



Mudsock Youth Volleyball Fall 2024

For incoming 7th and 8th graders, EVEN if you will be trying out for a junior high school team, please also register for Mudsock Youth Volleyball if you are interested in playing volleyball in fall 2024. FULL refunds for fall 2024 registration fees will be honored for any player who is selected and accepts a position to play on a junior high school team. It is unlikely there will be any available spots for those who choose to wait to register until after junior high school cuts.



As a family-owned company, Meijer aims to enrich the lives of families in the communities we serve and help ensure they are great places to live, work and play. Meijer is honored to partner with Mudsock Youth Athletics in its mission of bringing sports to local kids and support them in learning valuable life skills, building friendships, getting active and, most importantly, having fun!

We are entering the 19th season of youth volleyball for girls! The Mudsock Youth Volleyball League is an opportunity for girls in the 4th – 8th grades to learn strong fundamentals and the rules of volleyball in a recreational setting. This developmental league has proven to increase the interest in volleyball and benefit our high school programs!

Potential New Offering!

In response to community requests, this coming fall we are investigating and would like to offer a new opportunity depending upon board membership, volunteer support, and player interest:

- Rec+ offering for those 7th and 8th graders who would like to engage in more competitive play.
 - This offering will be similar to the traditional recreational volleyball offering but with self-identified players who have prior volleyball experience and a desire to play at a more competitive level.
 - Teams may have the opportunity to learn how to properly set up nets and additional practice time on Friday nights before Saturday match play.

More specific details regarding this potential new offering are to be determined at an upcoming Mudsock Youth Volleyball board meeting. Also, to make these offerings possible, we need additional board members and volunteer support. Please e-mail mudsockvolleyball@gmail.com if you would like to participate in this upcoming meeting or are interested in volunteering as a board member or in general with Mudsock Youth Volleyball.

Registration

Early bird fall registration will be held during the month of May 2024 for 4th-8th Rec, 5th/6th, 7th/8th Rec+, and high-school offerings. Rec+ fees will be collected at the time of registration. If a player is not selected for Rec+, they will be moved to a Rec team. If you choose to cancel your registration completely, you will be subject to the refund policy and its dates. Registration will be accepted online at myathletics.com. Fall fees (early bird pricing) will be as follows:

- The fee for grades Rec 4th through 8th is (\$125) and includes one game jersey, tournament championship medal, if applicable, equipment usage, operating expenses, facility usage and custodial fees, officials, and insurance.
- The fee for the 5th/6th and possible 7th/8th grade Rec+ offerings will be the same as for rec (\$125) and includes one game jersey, tournament championship medal, if applicable, equipment usage, operating expenses, facility usage and custodial fees, officials, and insurance.
- The fee for the co-ed high school recreational offering will also be \$125.

There will be a multi-player discount available for families registering three or more children. Early bird pricing will be available May 1 through May 31. Beginning June 1st, registration fees will increase, and waitlists may start being formed at any time.

Refund Policy

For the 2024 season, the refund policy will be as follows:

May 1 – June 15th – Refund after \$38 non-refundable fee

June 16th – July 15th – 50% refund after the \$38 non-refundable fee

July 16th – July 31st – 25% refund after the \$38 non-refundable fee

After July 31st – No refund

Any additional fees incurred for registration completed after May 31st are also non-refundable.

Please note: Full refunds are available for registered players who qualify and elect to play for junior high school teams.

4th – 8th Grade Recreation Volleyball

- Open to girls who will be in grades 4 - 8 in the fall 2024.
- Teams will focus on skills, teamwork, and fun.
- Teams will be made up of 9 players and equal playing time is a priority.

5/6 and 7/8 Rec+ Volleyball

- Players interested in Rec+ should plan to attend an evaluation on Sunday, May 5 from 5-7p or Wednesday, May 15 from 5-7p. Evaluations will be held at Riverside Junior High. Players only need to attend one evaluation, not both.
- Please note, evaluations will take place before early bird registration closes. You MUST be registered for Fall 2024 volleyball before attending evaluations. There will be NO evaluations after May 15th, so mark your calendars!
- Sign up for evaluations here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C49A8AE2CA3FF2-48352603-recplus>
- Teams will be made up of 9-12 girls per team. If the league has enough coaches, teams will be limited to 9 to increase playing time. Teams will focus on the same skills as the Recreational division, but in a more competitive environment.



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Uniforms

You **MUST** indicate a jersey size on your online registration form for your registration to be considered complete. The only uniform requirement is the jersey included in the fee. You are responsible for providing your player's shorts, knee pads and gym shoes.

Sponsors

Securing team sponsors from the area businesses helps offset the cost of our jerseys. The cost to sponsor a team is \$275 or you can sponsor two teams for \$500. If you know of a business that would like to advertise in this way, please contact the Mudsock Youth Athletics office at info@myathletics.com.

Team Assignments

Commissioners for each division (4th Rec, 5th Rec, 6th Rec, 5/6 Rec+) will form teams in June/July based on grade level. 7th/8th Rec and Rec+ will be formed AFTER Junior High rosters are finalized in early August. Coaches for grades 4th- 6th will contact their teams the first week of August. In our league, we combine the 7th and 8th grades for our Junior High Division. **At this level, even if you are interested in trying out for your school team, you MUST register for our league in May to ensure a spot in the league.**

Registrants who make the school team will receive a full refund by contacting the Mudsock Youth Athletics office. MYA will have the school team rosters to verify your refund. Those who are NOT trying out for the junior high school teams will be involved in clinic-style group practices with us until the conclusion of school try-outs. Because of the time frame of the junior high school try-outs, the teams for 7th and 8th graders cannot be formed until after school starts.

5th/6th and 7th/8th graders who register for Rec+ but are not selected will be assigned to a recreational team.

Player Request Policy

The purpose of our league is to instruct players in the fundamentals of volleyball and, of course, to have fun! We realize kids may like to be on the same team as their friends, but we do **not** take requests for friends or coaches. The only exceptions are for siblings, who will be on the same team, if noted during registration.

For the 2024 season, we will also consider, but not guarantee, one mutual carpool request; BOTH parties **MUST** submit carpool requests when registering to be considered. These requests **MUST** be submitted during the early bird registration period in the comment section of the registration form.

Coaches

Coaches are volunteers and will attend a mandatory coach meeting on August 2 at 6:00pm to pick up equipment. Ideally, we would like to have two coaches per team. All coaches must have a background check on file with MYA and complete concussion training. Please note that requested days and times for practices will be considered, but not guaranteed, for coaches.

Practices/Matches

The season will begin with 1st practices on August 3 and August 10. Weeknight practices begin the week of August 12 pending gym availability. Teams will practice one night per week. The first match will be played on the morning of August 17. There will be no games over Labor Day weekend, but practices for Monday teams will be scheduled the evening of Labor Day. The end of season tournament will take place all day October 5.

We do not know the full tournament schedule details at this time, but we will post it on the Mudsock Youth Volleyball website once it's confirmed. The practice and match schedules will be posted in Sports Connect as soon as we receive our allotted court space from the schools. We do not control how far in advance we get this information.

Volunteers

For every match, each team provides an adult (age 18+) scorekeeper and line judge. Please help your coaches and volunteer at least once during the season. We could use help too...we generally set up equipment for Saturday matches on Friday evening for about an hour. This involves getting chairs out, and setting up nets, official stands, and scorekeeping tables. If this is a way you can contribute to our league, please let us know!

Also, we are always looking for engaged individuals to help us continue offering this recreational league to our community. If you are interested in joining the MYA Volleyball Board, please contact mudsockvolleyball@gmail.com.

Pictures

Professional team and individual pictures will be taken on a Saturday to be determined during league play.

Facilities

Our practices and matches are restricted to the use of the school gyms. In order to respect school policies, please keep siblings and other children with you and from being anywhere other than the gym. **No food or drinks, except water, are allowed in the gyms. This policy is for players as well as spectators.** Keeping the school gyms clean helps keep costs down by not incurring additional custodial fees. Thank you for helping us maintain our good relationship with the schools.