

## Yorktowne Volleyball 2025/2026

### Season 31

Yorktowne Volleyball is located in the Keystone Region and is a member of USA Volleyball and AAU Volleyball. This season will mark our 30<sup>th</sup> Season as Central PA's Premier Junior National Volleyball Program. In that time we have coached multiple All County, All State, Fab 50, All American, and Olympians from Pennsylvania, Maryland and Delaware.

#### Introduction:

# Josh Brenneman: Club Director for Yorktowne VBC 717-654-6061 and YorktowneVB717@GMAIL.COM

- I've been with the club since 1995 when it started the name Yorktowne Volleyball.
- My first coaching position was on the girls' side in 1999, and then in 2001 I started coaching both on the boys' side and girls' side of the program.
- In 2008 I became the Co-Owner and Director of the boys side of the program.
- In 2021/2022 I became the Sole Owner and Director of the Boy side of the program.
- In 2022 we will relaunch the Girls side of the program and I will be Co-Owner and Director.
- I've coached for 26 years on the boys side of Yorktowne. In 26 of those years the boy's teams
  I've coached have won multiple Junior National Qualifiers and open bids to play in the Open
  Division of the Junior National Championships. My girl's teams have won American, National
  and Open bids to play at the Junior National Championships.
- I am currently the Director of Yorktowne Volleyball for the Boys and Girls side, CD Varsity Boys Coach, CD Varsity Girls Coach, CD Middle School Coach, YTVB 18 Blue Boys Coach, College recruiter for YTVB, YTVB Booster Club President, and a KRVA board member
- I also work full time as an Auditor for BDP International and work for the Dow Chemical Account and Dupont Accounts.

#### **Coaching Staff:**

18 Blue: Josh Brenneman and Larry Campbell
18 Red: John Barrick and Brent Paul
17 Blue: Terry Ranck and Blake Liprando
17 Red: Tina Fitzgerald and Sarah Lazor
16 Blue: Noah Wilson and Jared Keul
14/15 Blue – Heather Hildebrand and TBA
12 Blue - TBA – We do have staff

#### The amount of athletes at the tryout will determine which teams we can field.

#### Tryouts:

All tryouts will be run at the York Learning Center. We ask that you arrive early on registration day to make sure all the athletes are in the gym when tryouts begin. We will have things set up and ready to take registrations by 9 am Saturday and Sunday for the morning tryout session. When athletes arrive please have your paperwork ready. Last Years AAU Membership or this year's AAU Membership Email or Receipt, Medical Release form "this can be found on the Yorktowne Website.

If your athlete is planning to tryout please have your athlete registered as soon as possible on the Yorktowne website. The sooner we know how many athletes are trying out, we can better prepare our tryouts and where coaches may be needed.

14 and Under -

July  $19^{th}$  : Saturday - 10 am until Noon July  $20^{th}$  : Sunday - 10 am until Noon

15 and 16 and under-

July 19<sup>th</sup> : Saturday – 10 am until Noon July 20<sup>th</sup> : Sunday – 10 am until Noon

17 and 18 and under

July 19<sup>th</sup> : Saturday – Noon until 2 pm

July 20<sup>th</sup> : Sunday – Noon until 2 pm

#### What to Expect:

- A) All tryouts will be run by the Yorktowne Coaching Staff.
- B) We recommend that all players attend all tryouts. If you can't make all tryout sessions please notify us.
  - a. We do understand we have multi-sport athletes which is why we run the 2 early open gyms.
  - b. We understand this year you may be on vacation.
- C) All Players must have an AAU Membership from last year in order to tryout. If you did not play club volleyball last year please get a AAU Membership before tryouts.
  - a. https://play.aausports.org/JoinAAU/MembershipApplication.aspx.
- D) Teams will be selected on Sunday night following tryouts. Emails will be sent out to the Parents email address that you provided at registration. You will have 48 hours to reply to the email.
  - a. Please note it may be later than 8 pm until the offers get sent out.
- E) All players should hand in a medical release form at tryouts.
- F) In years past we have had multiple Division I, II and III coaches at the tryout.

#### The Season:

The Season will run from Mid/Late Sept until mid Feb. We will then start practices back up in the month of June for any teams attending the Junior National Championships . This year we will be playing in AAU And JVA Events and we will end the season by going to AAU Nationals in Orlando.

#### **Review of Practice Times and Policies:**

- A) All practices will be here at the York Learning Center. Thursday Nights and Sunday Afternoons. Thurs Nights 6-8 or 8-10 and Sundays are Noon 2 and 2-4 pm.
  - a. Early in the season some teams may practice a third day during the week. (October and Nov)
- B) With only two practices a week we ask that you attend all practices.
- C) If you are sick and home from school that day please call your coach before Noon time that day at let them know you will not be at practice.
- D) Weather Alerts I will decide to cancel practice by Noon that day. I will send out an email blast to the parents, coaches will text the athletes to let them know and it will also be posted on our Yorktowne Facebook page.
  - a. PLEASE if we have practice, and the weather and roads are not good at your location, please do not come to practice.

#### High School sports overlap with Practices and Tournaments

- A) If you have a High School Practice the same day as your club practice, that high school practice should come first.
  - a. However please remember it is up to your athlete to be able to maintain being able to compete at a high level and playing 2 sports.
- B) If you have a Saturday Morning Practice we ask that you skip that practice if your scheduled for a Tournament that day.
- C) All Multi Day Travel Events **Must** come before any high school sporting events.
  - a. With our travel events it comes at a cost to our families and we should make Every Effort to attend with our full roster.

#### **Tournament Breakdown:**

- A) 12's Pending Tournament Dates and Options
- B) 14's 8/9 Events and 2 of them are travel events.
   a. Atlantic City and Pittsburgh,
- C) 15's/16 Red/ 17s Red 9/10 Events and 2 of them are travel events.
   a. Atlantic City, Pittsburgh,
- D) 16 Blue 9/10 Events. Travel events below.
  - a. Atlantic City, Pittsburgh, Louisville , Chicago, Milwaukee
  - b. We will start events as early as October.
- E) 18 Blue, 17 Blue, 18 Red 10/11 Events Travel events below.
  - a. Atlantic City, Pittsburgh, Louisville , Chicago, Milwaukee
  - b. We will start events as early as October.
- F) We do recommend that all of our teams this season attend Nationals.
  - a. This Year in Orlando Florida
  - b. We do require all Blue Teams to attend.
- G) Teams wishing to add events to their schedules may vote in a team setting.

#### **Important Dates**

- A) Sunday July 27<sup>th</sup> (Mandatory) Uniform Day if you need to try items on.
  - a. Noon 2:00 PM all teams.
  - b. If you know your sizes you will send to me on the JotForm link.
- B) Sunday Sept 14<sup>th</sup> First Practice
- C) Down payments are due after accepting your offer or by August 1<sup>st</sup>.
- D) Paperwork will be due August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026 "Contracts"
- E) Nov 27<sup>th</sup> , Dec 25<sup>th</sup> , Jan 1 No Practice
  - a. We will have a club wide event on Dec 27<sup>th</sup>

#### Important Event/Tournament Dates – AAU NATIONAL DATES ARE NOT OUT YET

- A) ChiTown- Nov 1-3 (18B, 17B, 16B, 18R)
- B) Louisville Thursday 12/12 Sunday 12/14 (18B, 17B, 16B, 18R)
- C) Snowball Slam Dec 13-14 Local Teams and Younger Age Group
- D) Atlantic City Super Regional Jan 10-11 All Teams

- E) Brew City Battle Milwaukee Jan 31 to Feb 1 (18B, 17B, 18R, 17R 16B)
- F) JVA Freeze Feb 6-8 All Teams

#### **Travel Events:**

- A) Yorktowne will book (but not pay) all the hotel rooms for the parents and players
  - a. Each Event I will book one room for each athlete -
  - b. Players will room with parents to help save money
- B) Parents will be responsible to book airline tickets for their son
- C) If a parent can't attend an overnight trip, we will help find someone they can room with
- D) If we have multiple athletes who need a room we can have the guys room together and split the cost.

#### **Club Dues and Payments**

• Dues amount will be finalized once all events are posted and selected. Payment schedule is posted below:

Payment	Due Date	Amount
Deposit	Upon Offer Acceptance	\$750
Payment #1	August 22 <sup>nd</sup>	1/4 Balance
Payment #2	Sept 19 <sup>th</sup>	1/4 Balance
Payment #3	October 17 <sup>th</sup>	1/4 Balance
Payment #4	Nov 14 <sup>th</sup>	1/4 Balance

- All dues must be paid in full by Dec 1<sup>st</sup> 2025
- Any player with an outstanding balance due could be suspended from participating with the team until arrangements are made.
- You will receive a PDF at the start of the season for the club dues with the payment dates listed on the form along with cost breakdown for the season.
- Parents will be e-mailed an updated statement upon request.
- At this time no credit card payments are accepted.
- DO NOT give your payments to the coach. Please mail, if even past due.
- Any credits you have at the end of the season can be held for next year, transferred to a sibling, refunded, or donated to the club.
- We do offer fundraising each month to help offset the cost.
  - 1) We offer multiple fundraisers each month to help offset the cost.
  - 2) Whatever you and your athlete raise will go directly to your own personal club account.
  - Fundraising credits will be applied to payment #4 first, followed by payment #3, followed by payment #2.
  - 4) You may fundraise up to, but not over your total season dues amount. If payments have been made, a refund will be given at the end of the season.

5) Credits can be used towards nationals.

#### **College Recruiting**

- A) I will handle most of the college recruiting in the club. I will work with the athletes to make sure they are staying on tract with their process. The number one rule is they must "not mom and dad" be active in this process.
- B) Yorktowne has one of the top college recruiting rates in the country each year. Our entire club is based on our athletes wanting to pursue their dreams of playing collegiate volleyball.
- C) It is highly recommended that your son take competitive courses in high school. "Advanced Placement courses are important."
- D) It is very important that you take your SATS/ACT as early as possible.
- E) With the ever changing landscape of college athletics keep all options open.

#### **IMPORTANT KEY ITEMS:**

**Uniform Packages** – Are not included in the budgets. This year is a little different. Since we have moved to slunk we will have everyone pay Yorktowne their Uniform fee. This Fee will be due by Sept  $14^{th}$  – 3 Jerseys, 3 Shorts. You will get a link for an on line Store for the outerwear and Practice T shirts which will be paid to the screen printing company. (Estimated total \$250-300)

**Spirit Store** - There will plenty of optional gear on the spirit store for the athletes, parents, grandparents and fans. These items will be in before Christmas.

**Nationals** – All Blue teams are required to attend nationals. We do recommend all teams attend this event.

**LIU/Policies** – At no times can we prop the doors open and or roam the building. And just a reminder no smoking on school grounds.

**Early Season Training** – This year earlier in the season we will be doing more positional training instead of team practices. A schedule will be out once teams have been selected.

**Fundraising Helper** – If anyone is interested please see me. This position would get a credit to their club dues. Duties include adding the orders up, turning the totals over to me, and on delivery date sort and handout the items. We will take 2 people. \$700 Credit(each)

#### Why Yorktowne -

- A) Great Coaching Staff with multiple levels of experience.
  - 1) High School, Club, HP, AVP, Collegiate Coach, Collegiate Players.
  - 2) District Champs, States Champ, and Multiple Coach of the Years.
- B) One of the few clubs that travels to National Level events for college recruiting.
  - 1) The Highest College recruiting rate in the state of PA
    - i. 21 Athletes last year went on to play in college
  - 2) The Highest College Recruiting rate on the East Coast
  - 3) One of the top 10 college recruiting rates in the country
- C) Competitive Cost vs our Country wide competitors.
  - 1) We offer the similar schedules to other large clubs around the country for a lot less than they do. **Other Clubs** \$4000-5000 plus Uniforms and Travel.
- D) Yorktowne has become a nationwide recognized program for its finishes in national qualifiers and the athletes who have come from our program.
  - 1) Multiple National Qualifier Medals and Trophy's.
- E) Each Year our athletes leave our program and are college ready to play at the Division I, II, III levels as a freshman.
  - 1) Multiple athletes from our program have won awards at the collegiate level.
  - 2) Multiple athletes from our program go on to play PRO Volleyball over seas.
  - 3) Multiple athletes from our program are now coaching at the collegiate level.
  - 4) We had our first ever Olympian!! With a 2<sup>nd</sup> well on its way.
- F) Multiple collegiate coaches attend open gyms, tryouts and practices.
  - 1) Ties to almost every collegiate program in the country.
  - 2) Throughout the season we will see multiple coaches come to our gym
- G) Competitive teams at all levels and we offer the best and most competitive schedule.
  - We are one of the few clubs in the country that have qualified 2 teams at the 18s level in the same year.
  - 2) We are the only club that represents PA at the Junior National Championships each year since 1995.
    - i. We are the only club to constantly send 2-3 teams to play in the open field at nationals.

#### H) Free clinics and technical training

- 1) We will not charge our own athletes for technical training
  - i. We are here to make your athletes better and to change their lives through the sport of volleyball.
- I) Online Team Gear Store Items from Nike, UA, Badger, And more

We hope to see your athletes at tryouts and we looking forward to training your athletes this season!