



2015-2016 Season Information

We are excited for another season of DFFO Volleyball! This packet contains all the information you need for the 2015-2016 club volleyball season.

Please keep in mind that all of these details are TENTATIVE and are subject to change.

Our Mission: We are committed to teaching the game of volleyball and training our participants in a positive, competitive, and family-oriented environment with coaches who are well educated, passionate about the sport and will lead with high integrity.

Why Choose DFFO?

We hold strong to the following core values:

Training – Players are challenged to reach their highest potential

Whole-Person – Players develop as individuals, not just athletes, and they learn critical life lessons

Empowerment – Players are empowered through their experiences through DFFO

Safety – A safe environment is provided for all

Flexibility – Our coaching staff is adaptable and innovative

Complete – We develop complete players, not athletes who specialize in one position

Future – We help athletes achieve their future goals. Over 175 athletes have received college scholarships

Questions?

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2016 Team Levels

<p><i>DFFO National Teams</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Season Length: December-June ▪ Practices are in Grand Rapids & Kalamazoo ▪ 3 Practices per week if not competing on the weekends <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Practice begins the week of November 30 ▪ Wednesday practices are in Grand Rapids, Thursday practices are in Kalamazoo, and weekend practices alternate locations ▪ Teams compete in Open or Premier divisions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 9-13 Play dates ▪ \$3150 for 15-18s; \$2750 for 13s and 14s
<p><i>Dead Frog Regional 6 Month</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Kalamazoo location for all practices <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Season Length: December-June <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 2 practices per week ▪ Practices begin the week of December 7 ▪ Competes in Open Power League/Club division in other tournaments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 9-10 Play dates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ \$1895
<p><i>Dead Frog Regional 3 Month</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Kalamazoo location for all practices ▪ Season Length: December-March or March-June (10 weeks of training each season) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 2 practices per week ▪ Practices begin the week of December 7 or March 21 for spring teams <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Competes in Club division ▪ 5 Play dates each season ▪ \$895 for 13s – 18s; \$695 for 12s

What is Included in Your Club Fees?

National Level	
Extensive Training	Practice up to 9 hours on weeks teams are not competing
Competition Level	Play the toughest competition schedule, attending the best tournaments in the Midwest, playing in the Open or Premier divisions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 15-18 play up to 13 tournaments - 13-14 play 9-10 tournaments
Coaching Staff	Practices are organized and run by Joe Steenhuysen & Ryan Manning; team coaches have extensive experience working with national level athletes All teams will have a head coach. There will be several assistants also working with the athletes.
Travel Accommodations	Blocks of hotel rooms are reserved at discounted rates for teams, all you have to do is call and reserve your room, no hunting for a hotel
Uniform Package*	3 High Five Jerseys, 2 Practice t-shirts, 2 Pair Spandex
College Recruiting Assistance	Promotion of players to recruiters, liaison between players and recruiters, DVD sessions available for a nominal fee
Website	www.dffovolleyball.org
Family	Join the DFFO family, which has a rich tradition of helping all athletes reach their potential on and off the court.

* Athletes that did not participate on a DFFO National team last year will also need to purchase a team warm-up at an additional cost. (approx. \$80)

Regional 6 Month	
Extensive Training	Practice twice a week.
Competition Level	Play in the Open division of Power League (2 day events) Play in 9-10 tournaments throughout the season
Coaching Staff	Practices are run by a lead coach who has extensive experience working with DFFO athletes. All teams will have a head coach. There is also the potential to have an assistant coach at the Regional level.
Coach's Travel	Hotel costs for coaches have been worked into the club fees
Uniform Package*	2 High 5 Jerseys, 2 Practice t-shirts, 1 Pair Spandex
College Recruiting Assistance	Promotion of players to recruiters, liaison between players and recruiters, DVD sessions available for a nominal fee
Website	www.deadfrogvolleyball.com
Family	Join the DFFO family, which has a rich tradition of helping all athletes reach their potential on and off the court.

* Athletes that did not participate on a Dead Frog team last year will also need to purchase a team warm-up at an additional cost. (approx. \$80)

Regional 3-Month	
Extensive Training	Practice twice a week
Competition Level	Play in the Club division of power league (one day tournaments) Play in 5 tournaments each season
Coaching Staff	Practices are run by a lead coach who has extensive experience working with DFFO athletes. All teams will have a head coach who has coaching experience.
Uniform Package*	2 High 5 Jerseys, 2 Practice t-shirts, 1 Pair Spandex
Website	www.deadfrogvolleyball.com
Family	Join the DFFO family, which has a rich tradition of helping all athletes reach their potential on and off the court.

* Athletes that did not participate on a Dead Frog team last year will also need to purchase a team warm-up at an additional cost. (approx. \$80)

2016 Team Schedules

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DFFO National Teams	Cost	Tournament Schedule
13s and 14s	\$2750	Dec 5-6: Training weekend @ Munciana VBC Jan 9-10: Power League weekend #1 Jan 16-17: Rock and Rumble, Cleveland, OH Jan 30-31: Power League weekend #2 Feb 13-14: Presidents Day Challenge, Lansing, MI Feb 27-28: Power League weekend #3 March 12-13: Blue Grass Tourn, Louisville, KY Apr 23-24: Volleyfest, Grand Rapids, MI April 30-May 1: Motor City Madness, Novi, MI May 14-15: MVA Spring Fling, Grand Rapids, MI June 4-5: AAU State Champs, Grand Rapids, MI June 19-22: AAU Nationals, Orlando, FL
15s and 16s	\$3150	Dec 5-6: Training weekend @ Munciana VBC Jan 16-17: Rock and Rumble, Cleveland, OH Jan 30-31: GLPL #1, Aurora, IL Feb 13-14: President's Day Challenge, Lansing, MI Feb 20-21: GLPL #2, Aurora, IL March 12 or March 13: GLPL #3, Aurora, IL April 16 or 17: GLPL #4, Aurora, IL April 23-24: Volleyfest, Grand Rapids, MI May 7 or 8: GLPL #5, Aurora, IL May 14 or 15: GLPL #6, Aurora, IL May 28-30: NJC, Aurora, IL June 11-12: Pre-Nationals, Aurora, IL June 19-22: AAU Nationals, Orlando, FL
17s and 18s	\$3150	Dec 5-6: Training weekend @ Munciana VBC Jan 9-10: Great Lakes Power League #1, Aurora, IL Jan 16-17: Rock and Rumble, Cleveland, OH Jan 23-24: Great Lakes Power League #2, Aurora, IL Feb 6-7: Great Lakes Power League #3, Aurora, IL Feb 13-14: President's Day Challenge, Lansing, MI March 5-6: Great Lakes Power League #4, Aurora, IL March 12-13: Blue Grass Tourn, Louisville, KY April 23-24: Lakeshore Volleyfest, Grand Rapids, MI May 28-30: NJC, Aurora, IL June 11-12: Pre Nationals, Aurora IL 17s: June 19 – 22: AAU Nationals, Orlando, FL 18s: June 22 – 26: AAU Nationals, Orlando, FL

2015-2016 DFFO National Team Program Fee Payment Schedule

	15s – 18s	13s-14s
December 7:	\$750	\$650
January 15:	\$800	\$700
February 15:	\$800	\$700
March 15:	\$800	\$700

Dead Frog Regional 6 Month Teams	Cost	Tournament Schedule
13s and 14s	\$1895	Jan 2: Club Scrimmage, Kalamazoo Jan 9 – 10: Power League #1 Jan 30 – 31: Power League #2 Feb 13 – 14: Presidents Day Challenge, Lansing, MI Feb 27 – 18: Power League #3 March 5 -6: MVA Winter Bash, Grand Rapids, MI April 16 or 17: MVA Big Blue Bash April 23-24: Lakeshore Volleyfest, Grand Rapids, MI April 30 – May 1: Motor City Madness, Novi, MI May 14-15: MVA Spring Fling, Grand Rapids, MI June 5-6: AAU State Championships, Grand Rapids, MI
15s and 16s	\$1895	Jan 3: Club Scrimmage, Kalamazoo Jan 9 – 10: Power League #1 Jan 30 – 31: Power League #2 Feb 13 – 14: Presidents Day Challenge, Lansing, MI Feb 27 – 18: Power League #3 March 5 -6: MVA Winter Bash, Grand Rapids, MI April 23-24: Lakeshore Volleyfest, Grand Rapids, MI April 30 – May 1: Motor City Madness, Novi, MI May 14-15: MVA Spring Fling, Grand Rapids, MI June 5-6: AAU State Championships, Grand Rapids, MI
17s and 18s	\$1895	Jan 3: Club Scrimmage, Kalamazoo Jan 9 – 10: Power League #1 Jan 30 – 31: Power League #2 Feb 13 – 14: Presidents Day Challenge, Lansing, MI Feb 27 – 18: Power League #3 March 5 -6: MVA Winter Bash, Grand Rapids, MI April 23-24: Lakeshore Volleyfest, Grand Rapids, MI April 30 – May 1: Motor City Madness, Novi, MI May 14-15: MVA Spring Fling, Grand Rapids, MI June 5-6: AAU State Championships, Grand Rapids, MI

2015-2016 Dead Frog Regional 6 Month Team Program Fee Payment Schedule

13s – 18s

December 7: \$470
 January 15: \$475
 February 15: \$475
 March 15: \$475

NOTE: Each year we have athletes that either do not make a DFFO National team or choose not to participate on a DFFO National team but would still like a “national” type schedule. Should we feel we have a group of athletes that would benefit from this we will look at forming a Dead Frog National team(s). The schedule and cost will be put together based on what we feel is best for the group and will be communicated to those athletes prior to acceptance of a position. The cost would be no more than the DFFO National cost but no less than the Dead Frog Regional 6-Month Cost.

Dead Frog Regional 3 Month Teams	Cost	Tournament Schedule
12s	\$695	Jan 2: Club Scrimmage, Kalamazoo Jan 16: Power League, West Michigan area Jan 30: Power League, West Michigan area Feb 20: Power League, West Michigan Area Feb 27: Power League, West Michigan Area *Spring schedule is posted online at a later date
13s and 15s	\$895	Jan 2: Club Scrimmage, Kalamazoo Jan 16: Power League, West Michigan area Jan 30: Power League, West Michigan area Feb 6: Power League, West Michigan Area Feb 13-14: President's Day Challenge, Lansing Feb 27: Power League, West Michigan Area Mar 5-6: MVA Winter Bash, Grand Rapids *Spring schedule is posted at a later date
14s, 16s and 18s	\$895	Jan 2: Club Scrimmage, Kalamazoo Jan 9: Power League, West Michigan area Jan 23: Power League, West Michigan area Feb 6: Power League, West Michigan Area Feb 13-14: President's Day Challenge, Lansing Feb 27: Power League, West Michigan Area Mar 5-6: MVA Winter Bash, Grand Rapids *Spring schedule is posted at a later date

2015-2016 Dead Frog Regional 3-Month Team Program Fee Payment Schedule

	13s – 18s	12s
December 7:	\$500	\$500
January 15:	\$395	\$195

The Tryout Process

Tryout Dates

Level/Age Group	Tryout #1	Tryout #2
National Level/Ages 13-14	Sunday, October 25 at Caledonia HS Registration 10am; Tryout 11am – 1pm.	Sunday, November 1 11:00-1:00 at The Courthouse of Kalamazoo
National Level/Ages 15-18	Sunday, November 15 at Caledonia HS Registration 10am; Tryout 11am – 1pm	Sunday, November 22 11:00-1:00 at the Courthouse of Kalamazoo
Dead Frog/Kalamazoo – Regional & Local/Ages 12-14	Sunday, November 1 at the Courthouse of Kalamazoo Registration 2pm; Tryout 3:00 – 5:00 pm	Sunday, November 8 at the Courthouse of Kalamazoo Tryout 1:00-3:00 p.m.
Dead Frog/Kalamazoo – Regional/Ages 15-18	Sunday, November 22 at the Courthouse of Kalamazoo Grades 9 and 10: Registration 1pm; Tryout: 2-3:30 pm Grades 11 and 12: Registration 3pm; Tryout: 3:30-5pm	Tuesday, November 24 at the Courthouse of Kalamazoo Grades 9 and 10: Tryout 5:30 – 7:00 pm Grades 11 and 12: Tryout: 7:30-9:00 pm

**Players need to attend both tryout dates if two dates are listed.*

Tryout Stages	
Pre-Registration	Athletes should plan to pre-register on our website (see websites below) so we can prepare for the tryouts by finding adequate staffing and materials. An online payment of the \$50 tryout fee will be required at time of registration. Please remember to register for the highest level you wish to try out for.
On Site Registration	Athletes who did not pre-register on our website must fill out paperwork and pay tryout fee on-site. Please plan to arrive at least 30 minute early to check in and receive tryout t-shirt and number.
Evaluation	Tryouts will consist of skill testing and game play situations. We have several coaches facilitating the tryout and even more coaches evaluating each player. Players are assigned a tryout number so that everyone is on an equal level. We assume that every player going through tryouts wants to participate with DFFO (National or Regional)
Team Forming	Teams are created based on ability level. For our national and 6 month teams this could mean that ages are combined if they are of similar ability level. For 3 month teams, players are typically placed in their grade level first then separated by ability level. We will do everything in our power to place every player who tries out for DFFO/Dead Frog.
Communication	After tryouts we will post teams on our website. You will look for your tryout number to see which team you have been placed on. If for some reason, we cannot place an athlete on a team the athlete can be put on our waiting list. Once an athlete is placed on a team she will need to accept her position via email approximately 48 hours after posting.

Websites

Registration should be done at the website of the level of team you would like to try out for. If you plan to try out for multiple levels please register at the highest level.

DFFO National: www.dffovolleyball.org

Dead Frog: www.deadfrogvolleyball.com

Far Out/Capital: www.faroutvolleyball.com