



Illini Elite Volleyball Club

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Dear Parents and Athletes:

Welcome to the Illini Elite Training Center and 2024-2025 informational meeting for the Illini Elite Volleyball Program. We hold this informational meeting at the start of each club season for all potential players and their parents so everyone can make an educated decision about where to play club volleyball. Over the last 20+ years, Illini Elite has grown to become one of the largest volleyball clubs in Illinois with well over 650 players and coaches. Illini Elite is well recognized and well respected nationally in the junior volleyball community as well as among college coaches and programs across the country as the premier volleyball club in Central Illinois for developing youth volleyball players.

The choice to play club volleyball can be, at times, a demanding commitment not only for the players, but also for the parents and families. The Illini Elite programs have a great deal to offer each athlete and throughout this packet, we hope to show that Illini Elite is worthy of that commitment. If you understand the core beliefs of this organization, then it will be much easier to understand how and why we do things the way we do them. At Illini Elite, our programs strive to develop each athlete in every area of volleyball to the best of their ability. Our philosophies regarding the methods and teaching the techniques of all the basic skills, as well as our practice planning and implementation are different from other clubs in the area. We hope to help you understand why we think our program has great things to offer each athlete and that Illini Elite is a club volleyball program and not just a collection of club volleyball teams and coaches. Our goal is, and will always be, to provide the best club experience for our athletes and develop their skills as volleyball players and their integrity as young adults. While athletics are something we participate in while we are young, the lessons learned from athletics can and should last a lifetime. While many of our players simply want to be the best they can be for their junior high and/or high school teams, some of our high school athletes are preparing for competition at the collegiate level. There is no arguing the fact that Illini Elite players have experienced unparalleled success in both the junior high and high school settings in Central Illinois. At the same time, our club players and teams have experienced that same success nationally as well as at the college level.

We hope to continue our efforts of bringing a new level of volleyball excellence to Central Illinois with your participation. We hope that all of you find Illini Elite to be an excellent program, worthy of your support for the 2024-25 club volleyball season.

Sincerely,

Andy Erins – Club Director

Joe Sanders – Local Director

Kyle Caldwell– Associate Director



ILLINI ELITE PROGRAM PHILOSOPHY - Why choose Illini Elite VBC?

Illini Elite is different from other clubs that you may have been involved in for several reasons. Not only is Illini Elite the only club in Central Illinois with its own training facility, but more importantly, Illini Elite is set up as a complete program that allows players to develop and grow as athletes, volleyball players and young adults as they continue with the club. The Illini Elite Volleyball program is completely dedicated to providing its athletes with the technical, tactical and physical training needed to reach their highest possible potential. We strive to help each and every player achieve their maximum performance regardless of age or ability. For the young player we want to develop a solid base of fundamental skill, as well as a passion for the sport. As players get older and progress through the program, we want to provide the path to a level of excellence that allows each and every athlete to test their own limitations. We understand that we are providing a service to you, the players and parents, not the other way around. This understanding is what drives us to provide the best possible club experience for everyone involved. For those that have not been involved with Illini Elite before, we have explained several key aspects of our philosophy below which makes Illini Elite the right club volleyball choice.

Focus on Skill Development - The BEST reason for choosing Illini Elite is that we understand and embrace the idea that the purpose of club volleyball is to assist players in training and developing their individual skills and techniques. This is why we focus most of our training time on developing the player rather than developing the team. Yes, we want our teams to be successful, but not at the expense of developing the individual players. We feel that good players can and will become a good team if trained properly and given the opportunity to succeed. When athletes are young, it is easy for players and parents to make the mistake of getting caught up in trying to find the best team to play on or trying to play with their friends. In the search to play on the best team, however, players often overlook the most important element of long-term growth in the sport of volleyball, which is the training and development of individual skills. College coaches do not recruit elite teams; they recruit elite players with elite skills. By providing the best available training and developing the skills of each athlete, we can provide the best possible club volleyball experience for our athletes.

Master Coach Concept - This type of training allows each athlete to receive the same comprehensive training as everyone else in her age group regardless of individual or team skill level. In most clubs, each athlete is at the mercy of his or her individual coaches' technical, tactical, and physical understanding of the sport of volleyball. If this is the case, practices can be poorly organized, inefficiently executed and often fail to give each player the chance to reach his or her full potential. At Illini Elite, we have adopted the master coach concept to ensure that this does not happen. The master coach oversees developing and implementing the practice plan for all the athletes and making sure that all of the involved coaches understand the practice plan, thereby assuring each athlete the same high quality training during practice. Yes, there is position specific training as well (i.e., setters, middle hitters, defensive specialist, etc.), but with this concept, it can be accomplished simultaneously if all the coaches are working together under the same plan.

Systematic Approach to Training - We have developed a volleyball program, not just a club with a collection of teams and coaches. One of the problems that exists in youth volleyball, especially in this area, is the lack of consistency regarding teaching the basic skills. It is not uncommon for young players to have several different coaches teaching them the skills many ways over the course of their youth and junior playing days. In our program, all the coaches, in every age level and every team, must learn to teach all the basic skills with the same techniques and methods that we have been using for years with a great deal of success. In doing so, players can continue to develop and improve each year and build on what they learn each season instead of starting over again each year with a new coach. We understand that player development is an ongoing process over a period of time, and we try to teach each skill systematically and efficiently with the player's long-term growth, development and health as primary objectives.

Life Lessons to Learn – Over the years we have learned that when a group of people make a commitment to do something great, success usually follows. Words and concepts such as Hard Work, Commitment, Sacrifice, Responsibility, Accountability, Dedication and Perseverance have great value not only in athletics, but all areas of our lives. These are the concepts that allow people to succeed. It seems more and more parents and athletes approach athletics with a sense of “entitlement”. They believe that the concepts above do not apply to them and that they are “entitled” to a position or “entitled” to success. Athletics, just like the real world, do not operate that way. Success, either individual or team, is only accomplished by understanding, believing, and applying those ever-important concepts listed above. Through their participation in sports, young athletes learn lessons about themselves and others, which will carry over throughout every aspect of their lives. As young student-athletes, they must learn the most efficient ways to use time and energy to manage schoolwork, family, practice, social life, etc. They must learn about setting priorities, setting goals, and striving to achieve those goals while at the same time understanding that success comes in the pursuit of excellence. At times it seems that we all have forgotten that future success almost always comes from past failures. Part of becoming a successful adult is learning to deal with failure as a child. That is how we grow. That is how we learn. There is nothing noble about falling down but getting back up each time is one of the most important qualities we can teach. Winning is fun but losing is often much more valuable and the lessons we learn from that eventually shapes us into winners. As coaches, we know that the lessons learned from making a commitment, being part of a team and making some sacrifices in a program like ours can be carried over into other aspects of our athletes' lives. We want our players to understand what it really means to be part of a program, part of a team and what the words TEAM and TEAMMATE really stand for - *a group of people who share a common goal together and understand and agree to make the sacrifices necessary to make that goal become a reality*. These athletes learn that individual needs are sometimes put aside for the good of the team or the team is destined for failure. We realize this goes against today’s “SportsCenter” mentality where individuals have become bigger than their teams, but we also know that individual glory takes a backseat to team success every time. Being a part of a team within a larger program and making sacrifices and commitments to help that team achieve success is possibly the greatest single lesson to be learned from athletics.

Full-time director and full-time staff – Andy Erins is the full-time director of Illini Elite and is involved in all aspects of the club and its operations. Joe Sanders has been working full-time for Illini Elite since the early years and oversees the Local program while assisting with all aspects of the club and our facility. Kyle Caldwell was hired in the fall of 2017 to assist with all aspects of the club including coordinating our social media, website/registration systems, coaching camps/clinics, and other day to day operations. Typically, club coaches and club directors have other full-time jobs requiring their attention every day. This can often prevent them from putting in the time that these athletes deserve. As full-time directors, it is our job to make sure that each practice, regardless of the age level or skill level, is prepared and ready to be implemented and that all other matters regarding the club are taken care of regularly. We also ask that all parent/player issues and communications go through both Andy and/or Joe before going to the individual coaches. This (and our 24-hour rule) will be discussed in depth at the Parent/Player meetings after tryouts. For our athletes looking to play in college, we are also a resource for all questions regarding the college search and the recruiting process.

Illini Elite Training Center – Late October of 2018 marked the opening of our new air conditioned, 6 court Training Center. We opened our first volleyball dedicated Training Center in 2004 and our new facility expands to 6 full competition courts with air conditioning, an expanded concession stand, a volleyball specific retail space and more. We offer private lessons, various skill and specialty clinics, summer camps, leagues and much more. Our facility provides the training environment needed for Illini Elite to continue its past success and growth. This type of environment is extremely helpful in developing a training atmosphere and sense of pride, where players learn to understand that they are not just playing for a team, but rather an entire program. It also allows our coaches and players to learn from each other daily and share ideas since we are all practicing at the same time and all working together.

What's new for the 2024-25 Illini Elite season?

- We are happy to announce that we will be transitioning to Sprocket Sports for the 2024-25 season. To ensure a smooth transition, please read the notes below.
 - Please be sure to use an email address that you check regularly as all communication/billing/invoicing will be sent through SprocketSports to that email address. If you have already created an account and would like to change the email that you used, please email Kyle for instructions on how to make that switch.
 - **IMPORTANT:** If you will be splitting payments with another adult, you will need to add the secondary adult to the account. This can be done during the registration process or under your household in your account. You will need to contact Kyle at kyle@illinielite.com to let him know so we can split up the invoices accordingly. Please contact him as soon as possible to get your accounts set up properly.
 - **JVA WAIVER:** The JVA waiver used to be integrated with SportsEngine and in our tryout registration, but that is no longer the case. There is a link in the tryout registration that notes you need to do the JVA waiver separately so please be sure to do both the tryout registration AND the JVA waiver. Again...all players need to fill out the JVA insurance waiver. The link is:
<https://jvavolleyball.org/insurance-waiver-player-staff-form/>
- **NEW PAYMENT/INVOICING PROCESS WITH SPROCKETSPTS -**
 - After tryouts, parents will receive an invitation to join either the National or Local program. That invitation will have an expiration date of Thursday, November 21st. If you do not accept the invitation by the expiration date, your player's spot will not be saved and you will need to reach out to Kyle to receive an extension. The invitation will guide you through the 'season registration' where you will select your payment plan, enter your payment information, and make your first payment. **NEW THIS SEASON – You will have the option of paying via ACH or Credit Card. ACH payments will not have any transaction fee, but Credit Cards will have a 3.5% transaction fee. Sprocket will save your payment method, so you will only have to enter your ACH information one time to avoid the additional fees. More payment information will be in each program specific section later in the packet.**
- **National program changes –**
 - Once again, this year our National HS tryouts will be two parts – Position Evaluation and Tryouts. We've done this for three seasons now and it is extremely helpful in our evaluations.
 - We will continue our partnership with HUDL for their recruiting services. HUDL is significantly less expensive than the alternatives and provides all the same benefits. Every National player will have a HUDL account as it is included in the dues.
 - Lucas Cook will be back this season to work with our athletes and will create and implement our strength program. The strength program is intended to complement anything we do in the gym and anything any athlete is doing outside the gym as we focus on core muscle groups, shoulder stabilization/health and long-term growth/health of the players.
 - Uniform Changes – Last season we started the migration process to the new Zambi uniforms. A rule change a few years ago made our old version of the Black and Cardinal jerseys technically illegal due to the “contrasting color” rule so all players now receive two alternate jerseys (a black and a white jersey) in addition to their Zambi jerseys. Returning 16U players will already have the updated Zambi jerseys and 17U/18U players will still be able to wear the old version of the Zambi jerseys in addition to their alternate jerseys. More uniform updates/issues (i.e. discontinued warm ups) will be discussed at the meeting.
- **Open Gyms** –We realize there are many players who finish their seasons long before tryouts so open gym time may provide an opportunity for them to come in and play. Group lessons are also currently offered most Sundays to work on skills before tryouts. More group lesson dates/times as well as any open gym times will be posted on the website.

Frequently Asked Questions

What do I need to bring to tryouts? All players must register online for tryouts. If they have registered online properly, players should not have to bring anything additional to tryouts. At the tryout sign-in time, we will verify that you have registered properly and check positions, age group, etc.

What happens after tryouts? When are the mandatory parent/player meetings? The week after the National tryouts is set aside for our mandatory parent/player meetings. *These meetings are required for all players/parents.* This is when we will discuss the rules/guidelines for players and parents, inform everyone of important season information, changes from the packet, verify uniform sizing for the National players, etc. At least one parent and the player must attend one of the meetings and we've listed the dates/times here so everyone can plan accordingly.

- Monday, November 18th, 5:30 PM:

Local Program Meeting for NEW and ALL 15U LOCAL players

- Tuesday, November 19th, 5:30 PM:

Local Program Meeting for all RETURNING 16U-18U LOCAL players

- Wed., November 20th, 5:30 PM:

National Program Meeting for NEW and ALL 15U NATIONAL players

- Thurs., November 21st, 5:30 PM:

National Program Meeting for all RETURNING 16U-18U NATIONAL players

*****NEW***** *After tryouts, parents will receive an invitation to join either the National or Local program. The invitation will guide you through the 'season registration' where you will select your payment plan, enter your payment information, and make your first payment.* Ideally, these steps should be done prior to attending the parent/player meetings. The invitation will have an expiration date of Thursday, November 21st to accommodate all the meeting dates. If you do not accept the invitation by the expiration date, your player's spot will not be saved and you will need to reach out to Kyle to receive an extension.

Do I need to tryout for both programs? If I tryout for National and don't make it, can I play Local? Players only need to tryout for one program. If a player has the interest and desire to play on one of the National teams, they should tryout for National. ***Any player not selected for the National program will automatically be placed in the Local program unless they inform us of other plans.***

Can I still make an National team if I did not play here last year? Absolutely. We have an OPEN tryout for everyone and anyone. Each season is a new season and a fresh start. New players are ALWAYS welcome!

Can athletes participate in other sports? An all-too-common misconception is that athletes cannot participate in our National program if they play another sport. This has never been true. National program athletes have always been allowed to play other sports. We understand there could be conflicts if players are multi-sport athletes. We do ask that players inform us if they are participating in another sport that might include some conflicts so we can make any necessary adjustments for them and their teams. Some athletes have chosen to play collegiate volleyball as a goal, and they must understand that serious training and competition is necessary for a player to reach their potential and possibly achieve that goal. The Local program is also in place for those multi-sport athletes that still want the club volleyball experience but may be involved with multiple sports and activities at this time.

How many players are on each team? We strive to have 10 players on each team at all levels and all age groups. More than 10 can make it difficult for coaches to give all players playing time and less than 10 can result in teams being short players in case of injury and/or conflicts. There are of course, scenarios where more than 10 players are an option (developmental possibilities, position changes, experience), but we try to have 10 players per team.

Do all players get “equal” playing time? There is no such thing as “equal” playing time in volleyball. Volleyball is different from other sports in that it is not a timed game; there are no innings, no quarters or halves to base playing time. Due to the nature and speed of the game, you cannot judge “time” by rotations or points either. We understand that all players practice so they can play in games. We strive to give all players “fair” playing time based on practice, ability, attendance, skills, positions, situations, etc.

How/when are teams selected? We always wait to make the actual teams until we can get into practice and see the players in the practice environment. For players trying out for a National team, they will know the night after tryouts if they made an National team, but we will not make the teams until sometime in early/mid-December. All players who try out for the Local program will make a team, but teams will not be announced until mid-December. This gives us the opportunity to properly evaluate all the players fairly.

How many teams will we have in each program/age group? For the Local program, we will have as many teams as needed to accommodate the number of players at tryouts. Typically, we have between 18-20 Local teams divided into all three age groups (~ 6-17U/18U teams, 6-16U teams, 6-15U teams). The number of teams in the National program is based on the number and level of players attending tryouts. We usually have around 10 teams in the National program, typically divided into 3-4 teams in the 15U age group, 3-4 teams in the 16U age groups and 3-4 teams in the 17U/18U age group.

What is “OWLS” on the National Program schedule? For those that are new to the National program here is a quick overview of what OWLS is:

Our National teams will attend OWLS (Outdoor Wisconsin Leadership Synergies) near Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. OWLS is not a tournament but is a weekend of learning about themselves and their teammates through outdoor adventures, ropes courses, a climbing tower, and other problem-solving scenarios. The entire weekend is extremely challenging and rewarding both mentally and physically and is one of the most valuable things we do every season for the players and coaches. The program will again be specially designed for us and our players to empower the group to combine their efforts to become more effective teams and teammates and at the same time learn about themselves as individuals. The National teams will attend OWLS this year in January/February and it is always cold up there, so be prepared to bundle up!

The OWLS program is included in the National team dues.

What role do the parents play at Illini Elite? The landscape of youth sports continues to change quite dramatically year in and year out regarding parent behavior and parent actions in youth sports. Unfortunately, these negative parent behaviors and actions are putting unnecessary stressors and pressures on players, coaches and officials alike. We will address these issues in depth at the mandatory parent/player meeting after tryouts but felt it necessary to include something here. As a club, we do not shy away from these issues and we address and discuss what these issues are as we try to help parents understand how their behavior and their actions affect these young players, coaches and officials on the court. We want all our parents to enjoy the experience of club volleyball with their daughters. We continually ask that parents remember who the adults are and to ALWAYS show good sportsmanship with what you say and how you act to support your daughter and her team in a positive manner. Parents should NEVER speak negatively towards or about a teammate, a coach or an opposing player or official. *We believe strongly that you (the parents) are representing Illini Elite as much as the players are.* Thank you for your continued support of the Illini Elite Volleyball Club. We appreciate you and will continue to do our best to provide your players the best experience we can.

2024-2025 LOCAL PROGRAM INFORMATION

The Local program has always been geared towards those athletes who wish to participate in club volleyball and improve their skills for their high school seasons without the extensive time commitment and/or cost. Local teams practice two days per week during the season. Teams will compete in our local Illini Elite Events held at our facility here in Bloomington. We strive to give the Local players competitive matches while at the same time trying to finish the season early enough to avoid the potential spring sport conflicts. We realize that during the season there may be some school sport conflicts with some practices and the occasional Saturday events, so we are willing to work with the players regarding those conflicts. The complete competition schedule is listed for each age group in this packet. In the past, we have had some Local teams “play up” in divisions if we feel that they need to be challenged more or if the competition suits their needs. The Local season will conclude after their final competition date scheduled to be the Central Finale on March 1-2 for the all age groups. All the competition dates listed on the competition schedule are included in the Local dues.

Local Practice Schedule:

Practices will begin on Monday, December 2nd for all Local players. Each month we will post the monthly practice/competition schedule on our website and it will also be available via the online calendar. At the mandatory parent/player meetings (*the week of November 18th*) after all tryouts are done, we will inform everyone when to be at practice since teams will not have been selected yet. The practice times/days for the Local teams are as follows (note that slight adjustments may need to be made based on tryout numbers):

Monday and Wednesday nights at 5:00-7:00 or 7:00-9:00 (and once teams are selected, we may practice until 9:30 on some Wednesday nights before competition weekends if necessary)

The practice time slots may rotate from week to week to possibly avoid having the same teams always in the early slot where there are typically more conflicts with other school sport practices. If players have conflicts with one of the time slots due to school sport practices on one night, they will be able to attend the other time slot to make up that practice. They may not be with their team, but they will be able to get their practice time in.

Local Competition Schedule:

The tournament schedule is listed on the next page. Typically, teams will play 5-6 matches each event. Start times vary but are usually 8:00 AM for a morning wave or about 2:30 PM for an afternoon wave. There is no way to know what time your daughter might play on any given date until about a week before the event as the start times are based on the number of teams and the format of the event. The schedules are typically posted on our website (www.illinielite.com) the Tuesday or Wednesday before each event (so we can ensure that we have the right teams and there are no late additions/cancellations). Note that the 15U/16U teams will typically play in either the Presidents’ Day event or Central Challenge, but typically not both events.

Local Competition Schedule (cont.):

Date	Event	Age Divisions (combined)	Location
January 4-5	17U/18U I-74 Challenge	17U/18U	Bloomington
January 11-12	15U/16U I-74 Challenge	15U/16U	Bloomington
January 18-19	15U – 18U Central Kick-Off Event	15U/16U & 17U/18U	Bloomington
January 25-26	17U/18U Central Winter Event	17U/18U	Bloomington
February 1-2	15U/16U Central Winter Event	15U/16U	Bloomington
February 8-9	15U-18U Central Illinois Classic	15U/16U & 17U/18U	Bloomington
February 15-16	15U-18U DoubleTree Presidents' Day at Illini Elite	15U/16U & 17U/18U	Bloomington
February 22-23	15U/16U Central Challenge	15U/16U	Bloomington
March 1-2	15U – 18U Central Finale	15U/16U & 17U/18U	Bloomington

2024-2025 LOCAL PROGRAM FEES

The dues for the Local program for the 2024-2025 season are listed below and have increased for the first time in many years due to increased costs (coaches, insurance, equipment, etc.). The dues include the uniform (1 practice shirt, 2 uniform shirts, 1 pair spandex), practice times and gym time, tournament entries, all insurance/registrations, coaching fees, etc. The only additional charges would be if players decide to purchase additional equipment.

Local Program Dues: \$1000.00

After tryouts, parents will receive an invitation to join the Local program. The invitation will guide you through the 'season registration' where you will select your payment plan, enter your payment information, and make your first payment. You will have the option of paying via ACH or Credit Card. ACH payments will not have any transaction fee, but Credit Cards will have a 3.5% transaction fee. (Note that while there is no initial transaction fee for ACH, if your ACH payment is returned you will be charged \$10.00+a transaction fee). Ideally, these steps should be done prior to attending the parent/player meetings. The invitation will have an expiration date of Thursday, November 21st to accommodate all the meeting dates. If you do not accept the invitation by the expiration date, your player's spot will not be saved, and you will need to reach out to Kyle to receive an extension.

You will have 2 options for payment by default:

- 1) Pay in full
- 2) Pay \$500.00 as the initial payment and \$500.00 on Jan. 1, 2024. The 2nd payment will be automatically set up when you make the first payment.

***If you need a different payment plan and/or are splitting payments, you will need to contact Kyle at kyle@illinielite.com BEFORE accepting the invitation so he can adjust/edit the payment options.

***If you have more than one daughter in either high school program, we offer a 10% discount on the dues for the 2nd player, 3rd player, etc. so please email Kyle at Kyle@illinielite.com to let him know you have multiple players in the program as we will invoice you with the discount already applied.

If player dues are not paid, we will unfortunately not allow your daughter to continue practices or competitions until your account is in good standing.

2024-2025 NATIONAL PROGRAM INFORMATION

The National program is geared for those athletes that wish to excel in volleyball and compete at the highest level possible. Many of our National players have hopes of continuing volleyball at the collegiate level and we have been fortunate to have so many players continue their volleyball careers at the collegiate level (see the Alumni page online for a list of players and colleges). The 2024-25 season will see a typical National schedule starting in late November with conditioning/rehab and position training and once again concludes at the end of June with the AAU National Championships (Orlando, FL.). We strive to give our National teams and players maximum exposure to college coaches and recruiters on the regional and national levels and our competition schedule reflects those goals (see the National Competition Schedule pages). We try to give all of our National teams competitive events that will give them a variety of competition not only to challenge them, but also to give them success. Not all our teams can go to all of the same events as some are invite only and some have strict capacity limits, so we try to give every team the same opportunities even if they are different weekends and different events. Any changes or additions to the attached competition schedule will be known well in advance and will be listed on the website and on the monthly calendars. If we have three teams in an age group, our Cardinal teams will compete at the Open level while our Black and White teams will compete at the Premier or Club level throughout the year. With the growth of the AAU National Championships the last few years (well over 2000 teams the last few years!) we will most likely have our Cardinal teams in the Open, our Black teams in Elite/Club and our White/Zambi teams in the Spirit/Classic Divisions at AAU's to give all of our teams the best chance to play for a medal at AAU's.

Our National teams will once again attend OWLS (Outdoor Wisconsin Leadership Synergies) at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. OWLS is not a tournament but is a weekend of learning about themselves and their teammates through outdoor adventures, ropes courses, a climbing tower and other problem-solving scenarios. The entire weekend is extremely challenging and rewarding both mentally and physically and is one of the most valuable things we do every season for the players and coaches. The program will again be specially designed for us and our players to empower the group to combine their efforts to become more effective teams and teammates and at the same time learn about themselves as individuals. It is always cold up there, so be prepared to bundle up!

When the National teams travel to 3-day or more out-of-state tournaments, the teams will travel together. The girls will stay together as a team in a hotel, eat meals together and travel to and from the tournament sites together. In addition to allowing the teams to focus on the task at hand and to use that time for team bonding, it allows players to travel to these tournaments even if their parents are unable to attend. Players are allowed to travel home with their parents once the competition and their team's duties have concluded. When we travel to the 2-day events everyone can make their own arrangements as we will not travel as a team, but some of them may be stay-to-play events which we will explain at the parent/player meetings.

2024-2025 NATIONAL PRACTICE INFORMATION

The National teams will practice 3 days per week. A calendar will be available on our website each month with detailed information regarding practices and competitions. Strength training and maintenance will be included during these practice times. Position specific training will be incorporated into each practice. The scheduled practice days and times for the National teams are listed below:

All National teams – 3 days per week – 4:30-8:00 Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday.

Prior to our normal practice routine starting on **Tuesday, December 3rd**, we will have Position Training along with strength/conditioning sessions (and/or rehab for those players that need it) on the following dates:

Position Training

Saturday, November 23rd for ALL 15U and NEW National players (9:00am – 1:00pm)

Sunday, November 24th for ALL 15U/16U/17U players (18U optional) (9:00am – 1:00pm)

Tuesday, November 26th for ALL 15U/16U/17U players (18U optional) (4:30-8:00pm)

Sunday, December 1st for ALL players (9:00am – 1:00pm)

All teams will also practice on some Sundays in December before the competition season starts to get additional practice time and make up for holiday breaks. We will not practice on the weekends once the competition season starts until we get to the final weeks of preparation for AAU's in June.

Currently the Sunday practices in December are scheduled for 11:30-3:00 on the following days:

December 8th

December 15th

December 29th

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Dues include all practice and gym time, all individual and team registration fees (JVA, USAV & AAU), insurance, all OWLS charges for participation and travel, coaches' salaries, office expenses, equipment purchases, HUDL account, etc. Some entry fees for events where all the National teams attend the same local area or Chicago area events are included in the dues. Events where different teams attend different events will be invoiced separately and entry fees will be included in the trip cost sent out for each trip.

National Program Dues: 15U/16U/17U - \$2550.00

18U - \$1750.00

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2024-2025 NATIONAL PROGRAM FEES (CONT.)

You will have 2 options for payment:

- 1) Pay in full
- 2) For all 15U/16U/17U - Pay \$450 as the initial payment and then \$350.00 in six (6) monthly installments starting Dec. 1, 2024 and running through May 1, 2025. The payment plan will be automatically set up when you make the first payment.
For all 18U – Pay \$450.00 as the initial payment and then \$325.00 in four (4) monthly installments Dec. 1, 2024 through March 1, 2025. The payment plan will be automatically set up when you make the first payment.

***If you need a different payment plan and/or are splitting payments, you will need to contact Kyle at kyle@illinielite.com BEFORE accepting the invitation so he can adjust/edit the payment options.

***If you have more than one daughter in either high school program, we offer a 10% discount on the dues for the 2nd player, 3rd player, etc. so please email Kyle at Kyle@illinielite.com to let him know you have multiple players in the program as we will invoice you with the discount already applied.

If player dues are not paid, we will unfortunately not allow your daughter to continue practices or competitions until your account is in good standing.

For the National teams, there are also additional travel trip charges for event weekends when our teams may be playing in different events with different entry fees. The local area events as well as some of the other Illinois events are included in the dues. This year, our plan is to only team travel for the 3-day events out of state. The 2-day Indianapolis events will no longer be team travel events, but some of them are stay-to-play events which means we will have room blocks for parents to use for hotels. Those 2-day events which are no longer team travel events will still have an additional travel trip charge to cover the entry fees, coach hotels/parking/stipend, etc. The 3-day events will be the same as always with the travel charge covering entry fees, player/coach hotels, van rentals, etc. Those fees will vary from team to team depending on how much they travel, where they are going, etc.. Each event to be charged will be sent through your Sprocket account. We've included a list of events in this packet with which events are included in dues and which are an additional expense. We also included our best estimate of what each trip may cost given past experiences at those events.

2024-2025 NATIONAL PROGRAM UNIFORM FEES

Select Screen and their sublimated uniform addition – Zambis Sports – is who makes our custom jerseys. Our returning players do not need to purchase new Zambis jerseys or the new A4 jerseys they got last year unless they need to replace ones they currently have. The warm-up jackets/pants that we have had for the last three seasons have been discontinued and are no longer available. Our plan is to go with a new warm up top without pants to save our parents some money while at the same time avoiding purchasing warm ups that will inevitably be discontinued in a couple of years. Below you will find the new player uniform package as well as the “base” package for all returning players. The uniform fees will be invoiced through your Sprocket account and will be due at the time they are invoiced. Players listed their sizes during tryout registration, but we will have samples to try on at the mandatory parent/player meetings after tryouts (*the week of November 18th*) for players to adjust their sizes. At that meeting, our shop will be open where parents/players can purchase any Spiritwear, additional shorts, Ultra Ankles, etc. Again this year, we will allow players to wear whatever shoes they find most comfortable.

<i>Equipment</i>	NEW PLAYER UNIFORM FEES		RETURNING PLAYER UNIFORM FEES	
	<i>Quantity</i>	<i>Cost</i>	<i>Quantity</i>	<i>Cost</i>
Short sleeve practice shirt	3	\$30.00	3	\$30.00
Mizuno Vortex shorts	2	\$40.00	2	\$40.00
Workout Training Band	1	\$15.00	1	\$15.00
Warm-up top (TBD)	1	\$20.00	1	\$20.00
Shipping, tax, coach gear, printing, etc.	1	\$70.00	1	\$70.00
Mizuno Crossover Backpack 25 (Black)	1	\$45.00	1	\$45.00
A4 Alternate Jersey (Black/White)	2	\$50.00	If needed	-
ZAMBI Sublimated Team Jerseys (Cardinal/White)	2	\$100.00	If needed	-
	Total	\$370.00	Total	\$220.00

***18U returning players will have the option to opt out of getting the new backpack and as a result the 18U returning player uniform fee will be \$175.00.

***All returning players will have the option to purchase new A4 and/or new Zambis jerseys. We will have a size list at the parent/player meetings where players can order new jerseys. The A4 jerseys are \$25.00 each and the Zambis jerseys are \$50 each.



For directions and/or more information please visit www.illinielite.com or contact us at: (309) 829-3671 or IlliniEliteVBC@aol.com

2024-25 HS Informational Meeting and Tryout Dates

PLAYERS MUST REGISTER ONLINE BEFORE ATTENDING ANY TRYOUTS. (www.illinielite.com).

ILLINI ELITE HIGH SCHOOL CLUB INFORMATIONAL MEETING Sunday, October 13th 7:00 PM

Attendance is NOT required in any way. The meeting is for new Illini Elite Volleyball Club parents/players to find out what we do during the club season. All information and any forms from the meeting WILL BE POSTED on our website.

Meeting and Tryouts to be held at:

The Illini Elite Training Center
2229 Valley View Drive
Bloomington, IL 61705

(next to Birkey's/Interstate Center behind the Wal-Mart on Rt. 9/Market St. just of I-55/74)

ILLINI ELITE LOCAL PROGRAM TRYOUT DATES

Sunday, November 10th

Local - 15U (9th grade)

8:00 AM Sign-in

8:30 AM - 11:00 AM Tryouts

Local - 16U/17U/18U (10th, 11th, 12th)

12:00 PM Sign-in

12:30 PM - 3:00 PM Tryouts

(The Local make-up tryout date is Nov. 17th from 8:00-10:30 AM for those who could not attend Nov. 10th date)

ILLINI ELITE NATIONAL PROGRAM TRYOUT DATES

(NOTE: NATIONAL TEAM TRYOUTS CONSIST OF TWO PARTS - POSITION EVALUATION AND TRYOUTS)

Monday, November 11th
Position Evaluation

15U/16U Liberos - 4:30-6:30

17U/18U Liberos - 4:30-6:30

17U/18U Setters - 7:00-9:00

15U/16U Setters - 7:00-9:00

Tuesday, November 12th
Position Evaluation

17U/18U - Outside Hitters/
Middles - 4:30-6:30

15U/16U - Outside Hitters/
Middles - 7:00-9:00

NATIONAL TEAM TRYOUTS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH

National - 17U/18U (11th, 12th grade)

8:00 AM Sign-in

8:30 AM - 10:30 AM Tryouts

National - 16U (10th grade)

10:30 AM Sign-in

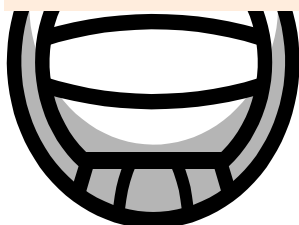
11:00 AM - 1:30 PM Tryouts

National - 15U (9th grade)

2:00 PM Sign-in

2:30 PM - 5:00 PM Tryouts

(NATIONAL TEAM PLAYERS NEED TO ATTEND BOTH THE EVALUATION AND TRYOUTS. THE ONLY EXCEPTION WILL BE FOR PLAYERS STILL IN THE IHSA STATE VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT ON NOV. 11 & 12 SINCE THOSE PLAYERS WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND THE EVALUATION DATES)



AAU Volleyball Junior Age Divisions for 2024-25

18 & Under: Must be born on or after July 1, 2006 OR born on or after July 1, 2005 AND be a high school student (12th grade or below) during some part of the current academic year.

17 & Under: Must be born on or after July 1, 2007 OR born on or after July 1, 2006 AND are in the 11th grade during the current academic year.

16 & Under: Must be born on or after July 1, 2008 ----- Cannot turn 17 before July 1, 2025

15 & Under: Must be born on or after July 1, 2009 ----- Cannot turn 16 before July 1, 2025

			18 Cardinal	17 Cardinal	17 Black	17 White	16 Cardinal				
Jan.	Sat.	4	I-74 Challenge (I.E.)	I-74 Challenge (I.E.)	I-74 Challenge (I.E.)	I-74 Challenge (I.E.)	Windy City P.L (Chicago area)	Jan.	Sat.	4	
	Sun.	5	I-74 Challenge (I.E.)	I-74 Challenge (I.E.)	I-74 Challenge (I.E.)	I-74 Challenge (I.E.)	Windy City P.L (Chicago area)		Sun.	5	
	Sat.	11	Windy City P.L (Chicago area)	Windy City P.L (Chicago area)	Windy City P.L (Chicago area)	Windy City P.L (Chicago area)	I-74 Challenge (I.E.)		Sat.	11	
	Sun.	12	Windy City P.L (Chicago area)	Windy City P.L (Chicago area)	Windy City P.L (Chicago area)	Windy City P.L (Chicago area)	I-74 Challenge (I.E.)		Sun.	12	
	Sat.	18		OWLS (Wisc.)	OWLS (Wisc.)	OWLS (Wisc.)			Sat.	18	
	Sun.	19		OWLS (Wisc.)	OWLS (Wisc.)	OWLS (Wisc.)			Sun.	19	
	Sat.	25	Central Zone (Indianapolis)	Central Zone (Indianapolis)	Central Zone (Indianapolis)	Central Zone (Indianapolis)	Windy City P.L (Chicago area)		Sat.	25	
	Sun.	26	Central Zone (Indianapolis)	Central Zone (Indianapolis)	Central Zone (Indianapolis)	Central Zone (Indianapolis)	Windy City P.L (Chicago area)		Sun.	26	
Feb.	Sat.	1	Windy City P.L (Chicago area)	Windy City P.L (Chicago area)	Windy City P.L (Chicago area)	Windy City P.L (Chicago area)	OWLS (Wisc.)	Feb.	Sat.	1	
	Sun.	2	Windy City P.L (Chicago area)	Windy City P.L (Chicago area)	Windy City P.L (Chicago area)	Windy City P.L (Chicago area)	OWLS (Wisc.)		Sun.	2	
	Sat.	8					Windy City P.L (Chicago area)		Sat.	8	
	Sun.	9							Sun.	9	
	Sat.	15	Triple Crown (Kansas City)	Triple Crown (Kansas City)	SPVB Pres. Day (GLC Aurora)	SPVB Pres. Day (GLC Aurora)	Triple Crown (Kansas City)		Sat.	15	
	Sun.	16	Triple Crown (Kansas City)	Triple Crown (Kansas City)	SPVB Pres. Day (GLC Aurora)	SPVB Pres. Day (GLC Aurora)	Triple Crown (Kansas City)		Sun.	16	
	Mon	17	Triple Crown (Kansas City)	Triple Crown (Kansas City)	SPVB Pres. Day (GLC Aurora)	SPVB Pres. Day (GLC Aurora)	Triple Crown (Kansas City)		Mon	17	
	Sat.	22							Sat.	22	
	Sun.	23							Sun.	23	
Mar.	Fri.	28							Mar.	Fri.	28
	Sat.	1	Windy City P.L (Chicago area)	Windy City P.L (Chicago area)	Windy City P.L (Chicago area)	Windy City P.L (Chicago area)	Windy City P.L (Chicago area)		Sat.	1	
	Sun.	2	Windy City P.L (Chicago area)	Windy City P.L (Chicago area)	Windy City P.L (Chicago area)	Windy City P.L (Chicago area)	Windy City P.L (Chicago area)		Sun.	2	
	Fri.	7	Bluegrass - Louisville	Bluegrass - Louisville	Bluegrass - Louisville		Bluegrass - Louisville		Fri.	7	
	Sat.	8	Bluegrass - Louisville	Bluegrass - Louisville	Bluegrass - Louisville		Bluegrass - Louisville		Sat.	8	
	Sun.	9	Bluegrass - Louisville	Bluegrass - Louisville	Bluegrass - Louisville		Bluegrass - Louisville		Sun.	9	
	Sat.	15				Peoria Power Play (Peoria)			Sat.	15	
	Sun.	16				Peoria Power Play (Peoria)			Sun.	16	
	Sat.	22	Spring Break - all teams Mar. 21-31 (return to practice Apr. 1)							Sat.	22
	Sun.	23	Spring Break - all teams Mar. 21-31 (return to practice Apr. 1)							Sun.	23
Apr.	Sat.	29	Spring Break - all teams Mar. 21-31 (return to practice Apr. 1)						Apr.	Sat.	29
	Sun.	30	Spring Break - all teams Mar. 21-31 (return to practice Apr. 1)							Sun.	30
	Sat.	5							Sat.	5	
	Sun.	6							Sun.	6	
	Fri.	11	JVA World Challenge - Louisville	JVA World Challenge - Louisville	JVA World Challenge - Louisville	JVA World Challenge - Louisville	JVA World Challenge - Louisville		Fri.	11	
	Sat.	12	JVA World Challenge - Louisville	JVA World Challenge - Louisville	JVA World Challenge - Louisville	JVA World Challenge - Louisville	JVA World Challenge - Louisville		Sat.	12	
	Sun.	13	JVA World Challenge - Louisville	JVA World Challenge - Louisville	JVA World Challenge - Louisville	JVA World Challenge - Louisville	JVA World Challenge - Louisville		Sun.	13	
	Sat.	19							Sat.	19	
Easter	Sun.	20	Easter	Easter	Easter	Easter	Easter	Easter	Sun.	20	
	Sat.	26					Naptown Jamboree (Indianapolis)		Sat.	26	
	Sun.	27					Naptown Jamboree (Indianapolis)		Sun.	27	
May	Sat.	3		Gold Rush Open (Lafayette)	Gold Rush Open (Lafayette)		Gold Rush Open (Lafayette)	May	Sat.	3	
	Sun.	4		Gold Rush Open (Lafayette)	Gold Rush Open (Lafayette)		Gold Rush Open (Lafayette)		Sun.	4	
	Sat.	10							Sat.	10	
	Sun.	11							Sun.	11	
	Sat.	17		Indy Cup (Indianapolis)	Indy Cup (Indianapolis)	AAU Super Regional (Peoria/Blm)	Indy Cup (Indianapolis)		Sat.	17	
	Sun.	18		Indy Cup (Indianapolis)	Indy Cup (Indianapolis)	AAU Super Regional (Peoria/Blm)	Indy Cup (Indianapolis)		Sun.	18	
	Sat.	24	Memorial Day Break - May 23-27 (return to practice Thurs. May 29)							Sat.	24
	Sun.	25	Memorial Day Break - May 23-27 (return to practice Thurs. May 30)							Sun.	25
	Sat.	31							Sat.	31	
Jun.	Sun.	1						Jun	Sun.	1	
	Sat.	7		Land of Lincoln (GLC)	Land of Lincoln (GLC)	Land of Lincoln (GLC)	Land of Lincoln (GLC)		Sat.	7	
	Sun.	8		Land of Lincoln (GLC)	Land of Lincoln (GLC)	Land of Lincoln (GLC)	Land of Lincoln (GLC)		Sun.	8	
	Thu	12							Thu	12	
	Fri	13							Fri	13	
	Sat.	14							Sat.	14	
	Sun	15							Sun	15	
	Mon	16							Mon	16	
	Tue	17							Tue	17	
	Wed	18		To AAU's (Orlando, Fla.) ???	To AAU's (Orlando, Fla.) ???	To AAU's (Orlando, Fla.) ???	To AAU's (Orlando, Fla.) ???		Wed	18	
	Thu	19		To AAU's (Orlando, Fla.) ???	To AAU's (Orlando, Fla.) ???	To AAU's (Orlando, Fla.) ???	To AAU's (Orlando, Fla.) ???		Thu	19	
	Fri.	20		AAU Check in	AAU Check in	AAU Check in	AAU Check in		Fri.	20	
	Sat.	21		AAU's Play	AAU's Play	AAU's Play	AAU's Play		Sat.	21	
	Sun.	22		AAU's Play	AAU's Play	AAU's Play	AAU's Play		Sun.	22	
	Mon	23		AAU's Play	AAU's Play	AAU's Play	AAU's Play		Mon	23	
	Tue	24		AAU's Play	AAU's Play	AAU's Play	AAU's Play		Tue	24	
	Wed	25		Return to Bloomington ???	Return to Bloomington ???	Return to Bloomington ???	Return to Bloomington ???		Wed	25	
	Thu	26		Return to Bloomington ???	Return to Bloomington ???	Return to Bloomington ???	Return to Bloomington ???		Thu	26	
	Fri.	27							Fri.	27	
	Sat.	28							Sat.	28	
	Sun.	29							Sun.	29	
	Mon	30							Mon	30	

			16 Black	16 White	15 White / 15 Zambi	15 Black	15 Cardinal					
Jan.	Sat.	4	Windy City P.L (Chicago area)	OWLS (Wisc.)	OWLS (Wisc.)	Windy City P.L (Chicago area)	Windy City P.L (Chicago area)	Jan.	Sat.	4		
	Sun.	5	Windy City P.L (Chicago area)	OWLS (Wisc.)	OWLS (Wisc.)	Windy City P.L (Chicago area)	Windy City P.L (Chicago area)		Sun.	5		
	Sat.	11	I-74 Challenge (I.E.)	I-74 Challenge (I.E.)	I-74 Challenge (I.E.)	I-74 Challenge (I.E.)	I-74 Challenge (I.E.)		Sat.	11		
	Sun.	12	I-74 Challenge (I.E.)	I-74 Challenge (I.E.)	I-74 Challenge (I.E.)	I-74 Challenge (I.E.)	I-74 Challenge (I.E.)		Sun.	12		
	Sat.	18							Sat.	18		
	Sun.	19							Sun.	19		
	Sat.	25	Windy City P.L (Chicago area)	Central Zone (Indianapolis)	Central Zone (Indianapolis)	Windy City P.L (Chicago area)	Windy City P.L (Chicago area)		Sat.	25		
	Sun.	26	Windy City P.L (Chicago area)	Central Zone (Indianapolis)	Central Zone (Indianapolis)	Windy City P.L (Chicago area)	Windy City P.L (Chicago area)		Sun.	26		
Feb.	Sat.	1	OWLS (Wisc.)			OWLS (Wisc.)	OWLS (Wisc.)	Feb.	Sat.	1		
	Sun.	2	OWLS (Wisc.)			OWLS (Wisc.)	OWLS (Wisc.)		Sun.	2		
	Sat.	8	Windy City P.L (Chicago area)	17U/18U CIC (I.E.)	17U/18U CIC (I.E.)	Windy City P.L (Chicago area)	Windy City P.L (Chicago area)		Sat.	8		
	Sun.	9		17U/18U CIC (I.E.)	17U/18U CIC (I.E.)				Sun.	9		
	Sat.	15	SPVB Pres. Day (GLC Aurora)	SPVB Pres. Day (GLC Aurora)	SPVB Pres. Day (GLC Aurora)	SPVB Pres. Day (GLC Aurora)	Triple Crown (Kansas City)		Sat.	15		
	Sun.	16	SPVB Pres. Day (GLC Aurora)	SPVB Pres. Day (GLC Aurora)	SPVB Pres. Day (GLC Aurora)	SPVB Pres. Day (GLC Aurora)	Triple Crown (Kansas City)		Sun.	16		
	Mon	17	SPVB Pres. Day (GLC Aurora)	SPVB Pres. Day (GLC Aurora)	SPVB Pres. Day (GLC Aurora)	SPVB Pres. Day (GLC Aurora)	Triple Crown (Kansas City)		Mon	17		
	Sat.	22							Sat.	22		
	Sun.	23							Sun.	23		
Mar.	Fri.	28		JVA Showcase (Wi. Dells)	JVA Showcase (Wi. Dells)			Mar.	Fri.	28		
	Sat.	1	Windy City P.L (Chicago area)	JVA Showcase (Wi. Dells)	JVA Showcase (Wi. Dells)	Windy City P.L (Chicago area)	Windy City P.L (Chicago area)		Sat.	1		
	Sun.	2	Windy City P.L (Chicago area)	JVA Showcase (Wi. Dells)	JVA Showcase (Wi. Dells)	Windy City P.L (Chicago area)	Windy City P.L (Chicago area)		Sun.	2		
	Fri.	7	Bluegrass - Louisville			Bluegrass - Louisville	Bluegrass - Louisville		Fri.	7		
	Sat.	8	Bluegrass - Louisville			Bluegrass - Louisville	Bluegrass - Louisville		Sat.	8		
	Sun.	9	Bluegrass - Louisville			Bluegrass - Louisville	Bluegrass - Louisville		Sun.	9		
	Sat.	15		Peoria Power Play (Peoria)	Peoria Power Play (Peoria)				Sat.	15		
	Sun.	16		Peoria Power Play (Peoria)	Peoria Power Play (Peoria)				Sun.	16		
	Sat.	22	Spring Break - all teams Mar. 21-31 (return to practice Apr. 1)								Sat.	22
	Sun.	23	Spring Break - all teams Mar. 21-31 (return to practice Apr. 1)								Sun.	23
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	Sun.	30	Spring Break - all teams Mar. 21-31 (return to practice Apr. 1)								Sun.	30
	Sat.	5							Sat.	5		
	Sun.	6							Sun.	6		
	Fri.	11	JVA World Challenge - Louisville	JVA World Challenge - Louisville	JVA World Challenge - Louisville	JVA World Challenge - Louisville	JVA World Challenge - Louisville		Fri.	11		
	Sat.	12	JVA World Challenge - Louisville	JVA World Challenge - Louisville	JVA World Challenge - Louisville	JVA World Challenge - Louisville	JVA World Challenge - Louisville		Sat.	12		
	Sun.	13	JVA World Challenge - Louisville	JVA World Challenge - Louisville	JVA World Challenge - Louisville	JVA World Challenge - Louisville	JVA World Challenge - Louisville		Sun.	13		
	Sat.	19							Sat.	19		
Easter	Sun.	20	Easter	Easter	Easter	Easter	Easter	Easter	Sun.	20		
	Sat.	26		Naptown Jamboree (Indianapolis)	Naptown Jamboree (Indianapolis)				Sat.	26		
	Sun.	27		Naptown Jamboree (Indianapolis)	Naptown Jamboree (Indianapolis)				Sun.	27		
May	Sat.	3	Gold Rush Open (Lafayette)			Gold Rush Open (Lafayette)	Gold Rush Open (Lafayette)	May	Sat.	3		
	Sun.	4	Gold Rush Open (Lafayette)			Gold Rush Open (Lafayette)	Gold Rush Open (Lafayette)		Sun.	4		
	Sat.	10							Sat.	10		
	Sun.	11							Sun.	11		
	Sat.	17	Indy Cup (Indianapolis)	AAU Super Regional (Peoria/Blm)	AAU Super Regional (Peoria/Blm)	Indy Cup (Indianapolis)	Indy Cup (Indianapolis)		Sat.	17		
	Sun.	18	Indy Cup (Indianapolis)	AAU Super Regional (Peoria/Blm)	AAU Super Regional (Peoria/Blm)	Indy Cup (Indianapolis)	Indy Cup (Indianapolis)		Sun.	18		
	Sat.	24	Memorial Day Break - May 23-27 (return to practice Thurs. May 29)								Sat.	24
	Sun.	25	Memorial Day Break - May 23-27 (return to practice Thurs. May 30)								Sun.	25
	Sat.	31		1st Alliance - Spring Classic	1st Alliance - Spring Classic				Sat.	31		
Jun.	Sun.	1		1st Alliance - Spring Classic	1st Alliance - Spring Classic			Jun	Sun.	1		
	Sat.	7	Land of Lincoln (GLC)	Land of Lincoln (GLC)	Land of Lincoln (GLC)	Land of Lincoln (GLC)	Land of Lincoln (GLC)		Sat.	7		
	Sun.	8	Land of Lincoln (GLC)	Land of Lincoln (GLC)	Land of Lincoln (GLC)	Land of Lincoln (GLC)	Land of Lincoln (GLC)		Sun.	8		
	Thu	12							Thu	12		
	Fri	13							Fri	13		
	Sat.	14					To AAU's (Orlando, Fla.) ???		Sat.	14		
	Sun	15					To AAU's (Orlando, Fla.) ???		Sun	15		
	Mon	16					AAU Check in		Mon	16		
	Tue	17					AAU's Play		Tue	17		
	Wed	18	*** 16 Black could be in the same wave as 16 Cardinal. We will update after tryouts and team selection. ***				AAU's Play		Wed	18		
	Thu	19					AAU's Play		Thu	19		
	Fri.	20					AAU's Play		Fri.	20		
	Sat.	21					Return to Bloomington ???		Sat.	21		
	Sun.	22	To AAU's (Orlando, Fla.) ???	To AAU's (Orlando, Fla.) ???	To AAU's (Orlando, Fla.) ???	To AAU's (Orlando, Fla.) ???	Return to Bloomington ???		Sun.	22		
	Mon	23	To AAU's (Orlando, Fla.) ???	To AAU's (Orlando, Fla.) ???	To AAU's (Orlando, Fla.) ???	To AAU's (Orlando, Fla.) ???			Mon	23		
	Tue	24	AAU Check in	AAU Check in	AAU Check in	AAU Check in			Tue	24		
	Wed	25	AAU's Play	AAU's Play	AAU's Play	AAU's Play			Wed	25		
	Thu	26	AAU's Play	AAU's Play	AAU's Play	AAU's Play			Thu	26		
	Fri.	27	AAU's Play	AAU's Play	AAU's Play	AAU's Play			Fri.	27		
	Sat.	28	AAU's Play	AAU's Play	AAU's Play	AAU's Play			Sat.	28		
	Sun.	29	Return to Bloomington ???	Return to Bloomington ???	Return to Bloomington ???	Return to Bloomington ???			Sun.	29		
	Mon	30	Return to Bloomington ???	Return to Bloomington ???	Return to Bloomington ???	Return to Bloomington ???			Mon	30		