East Stroudsburg University
- Gracen Nutt ('23) PSAC Freshman of the Year Shippensburg University





# **Continued in 2024/25...**

### ✓ Fall Academy Training for ALL 15-18 teams – Beginning Sept. 2023

- Simultaneous introduction of ALL offensive/defensive schemes and play sets to ALL teams
- ✓ Level-up and speed up training for White and Gray teams
- ✓ Speed/Agility/Jump training options
- ✓ Team Building sessions
- ✓ Mental Training workshops
- ✓ Larger more competitive events for ALL teams
  - ✓ U16 White and U17 White Add Capitol Hill Classic (DC) and more
- ✓ Pre-Season Boot camp for U12-U14 teams
  - ✓ Earlier Start to training season November Start
- Team Building/Community Service project(s)
- ✓ Hudl & Sports Recruits Workshops for players, parents & coaches
- ✓ Youth development program NEW





### 2024/2025 Coaches

TEAM		
U15 Blue	Gage Boisvert	Malina Beideman
U15 White	Lauren Bond	Emma Notarfrancesco
U16 Blue	Jessica Justice	Sam Nogin
U16 White	Samantha Heffer	Paige Westra
U17 Blue	TJ Shultz	Casey Hawbaker
U17 White	Rod Weber	Jarrad Hankins
U18 Blue	Matt Uibel	Tori Schrader
*U15 Gray	Morgan Anderson	Lauren Arnold
*U16 Gray	Gracie Britten	Coby Rudakewicz
*U17/18 White	Tyler Rea	Kali Rea

 We are prepared with coaches for each of the Gray teams. However, we will only add a 3<sup>rd</sup> team where it makes sense for the athletes, team, and club.

U12-U14 Coaches will be announced in October

## **Important Dates**

## (Summer 2024)



JULY <b>11</b>	<u>Info Meeting-</u> <u>Club Q&amp;A</u>	7:30 PM - ALL New & Returning families are invited
JULY <b>14</b>	<u>Open Gym</u>	2:00-3:30 PM - U15 4:00-5:30 PM - U16-U18
JULY <b>21</b>	<u>Open Gym</u>	2:00-3:30 PM - U15 4:00-5:30 PM - U16-U18
JULY <b>26</b>	<u>Tryouts</u>	4:30-6:00 PM - U17 & U18 6:15-7:45 PM - U15 8:00-9:00 PM - U16
JULY <b>27</b>	<u>Tryouts</u>	9:00-11:00 AM - U17 & U18 12:00-2:00 PM - U15 3:00-5:00 PM - U16

All events at Camp Hill Sports Center (3608 Hartzdale Dr, Camp Hill) Register Now at www.fusionvbc.com

### **Tryout** Registration Link



### **Important Dates**

(Fall 2024)



Coming in FALL 2024....

#### U12-U14 OPEN GYM & TRYOUTS

Oct <b>4</b>	5:00-6:30 PM - U12 & U13 <u>Open Gym</u> 6:30-8:00 PM - U14 Brief info mtg 6:00 PM in CHSC Lobby
Oct <b>11</b>	Open Gym 5:00-6:30 PM - U12 & U13 6:30-8:00 PM - U14 Brief info mtg 6:00 PM in CHSC Lobby
Oct	<u><b>Tryouts</b></u> 9:00-11:00 AM - U12 & U13
<b>19</b>	11:30-1:30 AM - U14
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<b>20</b>	11:30-1:30 AM - U14

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## **Tryout Must Haves**

- 1. All Players MUST register online at www.fusionvbc.com
- 2. Proof of KRVA/AAU Registration

\*\* IF you have a valid KRVA or AAU Membership for 2023/2024 (expires 8/31/24), you will not need to purchase another until membership until September

\*\*If you do not have a valid 2023/2024 membership see directions in final slides for purchase

- 3. USAV Medical Release Form online at fusionvbc.com
- 4. \$55 Registration Fee (unless paid online)
- 5. Closed Date Sheet
  - Available online under the tryout checklist



## **Team Details & Selection**

- Up to 18 teams this season
  - U12, U13, U14, U15, U16, U17, U18
- 10-11 Players per team (based on offensive system)
- Upward age movement is possible based on ability and needs
- Downward age movement will not be allowed
- Players/Parents will be officially notified on 7/31 at 7:00PM (10/21 for U12-U14) if they have made a team
  - Information regarding acceptance timelines will be given at tryouts
  - Will know the team/coach/practice times at the time of offer
- Directions for accepting an offer will be detailed on the website (<u>www.fusionvbc.com</u>) after tryouts



#### 2024/2025 TEAM FEES (ESTIMATED)

Ages	Premier Teams (Blue)	Ational Teams (White)	Regional Teams (Gray)	¢
U12 & U13's	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	
U14's	\$2,250	\$1,850	\$1,850	
U15's	\$3,050	\$2,450	\$2,250	
U16's	\$3,600	\$3,050	\$2,250	
U17's	\$3,600	\$3,050	\$2,250	
U18's	\$2,400	\$2,400	\$2,400	

#### **TEAM FEES INCLUDE:**

**Tournament Registrations** 

- Uniforms (Jerseys, Spandex, LS warmup shirt)
- Practice t-shirt
- Coaches training and travel expenses
- Practice
- Equipment
- Other Extras (Welcome to Fusion Night, Year-End Picnic, HUDL\*, HUDL Assist\*\*, SportsRecruits\*\*, Mental Training, College Showcase Event and Skill Bootcamps)
- Fall training i.e. Offensive/Defensive Schemes, Position Training, Speed/Agility

\* All Teams U15 and Older

\*\* U16 and U17 Blue

#### Dues can be paid online (credit card) or via check/Venmo. Fundraising opportunities are available









#### New this Year!

### Cost & Coverage

VS



- Season Ending Injury
- Season Ending Sickness
- Death
- Mental Illness
- Job Loss
- Job Relocation
- Short Term Injury
- Short Term Illness

## Elite

- Season Ending Injury
- Season Ending Sickness
- Death
- Mental Illness
- Job Relocation
- Job Loss
- Short Term Injury
- Short Term Illness

# Insure your fees in case of emergency

#### Fusion VBC maximized discounts for YOU!



#### PICK THE PLAN BEST FOR YOUR FAMILY

https://fusionvbc.sportsfees.us/

Contact us: 214-360-8742 | shelly@usscinsurance.com | www.USSCInsurance.com



### **Tournament Schedules (TENTATIVE)**

#### Can be found on Fusion VBC Website – Teams/Team Info and Fees

U12B Tourneys	Dat e(s)	Location	1114 Constant	Dete(r)	1
Fusion vs Ridgetop scrimmag e	1/8	Camp Hill Sports Center	U14 Gray Tourneys	Date(s)	Lo cation
MLK Classic	1/18-1/19	York or Lancaster	Fusion vs Ridgetop scrimmage	1/8	Camp Hill Sports Center
Single Day Event	TBD	TBD	MLK Classic	1/18-1/20	York or Lan caster
President's Day Showdown	2/15-2/16	KOP - Overnight	iRoy Winterfest II	2/2	Collegeville
Blue Ribbon Brawl	2/22-2/23	York	President's Day Showdown	2/15-2/16	КОР
Irish Rumble	3/8-3/9	Lancaster	Blue Ribbon Brawl	2/22-2/23	York
			Irish Rumble	3/8-3/9	Lancaster
U12W Tourneys	Dat e(s)	Location			TBD
Fusion vs Ridgetop scrimmage	1/8	Camp Hill Sports Center	Single Day Event	TBD	TBD
MLK Classic	1/18-1/19	York or Lancaster			
Single Day Event	TBD	TBD	U15 Blue Tourneys	Date(s)	Lo cation
President's Day Showdown	2/15-2/16	KOP - Overnight	Fusion vs Ridgetop scrimmage	1/8	Camp Hill Sports Center
Blue Ribbon Vbrawl	2/22-2/23	York	MLK Class ic	1/18-1/20	York or Lan caster
Irish Rumble	3/8-3/9	Lan ca ste r	Steel City Freeze	2/1-2/2	Pitts burgh
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U13 Blue Tourneys	Dat e(s) 1/8	Location Camp Hill Sports Center	Irish Rumble	3/8-3/9	Lancaster
Fusion vs Ridge top scrimmag e MLK Classic	1/8	York or Lancaster	Mid Atlantic Power League (MAPL)	3/29-3/30	York
Single Day Event	1/ 18-1/ 20 TBD	TBD			
President's Day Showdown	2/15-2/16	KOP - Overnight	Flood City Challenge or Other	4/11-4/12	Johnstown
Blue Ribbon Brawl	2/22-2/23	York	NEQ	4/18-4/20	Philly
Irish Rumble	3/8-3/9	Downingtown	May Madness	5/10-5/11	Lancaster
		U.S.	East Coast Champions hips	5/25-5/27	Pittsburgh
U13 White Tourneys	Dat e(s)	Location			
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Blue Ribbon Brawl	2/22-2/23	York	York Grand Prix	1/25-1/26	York
Irish Rumble	3/8-3/9	Downingtown	President's Day Showdown	2/15-2/16	york/ KOP
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President's Day Showdown	2/15-2/16	KOP	May Madness	5/11-5/12	Lancaster
Blue Ribbon Brawl	2/22-2/23	York	East Coast Champions hips	5/25-5/27	Pittsburgh
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Steel City Freeze	2/1-2/2	Pitts burgh
Capitol Hill Classic	2/15-2/17	DC
Irish Rumble Or Other	3/8-3/9	
Mid Atlantic Power League (MAPL)	3/29-3/30	York
JVA World Challenge	4/11-4/13	Louisville
Northeast Qualifier (NEQ)	4/18-4/20	Philly
May Madness	5/10-5/11	Noo k
East Coast Champions hips	5/25-5/27	Pitts burgh
AAU Nationals	June	Orlando, FL
U16 White Tourneys	Date(s)	Lo cation
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May Madness	5/10-5/11	Nook
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President's Day Showdown	2/15-2/16	York
Blue Ribbon Brawl	2/22-2/23	York
Irish Rumble	3/8-3/9	Lancaster
Flood City Challenge	4/12-4/13	Johnstown, pa
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U18 Blue Tourneys	Date(s)	Location
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MLK Classic	1/18-1/20	York or Lancaster
Steel City Freeze	2/1-2/2	Pittsburgh
Capitol Hill Classic	2/15-2/17	DC
NEQ	3/14-3/16	Philly
Mid Atlantic Power League (MAPL)	3/29-3/30	York
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# Not all Clubs are Created Equal...

### **Ask Questions!**

- Are all costs included in the price?
  - Uniform packages? Post Season Extras?
- Is the Club Well Established/Well Known or New(er)?
- Have the Clubs and their Director/Coaches acted appropriately?
  - Where have the coached previously? Did they leave on a good note?
- Do the coaches move up with a team or specialize in an age bracket?
- Are there cuts or does everyone make a team?
  - How many teams do they have per age bracket?
- Is the coach a Parent or High School coach?
  - Are kids pressured to join a club because of their HS coach?
- Does the Club routinely have a U18 team(s)?
- DON'T FALL FOR A NAME Elite, Premier, World...
  - Some club's 2<sup>nd</sup> (and even 3<sup>rd</sup>) team opportunities are much better than 1<sup>st</sup> team opportunities elsewhere.



### What have you heard?

- "You can't play for Fusion VBC if you play other sports" FALSE – We work with all athletes – Communication is key
- "If your daughter doesn't want to play collegiately then why go to Fusion VBC?"

We want athletes that want to COMPETE now. Give us 100% and that's all we ask!

• "Fusion's Coaches are not very good" or "Our coaches all have XX years of HS experience"

FALSE – We think our coaches are as good as any staff in PA. Always determine the motive of the commentor. Having a lot of HS coaches is NOT always a positive!

- "Our teams have medaled at XX% of tournaments" Context is important here...be sure to compare apples to apples
- "If you didn't play for Fusion VBC previously you won't make a team" or "Fusion's teams are already set with players from last year"

FALSE – Our tryouts are fully OPEN and everyone has an equal chance to make our teams

Anything else that you have heard??



### 2024/2025 Age Classifications

#### USA VOLLEYBALL JUNIOR PLAYER AGE DEFINITION For use during the 2024-2025 Season

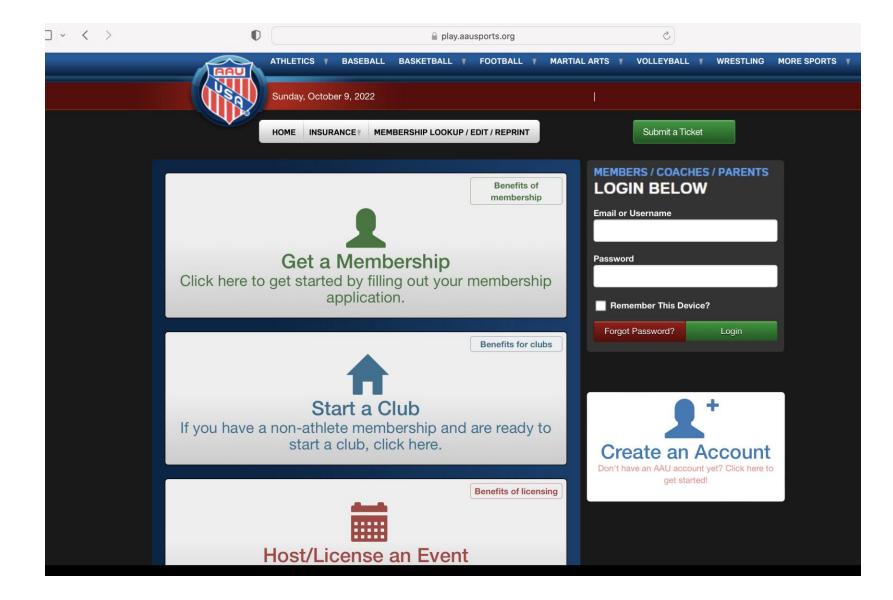
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	Under (1)	Under (2)	Under	Under	Under	Under	Under	Under
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Aug	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Sept	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Oct	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Nov	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Dec	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Jan	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Feb	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Mar	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Apr	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
May	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
June	2006	2007	2008	2008	2010	2010	2012	2013

1 - Players who were born on or after July 1, 2005 and a high school student in the twelfth (12th) grade or below during some part of the current academic year are eligible to compete in 18 & under.

2 - Female Only - Players who were born on or after July 1, 2006, (who are defined as 18 & under by the USAV Age Definition) and are in the 11th grade for the current academic year are waivered to compete in 17 & under. (This age waiver is based on recruiting concerns for 11th grade girls previously required to participate in girls 18's qualifiers and the 18's GJNC.)

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### Log into: www.krva.org

