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Club Information

Blocksport VBC provides top quality training and competitive opportunities for young athletes at all levels of development. This experience will teach the values of teamwork, self-discipline, self-esteem, self-motivation and responsibility.

Success on and off the court!

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Club Philosophy

Two elements make up the framework of our club philosophy and point the way to the future: our vision and our values.

OUR VISION

Our vision is organized into three guiding principles:

1. ***We fascinate young athletes and families with our exceptional training!*** Members sense the unique spirit of performance that emanates from BLOCKSPORT. This blend of unity, outstanding training, substantial benefits, and a can-do attitude, is inconceivable without this fascination, and it is our aim to preserve it.
2. ***We do things right or not at all.*** We have an endless passion to aspire for excellence.
3. ***We focus on member benefits and member satisfaction.*** We think and act from the perspective of our members. They are at the center of our attention and we want to fascinate them. In the age of critical consumers, this is more important than ever. The clear objective of BLOCKSPORT is to be the benchmark for exceptional training and member satisfaction.

OUR VALUES

BLOCKSPORT's values are benchmarks for our identity and define the principles behind our philosophy. They are not an instruction manual, but they provide orientation on how to interact with each other and with members.

These are the six values that make us who we are:

1. ***Responsibility – We take charge.*** Taking on responsibility gives our actions meaning. We act trustworthy and responsibly dealing with people, resources and the BLOCKSPORT brand.
2. ***Integrity – We act openly and honestly.*** We boldly stand up for our convictions and strive to work together in a spirit of trust.
3. ***Team Spirit – We join forces.*** Working together as a team enables us to achieve top results. We look out for each other and strengthen the BLOCKSPORT team by actively contributing our skills and abilities.
4. ***Excellence – We go the extra mile to achieve the best.*** We are characterized by never failing to seek out new and improved solutions. We enjoy doing an especially good job.
5. ***Entrepreneurship – We create an entrepreneurial environment.*** We empower staff-members, delegate responsibility and think and act in an entrepreneurial way. Staff-members are given the leeway to recognize opportunities, bring about progress and act responsibly. This requires skills and expertise.
6. ***Enthusiasm – We are inspirational.*** We enjoy our work and get excited about our success. Our enthusiasm is contagious.

With the right team, there's no better club!

Dennis & Tonia Price
Owners

BLOCKSPORTSUCCESS

**Blocksport has been in existence since 2012
making this our 6th club season.**

As a testament to our top-quality training program, each club season since our doors opened we have earned a bid to compete at the Girls' Junior National Championship.

2013	18 National
2014	18 National
2015	18 National
2016	15 National
2017	18 National

Blocksport alumni received volleyball scholarships to the following colleges and universities:

Alabama State University Arkansas Tech Austin College Butler University Cameron University Centenary College Clark University Dillard University Florida International Grambling State University Hardin-Simmons University Henderson State University Howard Payne University Jackson State University Lee College Middle Tennessee State University Midland College Midwestern State University Northwest Missouri State University Northwestern State University	Oklahoma City University Panola Junior College Pittsburg State University Prairie View A&M Redlands Community College Richland College Southern University Southwest Baptist University Southwestern College Stephen F. Austin Syracuse Tennessee State University Texas A&M Commerce University of Arkansas (Fort Smith) University of New Mexico University of South Alabama West Virginia State William Peace University Williams Baptist College York College of Pennsylvania
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Club Fees and Payments

No scholarships will be granted for the 2017-2018 season. It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to ensure that all payments are made on time. The 2017-2018 Fees and Tournament Summary is located on Page 7. *Club fees are non-refundable.*

Blocksport VBC “No Pay – No Play Policy”

Payments are due on the 1st of each month using auto pay set up through SportsEngine. Dec 1, 2017, Jan 1, 2018, Feb 1, 2018, Mar 1, 2018 and Apr1, 2018

If payment is not received on the 1st, a \$35 NSF fee will be added to the player’s account and the player is placed on player participation suspension until their account is current (monthly payment plus late fee).

If a player is on participation suspension, they will not be allowed to participate in any team activities including practice and tournament play.

Playing Time

A team’s head coach is responsible for the composition of the team and determining playing time. Each athlete will receive training time and repetitions in practice sessions. We **do not** guarantee playing time to anyone. It is in the best interest of the team that we compete for championships and this involves some players not playing in some matches.

The head coach will make their decisions on playing time based on an athlete’s attendance at practices, the importance of an event, the athlete’s attitude, work ethic, and proficiency at required skills, and most importantly the team’s needs. Our coaches do their best to get everyone playing time, but their primary focus at tournaments is the **teams’** success.

Coaches will not discuss playing time with parents without player being included in the meeting. The process for discussing playing time is as follows: (1) a conversation will take place between the athlete and coach. If that conversation is not effective, (2) a meeting is scheduled between parent, athlete and coach. If that conversation does not resolve the issue, (3) a meeting will be scheduled with someone from Leadership, parent(s), athlete and coach. Note: For players in the 11s-14s age divisions, the athlete is not required to speak with the coach without a parent present so they will skip step (1) and schedule a meeting so that that parent, athlete and coach can meet.

A parent **should not** approach a coach about playing time at a tournament. It is very disruptive to the team if a parent confronts a coach in this setting. Consequently, if a coach is confronted by a parent during a tournament, that parent’s child must sit out the following match.

Practice

Practice dates and times are set by the coaches. For the National level teams, attendance at practice is mandatory. For other levels of teams it is highly encouraged.

It is impossible to develop quality teams with inconsistent practice attendance. If an athlete is going to be absent from practice, it is their responsibility to inform her head coach immediately of the situation. If an athlete has an unexcused absence then she will be required to sit out the first game of the following tournament. Further guidelines for absences are given at the beginning of the season by the coach.

Fitness and Training

Our goal is to develop fundamentally sound players. Blocksport coaches will train, teach and mold their teams at the highest level possible, to be disciplined, structured, have pride, integrity, determination, leadership, punctuality, work ethic, mental toughness, above all be team-minded. All teams are expected to strive for excellence.

Our strength and conditioning program is geared towards volleyball fitness growth, focusing on quick twitch, increasing vertical, explosion, speed, strength and agility. Following tryouts all players will participate in 6 weeks of mandatory positionals and fitness from mid to late October through November. This training includes 1 hour of positionals and 1-2 hours of fitness per week.

Fundraising

Blocksport provides fundraising opportunities to benefit the player. All profits earned by the player will be credited to the player's account and applied to the player's final payment of club fees. Our past fundraising items have been Mixed Bag Designs, Deanan Gourmet Popcorn and World's Finest Chocolates.

Tournaments

Tournament participation is mandatory for all Blocksport teams. Tournament play is important to the athlete's development and advancement. It helps develop their court skills and strengthens their knowledge of the game. Tournament play also gives the athlete a chance to be seen by college scouts.

Once NTR has released the list of available tournaments we will post the Blocksport Master Tournament Schedule on the website and the coach will distribute the schedule to their players. The Tournament Summary on the following page provided the numbers and types of tournaments for each time.

Recruiting

Overview

Blocksport Volleyball Club is committed to providing top quality training, competitive playing opportunities and a platform for athletes to be seen by coaches at the collegiate level. We believe that every athlete who strives to play at the next level should have that opportunity and we will do all we can to help facilitate that desire.

Our coaching/recruiting staff has a comprehensive understanding of the recruiting process and has built long-standing relationships with a number of coaches at every level of collegiate athletics! We are excited to offer this opportunity to our members and proud to help our athletes achieve their dream of playing at the collegiate level.

What We Offer

Recruiting workshops for both players and parents that will cover the entire recruiting process from start to finish including:

- ✓ A detailed timeline of the process.
- ✓ How/when to effectively communicate with college coaching staff.
- ✓ Creation of a player profile with pertinent details of interest to college coaches.
- ✓ Developing a skills video to share with coaches.
- ✓ Help contacting schools of interest.

2017-2018 FEES AND TOURNAMENT SUMMARY

<p>\$4,150 \$750 5 x \$680</p>	<p align="center">18 National</p>	<p><u>9 Tournaments</u> 2 Qualifiers 1 Vegas Showcase 6 Local</p>
<p>\$3,975 \$750 5 x \$645</p>	<p align="center">18 Elite</p>	<p><u>9 Tournaments</u> 3 Qualifiers 6 Local</p>
<p>\$3,975 \$750 5 x \$645</p>	<p>17 National 17 Elite 16 National 16 Elite 15 National 15 Elite 14 National 14 Elite</p>	<p><u>10 Tournaments</u> 2 Qualifiers (Lone Star-Dallas, 1 Travel Qualifier) 8 Local</p>
<p>\$3,500 \$650 5 x \$570</p>	<p>13 National 13 Elite</p>	<p><u>10 Tournaments</u> 1 Qualifier (Lone Star-Dallas) 1 Out of Town (Drivable) 8 Local</p>
<p>\$2,500 \$450 5 x \$410</p>	<p align="center">12 Elite</p>	<p><u>8 Tournaments</u> 1 Qualifier (Lone Star-Dallas) 7 Local</p>
<p>\$1,250 \$350 5 x \$180</p>	<p align="center">11 Elite</p>	<p><u>4 Tournaments</u> 4 One-Day Local</p>
<p>\$3,000 \$500 5 x \$500</p>	<p>16 Red 15 Red</p>	<p><u>10 Tournaments</u> 1 Qualifier (Lone Star-Dallas) 9 Local</p>

9/5/2017

This summary of tournaments is subject to change once the NTR tournament list is published and all qualifier information is available.

See the Team Level Comparison sheet on the last page of this document for additional information on club fees, deposits, etc.

Tryouts

Pre-Tryout Evaluations

Participate in the Tryout Evaluations to be trained and evaluated by the Coaches in the player's age division.

11s, 12s, 13s: Sundays from 4-6pm and Thursdays from 6-8pm

14s, 15s: Sundays from 4-6pm and Thursdays from 6-8pm

16s, 17s, 18s: Sundays from 6-8pm and Thursday from 8-10pm

Tryouts and Official Signing Dates

Blocksport Volleyball Club will follow the North Texas Region's guidelines about fielding teams. Blocksport's club signing offer and acceptance dates for the 2017-2018 season as defined by the North Texas Region are as follows.

Age Division	First Day to Offer	Acknowledgment Date
11s, 12s, 13s	September 23, 2017	September 24, 2017 at Noon
14s, 15s	September 30, 2017	October 1, 2017 at Noon
16s, 17s, 18s	October 7, 2017	October 8, 2017 at Noon

USAV Membership

Prior to Tryouts go to the North Texas Regions website and register for or renew your annual USA Volleyball membership. **Junior athletes MUST be registered and recorded as paid prior to attending any tryout. Parents should print the confirmation email received from the membership system or print a membership card as proof of current membership.**

Blocksport Tryout Registration

All fees will be processed through SportsEngine (tryout fee, deposit, club fees). To register and pay the \$75 non-refundable tryout fee go to the Blocksport website (www.blocksportvbc.com), click on Club Season 2017-2018 and Tryout Registration for a link. Tryout registration must be completed online.

Required Documentation at Tryouts

The following items will be required at tryouts. See the Blocksport website for links to some of these documents.

- Copy of USAV Membership Card or copy of membership email from NTR show your membership is current for the upcoming club season.
- USAV Medical Release w-Notary Block. The notary is not required for tryouts. That will be handled after the teams have been formed.
- Proof of Age - Copy of Player's Birth Certificate, Passport or Driver's License. *Even if you played for Blocksport last season, you will still need to have this proof of age with you at tryouts.*
- Blocksport Release of Liability. If you completed the Release at any of the summer activities or Pre-Tryout Evaluations, it is not necessary to complete another Release.
- Money for Deposit

Check In

Please arrive a minimum of 30 minutes early for check-in where you will turn in the required paperwork and be provided a tryout t-shirt with tryout number. ***Each athlete needs to be accompanied by a parent/guardian to sign the required paperwork and secure their position on a Blocksport team.***

Please note, we highly encourage everyone to sign up in advance to make the check in process move quickly, but we will have computers available at the gym for you to complete your registration at tryouts.

Tryout Procedures

The number of teams in each age division will be determined at tryouts. At the end of a tryout session the coaches for that age division will speak with each athlete and parent/guardian to either extend an official offer, or let them know they are seriously considering them and would like to see them again at the next tryout session.

If an athlete receives an offer and accepts that offer, the NTR Offer and Acceptance Agreement is signed by the athlete, parent/guardian and Club Owner. At that time, a non-refundable deposit/initial installment is paid by the parent/guardian. An athlete's place on a team is considered confirmed once there is a signed agreement in place and the deposit has been paid.

During the tryout process, each athlete will be evaluated and rated individually on her skill level in all areas, including her position of choice. The athletes are then placed into teams so their overall court skills, attitude, and interaction with other athletes and coaches can be evaluated.

We acknowledge that the tryout process can be an emotional and stressful time for the athlete and parent/guardian. It is also a stressful and difficult time for the coaches as they make the very important decisions of which athletes to select for their teams. Blocksport will do everything they can to make this a smooth and comfortable process for everyone involved.

Team Level Comparison

	14s-18s National and Elite		13s National and Elite	15s-16s Red	11s-12s Elite	
Commitment Level	Primary Sport - Club Priority Goal is to Qualify and Play in Nationals		Club Commitment Works with School and Other Commitments	Works with School and Other Commitments	Works with School and Other Commitments	
Travel	Yes		Yes	No	No	
Season Dates	18s - December to April 14s-17s - December to May (June if qualified for Nationals)		December to May (June if qualified for Nationals)	December to April (June if qualified for Nationals)	December to April (June if qualified for Nationals)	
Players Per Team	10-12		10-12	15 Red - 10 16 Red - 12	10-12	
Coaches Per Team	1-2		1-2	15 Red - 1 16 Red - 2	1-2	
Practices Per Week	2-3		2-3	2	2	
# Tournaments	<u>18 National - 9 Total</u> 2 Qualifiers, 1 Vegas Showcase, 6 Local <u>18 Elite - 9 Total</u> 3 Qualifiers, 6 Local <u>14s-17s - 10 Total</u> 2 Qualifiers, 8 Local		<u>10 Total</u> 1 Qualifier (Local) 1 Out of Town (Drivable) 8 Local	<u>10 Total</u> 1 Qualifier (Local), 9 Local	<u>12 Elite - 8 Total</u> 1 Qualifier (Local), 7 Local <u>11 Elite - 4 Total</u> 4 One-Day (Local)	
Approx. Fees	18 National 18 Elite, 14s-17s	\$4,150 \$3,975	\$3,500	\$3,000	12 Elite 11 Elite	\$2,500 \$1,250
Fees Include	Admin Fees, Equipment, Coaches Salary, Coaches Expenses, Tournament Entry Fees, Uniform Package, Practices, Positionals and Fitness (6 Weeks)		Admin Fees, Equipment, Coaches Salary, Coaches Expenses, Tournament Entry Fees, Uniform Package, Practices, Positionals and Fitness (6 Weeks)	Admin Fees, Equipment, Coaches Salary, Coaches Expenses, Tournament Entry Fees, Uniform Package, Practices, Positionals and Fitness (6 Weeks)	Admin Fees, Equipment, Coaches Salary, Coaches Expenses, Tournament Entry Fees, Uniform Package, Practices, Positionals (6 Weeks)	
Uniform Package	Warm Up Jacket 2 Game Jerseys 1 Pair Spandex 1 Backpack		Warm Up Jacket 2 Game Jerseys 1 Pair Spandex 1 Backpack	Warm Up Jacket 2 Game Jerseys 1 Pair Spandex 1 Backpack	2 Game Jerseys 1 Pair Spandex 1 Hoodie 1 Backpack	
Monthly Fees Due	1st of Month (Dec-Apr)		1st of Month (Dec-Apr)	1st of Month (Dec-Apr)	1st of Month (Dec-Apr)	
Deposit Due at Tryouts	\$750		\$650	\$500	12 Elite 11 Elite	\$450 \$350
5 Installments	18 National 18 Elite, 14s-17s	\$680 \$645	\$570	\$500	12 Elite 11 Elite	\$410 \$180
Tryout Fee	\$75		\$75	\$75	\$75	

All travel expenses (air fare, hotel, ground transportation, meals) are the responsibility of the player. The club fees paid to Blocksport **do not** cover any travel expenses for the player.

Club fees do not cover travel expenses for assistant coaches, therefore the assistant coaches do not travel to out of town tournaments.

Sibling Discount - Blocksport offers a discount of \$500. The oldest player will pay full price. The sibling will pay the initial deposit, the discount will be deducted from the balance after deposit and that new total will be divided into five payments.

If your team qualifies for nationals or decides to participate in AAU, there will be additional fees and travel expenses due at the end of the regular club season.