



# Parent / Player Handbook 2008-2009

**Serving the Treasure coast for over 20 years**

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### **TCVB Mission:**

Treasure Coast Juniors Volleyball Club was created to promote all aspects of volleyball in South Florida. Demanding safety on and off the court, stressing fundamentals, sportsmanship, creating a fun and challenging environment and excelling at the highest levels makes Treasure Coast Volleyball one of the top clubs in the state.

### **TCVB History**

Treasure Coast Volleyball is a non-profit organization operated by a 6 person board. A director, financial comptroller, web editor, travel co-coordinator and gym director assist in organizing a well operated club. A web site was created to promote an information guide for the volleyball community, and aide in practice scheduling, hotel and tournament information. The web site is [www.tcvb.net](http://www.tcvb.net).

Coach Marty Bielicki took the first Treasure Coast Volleyball team to a tournament in 1988. Today, there are 10 teams with about 100 players in the club.

In 1989, Doug Erickson became Treasure Coast's first official director. Between 1990 and 1994, Rick Ferrante, then head coach of Port St. Lucie High School, conducted the club. From 1995 through 2001 two parents took over the club, Randy Milan-Williams and Vinny Piazza.

Their un-ending devotion and vision kept Treasure Coast Juniors alive. In 2001, Martin County High School's head volleyball coach, Marty Bielicki, was appointed director of Treasure Coast Volleyball club and helped the club grow in depth, coaching and team success through the 2006 season.

Mike Sawtelle, the varsity volleyball coach at Jensen Beach High School has been elected by the board as the Director for the 2008 season.

Girls' volleyball season in high school lasts for about two months in the fall. Most teams that win the State Championship are teams with club players.

Club volleyball is nation wide and was designed to train and motivate athletes to excel in all aspects of this fast pace game. Club ball usually starts organizing teams in November and can last as much as seven months with two to three practices a week. Weekend tournaments are held at all age levels. Venues for tournaments can be local, state-wide and nationally held with over 500 teams playing on any given weekend.

### **TCVB Team Expectations**

Designed for the athlete committed to playing volleyball in college and who is willing to make sacrifices for her progress, her team, and her sport. These teams will travel out of state and take on the best competition our country has to offer. These players have the athleticism and skill to match up against the very best prospects.

## **Tryout Dates**

Nov 12th	Wednesday,	14 and under....	<u>6-9pm</u> Stuart Middle School
Nov 24th	Monday,	15's-18's.....	<u>6-9pm</u> Stuart Middle School

### **Makeup day**

Nov 25th	Tuesday,	All ages.	<u>6-7pm</u> Stuart Middle School
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*The Makeup tryout is for all players who **can not** make the first tryout date, it is essential that you tryout with your age group for a more accurate evaluation*

Bring the following to tryouts:

- **\$45.00** registration fee, non-refundable (Cash or check payable to TCVB)
- **\$400.00** deposit check payable to TCVB. This check will be returned to any individual who does not qualify for a team with TCVB club. **No refunds after Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>.**
- 2 copies of birth certificate – **NEW players only**
- USAV membership card (**2 copies**)
- Medical release form (**2 copies**)– must be **NOTARIZED**
- Treasure Coast Tryout Sheet
- Treasure Coast Player Information Sheet
- Treasure Coast Photo Release
- AAU Membership card

**18 and Under Division:** Players who were born on or after September 1, 1990 or Players who were born on or after September 1, 1989 and a high school student during some part of the current academic year

**17 and Under Division:** Players who were born on or after September 1, 1991

**16 and Under Division:** Players who were born on or after September 1, 1992

**15 and Under Division:** Players who were born on or after September 1, 1993

**14 and Under Division:** Players who were born on or after September 1, 1994

**13 and Under Division:** Players who were born on or after September 1, 1995

**12 and Under Division:** Players who were born on or after September 1, 1996

**NOTE:** Players must be at least 8 years old.

***You are a member of the Treasure Coast Volleyball Club when the following criteria have met.***

Check List:

- \_\_\_ You sign the TCVB Waiver/Liability Release, print and bring to tryouts
- \_\_\_ You fill out the Treasure Coast Player Information Sheet (due at tryouts)
- \_\_\_ You fill out the Treasure Coast Tryout Sheet (due at tryouts)
- \_\_\_ You fill out a USAV 2009 Medical Release Form and have it notarized. (2 copies due at tryouts)
- \_\_\_ You provide a copy of your USAV membership card (due at tryouts).
- \_\_\_ You provide a copy of TCVB Photo Release (due at tryouts).
- \_\_\_ You sign the Parent/Player Code of Conduct Contract.
  - This form is due at Commitment Signing Day Meeting
- \_\_\_ You sign the 2008-2009 Participation and Payment Contract
  - This form is due at Commitment Signing Day Meeting
- \_\_\_ You sign up and are a member in good standing with AAU and provide a copy of your AAU Membership card.
  - This form is due at Commitment Signing Day Meeting
- \_\_\_ You read this handbook in its entirety.

***You must register online with the Florida Region USAV and with AAU.***

***We WILL NOT do this for you.***

[www.usavfl.org](http://www.usavfl.org)

[http://aausports.org/sprt\\_Volleyball.asp](http://aausports.org/sprt_Volleyball.asp)

# TREASURE COAST VOLLEYBALL PLAYER INFORMATION SHEET

Player Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Actual Age Division: \_\_\_\_\_

Player Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact (Name/Relationship/Cell #) \_\_\_\_\_

Player Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Player USAV # \_\_\_\_\_ Player AAU # \_\_\_\_\_ Player Graduation Year \_\_\_\_\_

Height \_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_ Years Played \_\_\_\_\_ Handed L / R

## Mother's Information:

Mother's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Include in group email lists? YES NO

## Father's Information:

Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Include in group email lists? YES NO

## UNIFORM ORDER FORM

UNIFORM # (1-99 ONLY)

1<sup>st</sup> CHOICE, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

UNIFORM TOP    S   M    L      XL    XXL  
(Adult sizes)

T-SHIRT SIZE    S   M    L      XL    XXL  
(Adult sizes)

SPANDEX SHORTS    XS   S    M    L      XL    XXL

*NOTE: If XS is not available, you will ordered a small*

**Waiver/Liability Release**  
Participant of Treasure Coast Volleyball

**Player Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please print)

I acknowledge that volleyball or any sporting event is an extreme test of a person's physical and mental limits and that my participation in a volleyball event can cause potential death, serious injury, or property damage.

With a full understanding of the potential risks, I KNOWINGLY AND FREELY ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS, both known and unknown, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE NAMED PERSONS OR ENTITIES listed below or others, and assume full responsibility for my participation. I hereby take the following action for myself, my executors, administrators, heirs, next of kin, successors and assigns:

- a) I WAIVE, RELEASE, AND DISCHARGE from any and all claims or liabilities for death or personal injury or damages of any kind which arise out of or relate to my traveling to and from or my participation in any volleyball event,
- b) I AGREE NOT TO SUE any of the named persons or entities listed below for any of the claims or liabilities that I have waived, released or discharged herein; and
- c) I INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS the named persons or entities mentioned below from any claims made or liabilities assessed against them as a result of my actions.

**NAMED PERSONS OR ENTITIES:** Treasure Coast Volleyball, Club. and its Regional Volleyball Associations, tournament directors, sponsors, and the owners, officers, directors, employees, sub-contractors, representatives, and agents of any of the above.

**Player's Signature (regardless of age )** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_

If player is under 18 years of age, a parent or guardian must execute, in addition to the foregoing Waiver/Liability Release Form, the following, for and on behalf of the minor. The undersigned parent and natural guardian or legal guardian of the player executes the foregoing Waiver/Liability Release Form for and on behalf of the minor named herein. I hereby bind myself, the minor and all other assigns to the terms of the Waiver/Liability Release Form. I represent that I have legal capacity and authority to act for and on behalf of the minor named herein, and I agree to indemnify and hold harmless the named persons or entities named in the Waiver/Liability Release Form for any claims or liabilities assessed against them as a result of any insufficiency of my legal capacity or authority to act for and on behalf of the minor in the execution of the Waiver/Liability Release Form.

**Parent/Guardian's Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Printed Name of Parent/Guardian**

**TREASURE COAST VOLLEYBALL CLUB  
PHOTO/VIDEO RELEASE**

PLAYER NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby give authorization to Treasure Coast Volleyball Club (TCVB) to permit my child to be photographed, filmed, or videotaped for promotional purposes for the 2009 volleyball season. I further authorize the use of such material on the TCVB website.

I do hereby release and waive all claims, demands or objections against the above named club in connection with or arising out of the photographing or videotaping of my child.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Parent/Guardian Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

**TREASURE COAST VOLLEYBALL  
TENTATIVE TUITIONS AND FEES**

All players must secure transportation to playing sites. 14 and under age groups must room with a parent. Players must be available for the coach's team meetings throughout the weekend, therefore, **it is STRONGLY RECOMMENDED that ALL players stay in the team hotel to facilitate meeting attendance.** \*Ages 15 and up will be provided with team rooms. Players whose parents are staying in the team hotel may stay with their parents, but no refunds will be given. Players must also remember to bring meal money.

**Out of State Tournaments:**

We will provide all players with team rooms. Players must secure transportation to hotel and playing sites. **Airfare, if required, is player responsibility.** Players must also remember to bring meal money. TCVB has made the decision to avoid booking transportation in order to allow parents to use their airline miles, to travel with their daughters, and to save money.

**Policies:**

All players will have curfew every night. Players are not allowed to leave the room after curfew unless it is an emergency in which case they will call the coach's mobile phone or proceed directly to the coach's room and knock on his/her door. Prior to curfew, players will always travel in small groups, never alone. Drugs, tobacco, and alcohol are of course strictly forbidden. Players caught with the above will meet with staff and their parents to determine the course of action. Punishments will be swift and firm. TCVB will adhere to the Code of Conduct required by the Florida Region of USAV. Players agreed to abide by this as part of registration with USAV.

**Payment Plan:**

<b>Due Date</b>	<b>12's,13's &amp;14's</b>	<b>15's Teams</b>	<b>16's Teams</b>	<b>17's &amp; 18's</b>
<b><i>Due At Tryouts</i></b>	\$400	\$400	\$400	\$400
<b><i>Jan 15, 2008</i></b>	\$600	\$900	\$1050	\$1150
<b><i>Feb 15, 2008</i></b>	\$600	\$900	\$1050	\$1150
<b><i>Total</i></b>	<b>\$1600</b>	<b>\$2200</b>	<b>\$2500</b>	<b>\$2700</b>

\*\* \$100.00 discount if total fee paid in full by December 18, 2008

\*\* 10% late payment fee applies after the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month.

\*\* Non-payment will result in athlete's removal from the team unless prior arrangements have been made.

Please make all checks payable to TCVB. **Please do not give payments to coaches.**

**TREASURE COAST VOLLEYBALL  
2008-2009 PARTICIPATION AND PAYMENT AGREEMENT**

**PLAYER COMMITMENT**

I understand as a player with Treasure Coast Volleyball Club, I am making a commitment to the Club, coach, and teammates. A commitment to the practices and tournament schedule is an important undertaking and is imperative to the success of the team. I understand the commitment of time and finances for the team and my parents. I agree to attend practices and tournaments as scheduled. I will represent my team and Club with dignity and pride.

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Player's Signature

**PARENT'S COMMITMENT**

I have reviewed the above commitment with my child and she understands the significance of this commitment. I will do my part in helping her meet her obligations in participation in practice and tournaments. In addition, I understand my role as a parent in providing time and talents in assisting the team and Club and am willing to meet my obligation to the team and Club.

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Parent's Signature

**FINANCIAL COMMITMENT**

In order to ensure the lowest possible cost to each player and her parents, we must ensure that all players and parents understand the financial obligations they are undertaking and the impact on the team and Club. In preparing for the season, there are certain fixed costs involved that we must spread over all players. The fee established for the team represents the best possible projection by the Board of Directors. This does not include travel costs associated in attending the tournaments nor for additional tournaments beyond those included in the original budget.

These fees are due at tryouts and on January 15<sup>th</sup> and February 15<sup>th</sup> as outlined in the 2009 Fee schedule/payment plan. There will be a window where the player may elect to withdraw from the team and not be responsible for any future fees and the \$400 deposit check would be returned (5pm Dec 3rd as outlined in the fee schedule). Beyond that window, the player and parents will be responsible for the full remaining balance. In the event that the Club would be required to institute legal proceedings to recover any amount under this agreement, I agree to pay all Club costs of litigation incurred with such collections efforts as allowed by law in the state of Florida.

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Player's Signature

Date

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Parent's Signature

Date

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Player's Name (Please Print)

**(Office Use Only) TCVB TRYOUT SHEET**

**PICTURE HERE**

**TRYOUT NUMBER ASSIGNED:** \_\_\_\_\_

**TRYOUT AGE GROUP:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**AGE NOW:** \_\_\_\_\_ **D.O.B.** \_\_\_\_\_

Would you consider playing up one age group? Yes / No

Play  
Position 1<sup>st</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

**HOME PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CELL PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_

Height \_\_\_\_\_

Weight \_\_\_\_\_

Handed: Right  Left

**Office use only**

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**COACH SCORE**

1	2	3	4	5

Overall score:

# TCVB FINANCIAL AID AVAILABILITIES

A limited amount of financial aid is available. Aid will be awarded based on a combination of need, talent, and commitment to the organization. Please draft a letter to the Executive Director if you wish to be considered for financial aid. Any player on financial aid will not be permitted to miss practices or tournaments due to conflicts with participation in another sport.

## PROPOSED TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

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TOURNAMENT	DATES	LOCATION	TEAMS
MLK (3 Day)	Jan 17-19	Orlando	All Teams
Jax Jam	Feb 7-8	Jacksonville	12's-15's
Tampa United Kickoff	Feb 14-15	Tampa	12's-16's
Las Vegas Invitational(3 Day)	Feb 14-16	Las Vegas	17's & 18's
Asics OVA Invitational	Feb 28-Mar 1	Orlando	All Teams
Cloverleaf	Mar 7-8	West Palm Beach	All Teams
Molten Pre-Q	Mar 14-15	Tampa	All Teams
Big South Qualifier (3 day)	Apr 03-05	Atlanta, GA	All Teams
Northern Lights	Apr 17-19	Minnesota	16's-18's
USAV Regional's	Apr 25-26	Orlando	All Teams
AAU Nationals (If Selected)	Jun 12-20	Orlando	Selected Teams
USAV Junior Olympics (if Qualified)	Jun 26-July 5	Miami	

**TREASURE COAST VOLLEYBALL  
PARENT/PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT**

Playing Time: It is earned and at the discretion of the coach; it is reasonable to speculate that playing time may be distributed more liberally at the lower levels.

Viewing practices: Parents are asked to stay in areas designated for viewing.

Attending matches: Impromptu conferences with coaches are forbidden; all spectators are asked to avoid berating referees; players will communicate well in advance concerning any missed practices or conflicts.

Payment: Players whose account is delinquent will be withheld from play and practice.

Attendance: Attendance is required. Since match play is solely up to the discretion of the head coach, playing time may be affected by poor attendance.

Multi-Sport Athletes: Will be handled on an individual case basis. Athletes on all teams will be expected to attend all practices unless cleared by the head coach.

Negativity and Poor Sportsmanship: All staff, players, and spectators will avoid harsh criticism, extreme negativity, and displays of poor sportsmanship throughout the process.

Event Behavior: Players will support other TCVB teams participating at an event; no player will leave until entire team is dismissed after last match or officiating duty.

Travel Behavior: Players will avoid any conduct that is illegal or immoral; players and families will attend and support all team meetings and functions; players will heed curfew and appropriate public behavior. Any deviation from the above will necessitate parent contact and possible dismissal from the event.

TCVB will adhere to the Code of Conduct required by the Florida Region of USAV. Players agreed to abide by this as part of registration with USAV.

**• Please note that in the case of a player being dismissed for any of the above violations, all money collected will be nonrefundable.**

PLAYER: \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT: \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

## **10 Guidelines for Being a Positive Player/Parent**

1. Cheer your player on, be supportive of her, but do it without judging her, the coach, or teammates.
2. Many things will aggravate you that do not even faze your player. Do not make something into an issue if it is not an issue.
3. Encourage your child to seek her own answers. Coaches respect players who come to them and privately question their playing time or role; it immediately indicates they want more.
4. Understand the rules of the game and the coach's philosophy. Substituting in volleyball has consequences.
5. Do your physical part as a parent. Get your child to practice on time and pick her up promptly. Demonstrating responsibility and commitment can be incredibly effective.
6. Positions and talent sometimes do not match up. Coaches attempt to do what is best for the team, putting the best physical mix and the best "chemistry" on the floor. That may mean that sometimes your daughter may be playing out of position in an attempt to "strengthen" the team. A positive spin by you can go a long way in helping your child adjust to a new role. Stay positive, and maybe your child will flourish.
7. If you have real concerns, and your player has attempted unsuccessfully to work things out with the coach on her own, schedule a meeting with the coach and have your child attend with you (you may not be hearing the whole story – a common occurrence). If you are trying to resolve a problem, help your player by being a role model in the problem solving procedure.
8. Never approach a coach with complaints after a tough game. Wait and schedule a visit after everyone cools off. Most coaches are highly competitive, and just like players, do not like to be confronted after tough games.
9. Please think before criticizing anyone connected with your daughter's club or team. Criticism is contagious and often hurtful. The damage you do could be irreversible.
10. Visibly show that you enjoy watching your child perform; this will make her feel better about individual participation, no matter what the role is.