

PARENTS FAQ

1. How can I be a supportive, respectful spectator?
 - Check out the resources on the parent's tab to learn more about volleyball and how to be a GREAT supporter of your athlete.
2. Where are the tournaments located?
 - OVR-sanctioned tournaments are located across Ohio, West Virginia, and Western Pennsylvania. Some are located in local facilities (high schools, sports plexes), and many tournaments are held at larger venues (convention centers, etc.)
3. At what age can a child start playing club volleyball?
 - Many OVR clubs have 10u and 11u teams, but it is always a great time to start playing club volleyball.
4. How do I know which age group my child should play in?
 - Use the [USA Volleyball Junior Age Definition Chart](#) on the Parents Tab to determine which age group is right for your child.
5. How do I find clubs near me?
 - Check out the [Finding a Club](#) on the Parent's Tab.
6. How long is the season?
 - Girls:
 - i. Tryouts: Summer or early fall, depending on athlete's age
 - ii. Play usually begins in January
 - iii. OVR Junior Championships: Late April / May
 - Boys:
 - i. Tryouts: Fall
 - ii. Play usually begins in November or December
 - iii. OVR Junior Championships: Mid-February prior to boy's high school season
7. How do I find out the information about each tournament, like the address and what time the games start?
 - Each OVR-sanctioned tournament can be found on the events tab. If an event is not listed on the tournament link, it is not an OVR-run event.
8. What does a typical tournament look like / how long are the days?
 - The OVR sanctions one and two-day tournaments with a variety of playing schedules. Most times, you can expect tournaments to start at 8 am (check the tournament page and verify with your coach)
9. Are there admission fees to get into tournaments?
 - Many tournaments issue a spectator fee, no more than \$10 (credit fees can be added to the admission cost)
10. Can a boy play on a girls' club team?
 - The OVR supports younger athletes having the opportunity to play volleyball, especially in communities where boys volleyball might not be as popular (see Boys on Girls Team policy approved by OVR BOD)
11. Does my child get to help officiate matches?
 - A unique experience of Junior's volleyball is the ability to help officiate other matches during the tournament. It is customary for teams to provide "work teams," composed of second referee, line

judges, scorer, and libero trackers during their assigned work matches. This is a vital component of tournament functionality and a great experience for juniors to grow personal and professional skills within the sport.

12. Where does my child go to learn about officiating duties?

- Check out the [Junior Officials Development](#) page under the [Players Tab](#) for a one-stop-shop on junior officials training.

13. Questions about tryouts?

- Check out either the [Boy's or Girl's Signing & Tryout Policy](#) tabs for more information, or contact the Boys' or Girls' Program Director with additional questions.

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If you have further questions, please contact your child's coach & club director. If you need further assistance, please contact the OVR's Boys or Girls Program Directors.

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