



2021 SEASON

***Parent
Handbook***

Mission Statement

Our goal at Flatirons Volleyball Club is to develop young women into accomplished volleyball players and exceptional citizens.

We achieve this goal by employing top quality coaches who run physically and mentally challenging practices.

Flatirons athletes are taught competitive spirit along with sportsmanship.

In addition, we strongly emphasize the importance of self-discipline, time management, and the development of healthy relationships.

Equally valuable, is the importance of keeping the “fun” in volleyball.



Celebrating over

20 **SEASONS**

of Junior Olympic Volleyball



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Welcome

About Flatirons Volleyball Club

Flatirons Volleyball Club is entering our 22nd season as a member of the Rocky Mountain Region USA Volleyball (USAV).



USA Volleyball governs the Olympic teams, Paralympic teams, Beach Volleyball, adult leagues, and junior clubs for boys and girls.



The Rocky Mountain Region (RMR) is one of 40 regions in the United States. Over 100 junior clubs are members of the RMR.



At the request of the Rocky Mountain Region, do not call the RMR office!

COACHES

Flatirons is best known for excellent, experienced coaches who have a strong passion for volleyball and are happy to share their expertise with junior athletes. We search for coaches who are constantly looking to learn and improve their technical knowledge as well as their coaching techniques.

Flatirons Volleyball Club prides itself on the quality of our coaching staff. Coaches are carefully selected based on experience and the ability to teach female athletes. All coaches must be IMPACT (Increased Mastery and Professional Application of Coaching Theory) and Safe Sport certified as mandated by USA Volleyball. A national background check is required by USA Volleyball.

Flatirons coaches undergo comprehensive training. Prior to the start of each season, the following topics are discussed: running an efficient practice, communicating with and understanding female athletes, incorporating physical conditioning into practice, safety requirements, psychology of sport, technical considerations such as offense, defense and systems, goal setting, team management, coaching styles, motivation, season planning, match management and much more. One of our primary practice goals is for each player to touch the ball a maximum number of times. The results are faster, more comprehensive learning.

Flatirons coaches are experts at coaching volleyball. It is not appropriate for parents to suggest or advise coaches on coaching strategies or volleyball techniques. On the other hand, if your daughter is struggling and cannot bring herself to discuss her concerns with the coach, please encourage her to email the coach to let her/him know about the situation so they can work together to find a solution.

In the circumstance of dispute or need for clarification, coaches will not debate club policy. Contact club administration to discuss club policy.

FAN APPAREL

Flatirons has partnered with Schaefer Athletic for our 2021 Team and Fan Apparel. You will be able to order from our website. Items such as T-shirts, sweatshirts, sweatpants, and sling bags will be available for order. Show support for your daughter and Flatirons Volleyball Club by wearing Flatirons apparel to tournaments!

MORE VOLLEYBALL (OTHER PROGRAMS)

Summer Camps are offered for 12's – 15's. 2021 camps are slated for Summer dates that will be announced in the Spring. This is a great opportunity to learn the sport of volleyball and to increase your skills. Please help us to spread the word by letting your friends know about our camps.

Open Gyms are offered throughout the spring and summer months. This is an opportunity to meet Flatirons coaches, play a high level of volleyball and be recruited to a Flatirons team.

Specialty Clinics are held intermittently over the summer and into the fall. Topics include improving your serve, how to increase your chance of making a high school team, attack strategies, defensive tips, setter training and more.

Little Spikers League is an introductory program for girls in 4th – 5th grade. Check our website for details. Registration and program details will be announced mid December.

Monarch Gold Crown Volleyball for 5th - 8th graders is led by Flatirons VBC! Tryouts and practices begin mid August. The season ends around November 1st. To be included on the email list, send your request to monarchgcvb@gmail.com

Due to COVID restrictions, Flatirons will NOT offer Leadership Training, Social Media and Nutritional Counseling for players this season.

HELPFUL WEBSITES

Flatirons VBC: www.flatironsvbc.org

USA Volleyball: www.teamusa.org/USA-Volleyball

Rocky Mountain Region: www.rmrvolleyball.org
Tournament Live Results: results.tm2sign.com

 www.facebook.com/flatironsvbc

 www.twitter.com/flatironsvbc

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2021 Season

A quick overview of what to expect this season.

	 PRACTICE	 POWERS	 NATIONAL QUALIFIERS
NOV	●		
DEC	●		
JAN	●	●	
FEB	●	●	
MAR	●	●	●
APR	●	●	●

TEAMS: Plans for the upcoming season include fielding teams at the 12's, 13's, 14's, 15's, 16's, and 17's age levels. The number of girls who attend tryouts and commit to teams plus the availability of a coaches and gym space will determine the final number of teams that will be fielded.

COMPETITION: National and Elite teams will compete nationally (COVID permitting) and Regional teams will compete in Colorado. All teams compete in Power Tournaments that begin in January and end in April. Power Tournaments are held on Sundays from 8:00 AM until approximately 4:00 PM.

National Qualifier Tournaments are scheduled in several locations for March and April of 2021. To view the tournament sites and dates, click visit USA Volleyball: <https://www.teamusa.org/usa-volleyball/events/girls-indoor/2021-girls-junior-national-qualifiers>.

ADDITIONAL TOURNAMENTS: The RMR Zelinkoff Tournament (formerly the RMR Junior National Qualifier Tournament) is now an open tournament, any team can sign up and participate. It is a two day, single elimination tournament. First place finishers earn a bid to the Junior Olympic Championships in the National Division. The second place finisher earns a bid in the American Division. The site for the 2021 JO Championships will be announced. The Championships run from late June through early July.

COMMITMENT: Club ball requires a large time commitment. When athletes commit to club volleyball, they commit to attending all events and all practices. This is critically important due to the team dependency of the sport. When a commitment is made to join a team, the team takes priority over other extracurricular activities.

In the event of the school prom the night before a tournament, players will be required to adhere to limitations. If prom is scheduled during a travel tournament, players will have to forgo the prom. They must remain at the tournament for the entire weekend with their team.

Practice

The most current practice information can always be found on the calendars on our website.

TEAMS PRACTICE FOUR TO SIX HOURS A WEEK. Saturday practices for all teams will be held in November and December contingent on gym availability. Beginning in January, some Elite teams will practice most Saturdays. National and Regional teams will practice before scheduled Sunday tournaments.

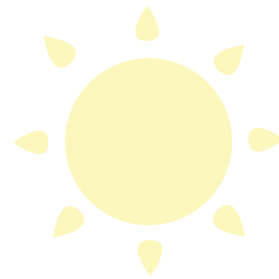
CLOSED PRACTICES: Due to COVID restrictions, safety, and limited space, practices are closed to parents. Closed practices allow athletes to focus fully on learning the lessons being taught.

MISSING PRACTICE: Each team will establish rules regarding missed practices. In this COVID era, a player must stay home if she has any COVID symptoms. See your team rules for clarification. Playing time may be affected as missing practice is detrimental to the team dynamic. In the case of injury, players need to attend practice so they don't fall behind. Team rules will address how and when an athlete must inform their coach of lateness or absence from a practice. In addition, each team will establish practice rules. See Flatirons practice rules in the appendix of this handbook.

FACILITY RULES: Gym space is at a premium and we must respect the facilities or risk losing them. The fewer the gyms, the fewer the teams we can offer. Each gym has its own set of rules which must be followed. Food and drink are not allowed in any gym. We are contracted to use the gyms for volleyball activities only. Horseplay and abuse of school equipment will not be tolerated. Each power tournament facility has their own set of rules, be sure to review these prior to arrival.

INCLEMENT WEATHER CANCELLATIONS: Under extreme weather conditions, Flatirons will cancel practices. If the school closes, our practices will be canceled. The criteria for canceling practices includes, but is not limited to icy roads, blowing snow, traveler's advisory, poor visibility, low temperatures, school closing and wind chill/extreme temperatures. The decision to cancel will begin at 4:00 pm unless it is obvious before that time. Once the decision is made, a notice will be posted on the calendar page of the website and Parent Reps will be notified to inform the team.

Because we practice in local school gyms, there will occasionally be school activities that take precedence over our practices. We are usually informed in advance. We make every effort to secure alternative practice sites. This gets challenging during the high school basketball season. These adjustments go with the territory and we have factored the conflicts into our plans and fees.



Power Tournaments

Hosted by the Rocky Mountain Region



Flatirons teams will participate in most, if not all, of the **FIVE ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION POWER TOURNAMENTS**.

These events are held on **SUNDAYS BETWEEN JANUARY AND APRIL**. Often, at least one of your powers will fall on an important day such as Super Bowl, Mother's Day and over Spring Break. Please do not schedule trips until after your tournament schedule is finalized.

WHEN AND WHERE: Tournament dates, format and site directions will be posted on the RMR web site. The sites for the Power Tournaments will be posted on the RMR site; usually by Wednesday before the tournament. Power Tournaments are not canceled due to inclement weather. Commitment to the team includes commitment to the tournaments in spite of the weather.

Schedules and results will be posted on TM2sign.com. These are updated in real time during the day.

We encourage players and families to carpool to tournaments. In some cases, teams may elect to stay overnight in the city where tournament is held.

The Junior Handbook is available by selecting the Juniors tab in the RMR website then scroll to Club Directors. This handbook explains the tournament format, rules and regulations, and the policies of the Rocky Mountain Region.

Do not call the Rocky Mountain Region with Power or general questions.

PLAYING TIME: Studies show that playing time is the number one issue in junior sports today. Flatirons Volleyball Club is a competitive volleyball club and one of our top goals is to win matches.

Each team will consist of players who can contribute to the success of the team. Our commitment to the players is to train them to become proficient volleyball players. Training takes place during practice. Playing time is never guaranteed—on any team for any event.

Playing time will be determined by the coach and is not open for discussion. Court time is determined by attendance, work ethic, attitude, performance and the needs of the team. On game day, it is the obligation of the coach to field the team that will produce winning results. It is inappropriate to question the coach's decision.



OFFICIATING: It is the shared responsibility of the entire team to call lines, keep score, libero track and referee.

Each team must have at least three players that are certified to keep score.

Every athlete is expected to stay until released by the coach. Do not ask to leave early...you are required to stay until the entire team leaves.

National Qualifiers

3-day tournaments held around the United States.

In addition to local power tournaments, players on **ELITE AND NATIONAL LEVEL TEAMS WILL ALSO COMPETE IN 3-DAY, NATIONAL QUALIFIER TOURNAMENT(S)**. CDC and USA Volleyball will determine the status for each tournament.

Teams travel to National Qualifier Tournaments to obtain experience at a high level of competition. College coaches accomplish 95% of their recruiting at these tournaments. Commitment to a National or Elite team is a commitment to travel to all scheduled tournaments.

Players will miss some school due to travel and playing days. The Colorado Crossroads National Qualifier Tournament takes place on a school day.

Travel to National Qualifier Tournaments can involve out of state trips.

In the extreme event a traveling team has fewer than 8 players available to travel, Flatirons reserves the right to cancel the trip without refund.

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS: Elite and National team players will arrange their own out of state travel. Flatirons will arrange travel for coaches. All other travel expenses will be the responsibility of each player.

NATIONAL QUALIFIER TOURNAMENT PROTOCOL:

1. Flatirons registers and pays for selected tournament.
2. Flatirons books the hotel rooms as required by the tournament. Parents then transfer the reservation to their name and credit card. In the event acceptance is denied, the credit card charges will be reversed. Teams are required to stay at the hotel chosen by Flatirons VBC.
3. Tournament officials decide whether to accept team.
4. After official acceptance to the tournament, parents book their airfare.



As a general rule, Elite and National teams will apply to compete in the Colorado Crossroads Tournament in Downtown Denver. Crossroads is held at the Colorado Convention Center in Denver.



Regional teams and some National teams will apply to compete in the RMR Showdown Tournament in Greeley over President's Weekend in February.

Teams may want to stay in Greeley for the RMR Showdown Tournament. Hotel and food arrangements need to be made by parents. Because there are not an abundance of hotels in Greeley, we recommend booking rooms as soon as the team has been accepted for the tournament.

TRAVEL RULES: Players are not permitted to book or stay in hotel rooms without an adult. Teams should coordinate with the goal of flying on the same flights. Plan on arriving in the tournament city around 5:00 pm the day before the first day of play. Schedule return flights that depart after 7:00 pm on the final day of play.

Coaches will take charge of the team during play time, team dinners, team activities and team meetings. Players will be supervised by their parent or designated adult outside of team time. Travel rules will be distributed to each player; typically at the pre travel meeting.

Additional Information

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT: Athletes need the support of their parents in order to grow and excel. Flatirons Volleyball Club encourages parents to show their support by participating in the following activities:

Team Rep: The communication link between parents and Flatirons Volleyball Club. The Team Rep oversees all other parent jobs, coordinates travel details for out of state tournaments, distributes uniforms, paperwork, and helps coaches with special requests such as keeping the med kit stocked.

Social Chairperson: Organize social functions such as parties, and holiday celebrations.

Fundraising Chairperson: If your team chooses to participate in additional fundraising, the FC will coordinate and lead fundraising activities.

Communication Chair: Communicate important and last minute information via phone and/or email

Team Mom/Dad: Main responsibility is helping out at the Power Tournaments. Organize food, ensure players' water bottles are full, organize car pools etc. If needed, make hotel reservations when the site is a long distance away.

Team Photographer: Flatirons needs pictures of each team; group shots are best. Favorites will be posted on our website and social media.

SPECTATOR/PARENTAL BEHAVIOR: It is inappropriate for spectators to yell at coaches or players any time. It is unacceptable to boo or harass match officials including coaches, refs, scorekeepers and line judges.

The tournament director is authorized to remove spectators who do not exhibit respectful behavior.

TOURNAMENT DAY is one that requires focus and direction. Coaches and players have much to think about. Emotions can run high, everyone wants to play and perform their best.

Tournament day is not the time for parents to voice complaints of any nature. Flatirons Volleyball Club prohibits parents from approaching coaches to discuss playing time, coaching decisions, or any other complaint on tournament day. If this rule is violated, coaches are required to report the infraction immediately. A committee will review the circumstances and determine consequences, which could include player removal from the team.

Parents and/or guardians are prohibited from coaching their daughters during a tournament or practice.

The proper procedure for communication with the coach is to send an email requesting a time to meet before or after practice or on non-practice nights.



INSURANCE: There are inherent risks when participating in sports. Your membership in the Rocky Mountain Region provides supplemental coverage to your major medical insurance. Flatirons Volleyball Club strongly recommends every family carries medical insurance that covers athletic injuries.

TEAM RULES: Each team will compose a set of team rules based on guidelines provided by Flatirons Volleyball Club. Ask your daughter what the rules are for her team. You may be asked to sign a copy of the rules.

In the event a team does not establish their own rules, team rules will automatically revert to the rules set by Flatirons VBC as posted at the end of this handbook (page 33).

POLICIES TO NOTE:

Cell phone rules are simple: whenever the team is together at practice, at dinner, in a meeting or at tournaments, cell phones are not to be looked at. Additional clarification and/or rules may be added by your daughter's coach.

Social Networking:

Negative postings about Flatirons Volleyball Club, coaches or teammates on public sites such as Facebook, Twitter or Instagram are inappropriate and will result in severe consequences the most severe being expulsion from Flatirons Volleyball Club.

Flatirons coaches are discouraged from engaging in online connections with players or parents via social networking sites. Please do not search for or attempt to befriend a Flatirons coach on any social network site.

Players who post entries portraying illegal or inappropriate activity will be required to remove them with potential consequences depending on the severity of the post.

2020-2021 USA VOLLEYBALL AGE DEFINITION: The age definitions for the 2021 season have recently changed. To determine the proper age division, refer to the chart posted on the Teams page of the Flatirons website. Players may be moved up during or after tryouts, rules prohibit playing down a division.

TEAM FORMATION: Flatirons Volleyball Club reserves the right to add players to a team over the course of the season. We also reserve the right to move players from one team to another. The most common reason for this is injury. These decisions are not taken lightly; much thought and discussion surround decisions of this nature.

The option of choosing a multi sport athlete for a Flatirons team is the choice of the head coach. Parameters and expectations must be discussed in advance.

GRIEVANCE PROCESS

In the event of dispute and/or complaint, there are proper steps to follow:

1. Player should talk with her coach about her concerns. We recommend requesting a meeting by sending an email.
2. Allow time for resolution to manifest.
3. If there is no resolution, a parent may request a meeting with the coach (player must attend). Coaches have been instructed not to engage in discussion during practice or on tournament days. It is inappropriate to approach a coach with concerns or complaints during a practice or on a tournament day.
4. Flatirons will not address anonymous feedback in any form.

If there is no resolution, request a meeting with the Director Susan Cancilla (flatironsvbc@gmail.com). Individual or family meetings will be scheduled. Group meetings are against club policy.

For parent grievances, please contact Club Director, Susan Cancilla. It is not appropriate to contact parents on the team before giving Flatirons an opportunity to address the concern.

DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE: The Head Coach will handle minor infractions such as unexcused missed practices. For serious infractions the followed process will take place:

1. Verbal warning
2. Written warning
3. Suspension
4. Expulsion

Suspension and/or expulsion can be instituted without warning in the event of a serious infraction. Examples of serious infractions include assaults and/or illegal activity.



Club Fees

FINANCIAL COMMITMENT: Commitment to a team and Flatirons Volleyball Club is a commitment to the financial obligations for the entire season. The budget is based on a team of 10 - 11 players. Therefore, all players are committing to their portion of the season's costs at the moment of commitment and again when the contract is signed and notarized.

Flatirons Volleyball Club makes every effort to contain the costs of club volleyball. Our fees cover the expense of gym space, equipment, insurance, team registration, physical training/conditioning, coach's stipends, administration, accounting, tournament entry fees, memberships, tech support and more.

A nonrefundable deposit will be required at the time of contract signing. This deposit will be applied towards the total cost for the season.

The fees for the 2021 season are posted in the contract. All accounts must be paid in full by April 1, 2021. Accounts that have not been paid in full by this date will be reported to Rocky Mountain Region's Members on Hold list.

THERE ARE TWO OPTIONS FOR PAYING CLUB FEES:

1. Monthly payment plan through March 15th available via SportsEngine. A service fee will be charged at the time of the first payment.
2. Pay in full by check. This option allows payment without bank fees and processing charges.

FINANCIAL QUESTIONS can be answered by Renee Loewen of Bottom Line Bookkeeping at lionconsult1@centurylink.net. Accounts that are past due by 30 or more days will result in player suspension. Players will be held out of participation in practice and/or tournaments. Players are expected to attend all practices and tournaments while suspended.

Additional expenses such as chaperone expenses, Fan Apparel or hotel expenses that have not been paid by the parent will be added to the players account. If the balance is not paid in full by April 1, 2021 a report will be filed with the Rocky Mountain Region.

Balances that remain on the books after April 1st, are subject to penalty fees and interest charges. A \$50 charge will be assessed when accounts are reported to the Rocky Mountain Region for their Members on Hold list.

OUTSTANDING DEBT: To be a “member in good standing” in the Rocky Mountain Region, players must have no outstanding debt from the previous season(s). Registration in the Rocky Mountain Region will be denied to a player who owes money to any club. In order to accept a position with Flatirons Volleyball Club, you must be in good standing in the Region. If you are on the RMR MOH list, contact the club and rectify the dispute.

FUNDRAISING: Flatirons is happy to participate in the Grocery Gift Card Fundraiser offered by King Soopers and Safeway stores.

Safeway cards are available for purchase for \$10 each. Ten dollars is preloaded on each card. Cards may be loaded for up to \$500 and used for grocery and gas purchases. Five percent of monies loaded is returned to Flatirons and credited to the corresponding players account.

Instructions for the King Soopers/City Market program are posted on the home page of our website

Suggestions for a variety of other fundraising options is available upon request.

In addition, Flatirons Volleyball Club is a state registered 501c3 organization. Donations are tax deductible.

SCHOLARSHIP: Scholarship monies are available through:

1. RMR Hardship Assistance Fund: www.rmrvolleyball.org
Click on Juniors then scroll down to Hardship Application.
Deadline: January 2021.

2. Flatirons Volleyball Club does not award scholarships to avoid jeopardizing college scholarship opportunities. In order to be in compliance with NCAA rules, high school athletes are prohibited from receiving money for play.

COVID Information

COVID Addendum to 2021 Flatirons Parent Handbook

Created September 1, 2020; continually subject to change.

The 2020-2021 Club Volleyball Season will be unique in many ways. One of the prevailing themes will be one of continual change and adjustment. This season will be an exercise in patience and flexibility.

TRAVEL: Out of state travel to a National Qualifier tournament depends on the status of COVID and the associated rules and regulations plus the recommendations set forth by scientists and medical doctors.

Before a final decision is made, Flatirons will discuss with and/or poll parents to get their feelings about traveling out of state. Travel arrangements and Tournament entry typically take place in November.

STAYING SAFE AND PROTECTING YOUR TEAMMATES: For the first time ever, Flatirons is seriously requesting players to commit to going above and beyond to stay healthy and protect their teammates and coaches.

We ask you to refrain from behaviors that could put teammates and Flatirons staff at risk for the Corona Virus. This includes the basics such as always wearing a face covering in public, regularly washing hands, keeping social distance and not touching your face. It also includes saying no to attending events where there will be large groups of people in close proximity.

PLANS FOR AN OUTBREAK: Flatirons will refer to the Colorado State Outbreak Handbook for guidance in the event of exposure or diagnosis. In the event of a pause in the season due to an exposure, the affected team members will train virtually. The time frame is usually 14 days.

In the event the season is ordered to stop, Flatirons VBC will decide whether or not to restart. This will be based on feedback from parents, trusted scientific reports, recommendations from USA Volleyball and the Rocky Mountain Region, as well as restrictions set forth by the State of Colorado, CDC and local government officials.

REFUNDS: In club sports, the bulk of the expense is paid out at the beginning of the season. Flatirons is considering a separate COVID payment plan where the initial costs will be higher followed by lower monthly amounts. In the event Flatirons deems it necessary to end the season with no hope of restarting, remaining payments could be canceled or suspended.

UNIFORMS: *new for 2021* In order to contain costs, we are using the same uniform pieces (when available) that we wore for the 2020 season. If your Flatirons uniform and warm up pieces are in near perfect condition, you may wear them again this season. Keep in mind, if more than one player holds the same jersey number, we'll have to work things out.

The uniform ordering process will be via an online system/ordering from a custom website with payment due at the time of your order. Be sure to carefully read all the ordering instructions as items are not returnable or refundable.

A new look for Flatirons this year will be a mix and match look. Players new to Flatirons will have some different items than returning players. Please note masks are required and all players must order the two masks offered in the uniform package. All players must also order the 2021 practice shirts.

PREVENTION AND SAFETY: Flatirons will be following all rules set forth by State, CDC and local authorities. This includes the standard directives to wear facial coverings, wash hands and keep distance to the best of our ability.

Temperatures will be taken prior to practice. Coaches will track attendance. Spectators, parents, friends, siblings and relatives are not allowed in buildings. Players must wear their mask upon arrival and departure to and from practice. The current ruling is masks must be worn during practice. Flatirons will have masks and hand sanitizer on hand at practices.

Players need to notify their coach and Flatirons Volleyball Club if COVID symptoms appear and if there has been an exposure. We will follow the Outbreak Handbook provided by the State of Colorado when there is an exposure or diagnosis.

Prevention and Safety measures will be updated via email to families as new information is released.

INSURANCE:

JVA (Junior Volleyball Association) recommends parents consider insurance that covers an interrupted season due to unexpected circumstances. Be sure to read the fine print; while they hint they're covering COVID related issues, it would be best to thoroughly examine the policy.

The JVA is pleased to announce a partnership with USSCI to help volleyball athletes that are impacted by the unexpected. Every year thousands of athletes find themselves unable to play the sport they love due to injuries, mental illness, or even unexpected financial hardship. USSCI provides sports fee insurance that insures the financial commitment parents make to have their athlete on a team.

USSCI website: <https://usscinsurance.com/>

SUBJECT TO CHANGE

The one constant to the Corona Virus is the fact that information, recommendations, and rules change frequently.

Thank you in advance for your patience!

2022 Tryouts

For the 2021 - 2022 Season

Flatirons Volleyball Club tryout format consists of open gyms and tryout sessions. The details are outlined on the Teams page of our website. Please read them carefully. All players must hold current membership in the Rocky Mountain Region USA Volleyball.

It's important to attend open gyms and tryouts. This is how we know you're interested in playing on a Flatirons team. Contact Director Susan Cancilla if you'd like to be a member of Flatirons VBC but cannot attend a scheduled tryout.

Summer Membership (\$35) and Tryout Membership (\$15) can be obtained on the RMR site; payable online. These membership will show an August 2021 expiration date. Player membership for the 2022 season must be renewed in September 2021.

The tryout period is a stressful one for players, coaches and parents. It's important for athletes to be rested and able to focus during the tryouts. Tryouts will take place **BETWEEN JULY 5 AND JULY 18**. Contracts and deposits will be accepted and team rosters will be formed.

When trying out for more than one club, keep the lines of communication open. If another club makes an offer, contact Flatirons VBC to find out how the offers compare.

Cuts are an unavoidable part of club tryouts. Coaches will inform each player by a phone call, email or personal conversation.



SPECTATOR/PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

(This legally binding document may be reproduced as often as necessary)

IMPORTANT NOTICE – ENTRY TO THIS PRIVATELY SANCTIONED EVENT IS GRANTED AS A COURTESY. IF YOU ENTER/ATTEND THIS, OR ANY REGION SANCTIONED EVENT, YOU AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE FOLLOWING CODE OF CONDUCT GUIDELINES:

I WILL:

1. I WILL abide by the official rules of USA Volleyball.
2. I WILL display good sportsmanship at all times.
3. I WILL encourage my child and his/her team, regardless of the outcome on the court.
4. I WILL educate myself on the unique rules of this facility.
5. I WILL honor the rules of the host and the host facility.
6. I WILL generate goodwill by being polite and respectful to those around me at this event.
7. I WILL direct my child to speak directly with his/her coach when coaching decisions are made that may be confusing or unclear.
8. I WILL redirect any negative comments from others to the respective Event Director or Program Administrator.
9. I WILL direct all concerns regarding officials to the Head Coach or Club Director for my team/club as opposed to contacting the Head Official directly.
10. I WILL immediately notify the Event Director and/or Program Administrator in the event that I witness any illegal activity.
11. I WILL support the policies and guidelines of the team/club that I represent.
12. I WILL acknowledge effort and good performance, remembering that all of the players in this event are amateur athletes.
13. I WILL model exemplary spectator behavior while attending this event.
14. I WILL respect the history and tradition of the sport of volleyball by being a good ambassador.

I WILL NOT:

1. I WILL NOT harass or intimidate the officials or other match participants.
2. I WILL NOT coach my child from the bleachers and/or sidelines.
3. I WILL NOT criticize my child's coach or his/her teammates.
4. I WILL NOT participate in any game or game-like activities unless I have a current membership card with the Region and I am on the roster for the team on the court
5. I WILL NOT bring and/or carry any firearms at any Region event.
6. I WILL NOT bring, purchase, or consume alcohol at any Youth/Junior volleyball event.

Note: Any violation of this Code of Conduct will result in you being asked to leave the site/facility, and may result in you possibly being banned from attending future Region sanctioned events. Fines will be assessed to the Affiliated Club and will be collected by the Region, these fines may range from \$200 - \$500 depending on the type of violation. Multiple violations of this policy will be reviewed by the RMR Junior Committee in which they will assess fines and possibly revoke permission for any individual to attend any RMR Sanctioned Event for any length of time. The Event Director has the FINAL say regarding their individual event. Local law enforcement will be contacted if necessary to resolve any disputes or altercations. Questions or concerns may be directed to the Region office, Wendy Sapp at wendy@rmrvolleyball.org.

Parent Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____

Club Name: _____



SAMPLE PRACTICE RULES

1. Arrive 10 minutes early; wait in the hall until it's your time to practice.
2. Dispose of gum and remove jewelry before practice.
3. Mute and put your cell phones away.
4. Wear your volleyball shoes for volleyball only. No street shoes on the court.
5. Flatirons practice shirts are required. Do not wear your competition jerseys.
6. Leave bags in the hall or on top of the bleachers with valuables zipped inside.
7. Keep area around the court (10' on all sides) clear of clothing, equipment, papers etc. This is a safety requirement!
8. Enter the gym leaving your cares and concerns of the day behind.
9. Bring water in a non breakable bottle with a secure lid. Keep water bottles together – in a spot away from flying balls.
10. Everyone helps to set up & take down nets, pads, antennae, standards (2 people) and put them in proper order in the equipment closet.
11. Respect equipment: don't kick balls, pull on nets or jump on carts.
12. Practice the way you want to play. Hustle at all times.
13. Change your warm up/practice partner at every opportunity.
14. When coach is talking, you are listening.
15. During drills, clear errant balls immediately without rolling them onto adjoining court. Yell "ball" when errant ball rolls onto court.
16. Return balls to destination by rolling them under the net; not throwing them.
17. Be positive – encourage your teammates.
18. Refrain from coaching your teammates.
19. Honor teammates and coaches on and off the court.
20. Inform coach if you are not feeling well.
21. Contact coach if you will be late for practice.
22. In the case of illness or injury, attend practice – there's much to learn
exceptions: fever, contagious
23. Do not leave the gym until all equipment is put away & balls are counted and bagged.
24. Pick up trash, water bottles and hair ties.



SAMPLE TEAM RULES

1. Be early to practice This means you are courtside and ready to go 5 minutes before your scheduled start time. After the third instance, coach will determine a consequence for the team.

2. If you're not on court when warmup begins before a match you are considered late. Consequence is a loss of playing time. The amount will be at the discretion of the coach.

3. Missed Practices: If you are going to miss a practice, you must contact your coach at least one hour in advance. Delayed notification may result in loss of playing time. No notification will result in loss of playing time and/or suspension from the team.

Each missed practice, regardless of the reason, must be made up with another team. This make up practice must be prearranged through the head coach.

Unexcused: First, loss of playing time to be determined by coach. Second, player will sit out one entire match. Third, player will be suspended from the team.

Excused: Make up practice with another team or be an assistance coach for a younger team. Missed practice before a tournament may result in loss of playing time at the discretion of the coach.

4. Bring all volleyball equipment to every practice and every match. Consequence will be determined by coach and/or team.

5. Unsportsmanlike behavior: Loss of playing time at the discretion of the coach; possible suspension from the team.

6. Bad attitude at practice/match will result in a practice suspension or loss of playing time at the discretion of the coach.

7. Cell phones must be muted and put away in your backpack for the duration of practice.

8. Other infractions/poor judgment not listed above will be dealt with on a case by case basis

Respect all coaches and your teammates by listening while instruction is being given.

Negative postings about Flatirons Volleyball Club, coaches or teammates on public sites such as Facebook and Twitter are inappropriate and will result in severe consequences; the most severe being expulsion from Flatirons Volleyball Club.

NOTICE OF UNACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOR

The following notice will be sent to your parent(s) and the club director in the event of extreme behavior violations such as aggressive behavior, cursing, blatant lack of respect, excessive absences and any other behavior deemed harmful to the player, teammates or the team.

Due to the nature of the behavior described below, notification is deemed necessary.

Name:

Team:

Unacceptable behavior:

Date of infraction:

Description of infraction:

Consequence:

A close-up photograph of a yellow volleyball, showing the texture of the panels and the stitching. The ball is the central focus, with the logo overlaid on it.

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