

Orange County Youth Volleyball League *HITs* (Highlights, Information, and Tournaments)

Formerly the OCVolleyHigh Tournament Series

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Hi All,

The OCVHTS has Changes! The OCVHTS is now the OCYVBL. Until further notice, the OCYVBL tournaments will be held at the Laguna Beach Volleyball Club facility in Rancho Santa Margarita. Both the Saddleback Volleyball Club and the Laguna Beach Volleyball Club are committed to helping our tournament series grow. The tentative 2020 tournament calendar is available to you all within this issue and on the new Orange County Youth Volleyball League webpage. **NOTE: The OCVolleyHigh website is no longer available.**

The address of the Laguna Beach Volleyball Club is: 30282 Esparza, Rancho Santa Margarita.

Do Our Tournaments Take Too Long? We have successfully shortened our tournaments in the u10s and u12s by playing sets to 15 and 21 respectively. Should we play our u14/HS sets to 21 also?

Serving Situation: What should/can be done if a server, or team, is serving many consecutive ace or unreturnable serves, resulting in very lopsided victories, which in turn prevents our desire for longer rallies? I would never ask a player or team to intentionally blow a serve, or to play easier than they are capable of. Instead, make it harder on your own server/team by challenging them with tougher situations. After a few ace serves, or unreturned serves resulting in consecutive points, try giving your tough server a variation of targets, such as, serving inside the 10' line, or serving within 3' of the line, or to serve at the receiving teams best passer. Lopsided games are not fun for anyone. The coach can and should challenge her players, even if the opposition can't.

Why Play Volleyball? To improve your volleyball skills. If your player(s) don't see improvements in their volleyball skills, they either are not improving, or they simply can't recognize the improvements. In either case, it is the responsibility of the coach to help the player(s) improve and to show them their improvements. The best way to do both is through goal setting and statistics keeping. Every player wants to be successful. **Success is defined as setting a goal and reaching it.** The more goals that are set, the more opportunities there are to be successful. The successful player regularly sets goals and regularly reaches those goals. It is impossible to be successful without first setting a goal. However, just the opposite can occur (failure) if the coach does not help each player to set realistic and achievable short and long-term goals. This is accomplished by keeping accurate statistics on every player.

The simplest stats to keep are on serving during games. Serves during practice don't matter as much because there usually is little or no pressure on the player(s) to succeed. For young and/or beginning players the serving stats should be based on game serves made and serves missed. The serve is the only skill that is totally under the control of the player.

Entering Tournaments: You can officially enter (and save your spot(s) by first contacting me directly at: vbcoachjack@gmail.com.

Tournament Entry Fees: The u10s are \$75, and all other divisions are \$100 per team. Entry fees must be paid in advance **or** may be made at the tournament. There will be a late payment penalty of \$20 per entry. Additionally, after a late payment, the entry fee for the next tournament must be paid at least one week in prior. We are currently exploring a consistent method of paying for entries and will notify you as soon as we work something out. **Please make checks out to OCYVBL. (New information).**

Sunday Tournaments? The recent questionnaire regarding possible Sunday tournaments proved inconclusive. However, if even just one team/club wouldn't be able to play in Sunday tournaments, that would be too many. Therefore, at least for now, there will be **NO SUNDAY TOURNAMENTS**.

Enter Fall and Winter Tournaments Now!: Now would be a good time to send me your preliminary estimate of the number of teams you think you will enter in the fall and winter tournaments. This is important for me to know for planning on courts needed. Please include the number of teams in each division.

2020 Tentative Tournament Dates: These dates are for all divisions.

1/25, 2/8, 2/22, 3/7, 3/21 4/4, 4/25, 5/9, 5/30, 6/13, 6/27, 7/25, 8/22, 9/26, 10/24, 11/14, 12/5

If a tournament fills up far enough in advance, we will attempt to add other dates.

Snack Bar: There will be a complete snack bar available at the Oct 26 tournament.

No Food or Drink Allowed on Playing Surfaces: The only exceptions are players with clear plastic water bottles.

Fun and Friendly: Say it often and let's keep our tournaments this way. Anything else simply doesn't belong at our tournaments. The few problems that have occurred have all been initiated by coaches. PLEASE work together to solve problems before the small problem becomes a public scene and major conflict. Be a responsible adult and work maturely through any uncomfortable situations.

Suggestions & Comments: Please know that I am ALWAYS open to suggestions regarding our OCYVBL. Anything to help us improve what we do and help us grow. I love talking volleyball and I love providing for all of you.

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