



## Yorktowne Volleyball 2023/2024

### Season 29

Yorktowne Volleyball is located in the Keystone Region and is a member of USA Volleyball and AAU Volleyball. This season will mark our 29<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**  
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- 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 24 years on the boys side Yorktowne. In 24 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, Kevin Ecklund  
18 Red: John Barrick and Tina Fitzgerald  
17 Blue: Terry Ranck, and TBD  
17 Red: Josh Stewart and Noah Wilson  
16 Blue: Ian Capp and Nader Nassif  
15 Blue/16 Red: John Forry and Chris Nugent  
14 Blue: Billy Shellenberger and Heather Hildebrand

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 11 am Saturday and Sunday for the morning tryout session. When athletes arrive please have your paperwork ready. Last Years AAU or KRVA Membership or this year's KRVA Tryout 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 22<sup>nd</sup> : Saturday – Noon until – 2:00 pm

July 23<sup>rd</sup> : Sunday – Noon until – 2:00 pm

15 and 16 and under-

July 22<sup>nd</sup> : Saturday – Noon until – 2:00 pm

July 23<sup>rd</sup> : Sunday – Noon until – 2:00 pm

17 and 18 and under

July 22<sup>nd</sup> : Saturday – 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

July 23<sup>rd</sup> : Sunday – 2:00 pm – 4:00 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 3 early open gyms.
  - b. We understand this year you may be on vacation.
- C) All Players must have a KRVA or AAU Membership from last year in order to tryout. If you did not play club volleyball last year please get a KRVA Tryout Membership before tryouts.
  - a. <https://krva.org/> - Front Page in Red – Tryout Membership.
- 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. Per the Krva Policies you have 4 days to respond to the email, after that the position can be given to another athlete.
  - 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 on Wednesday Night and Sundays. (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) 14's – 8/9 Events and 2 of them are travel events.
  - a. Atlantic City and Pittsburgh, VA Beach
- B) 15's – 9/10 Events and 2 of them are travel events.
  - a. Atlantic City, Pittsburgh, VA Beach
- C) Both 16's – 9/10 Events. Travel events below.
  - a. Atlantic City, Pittsburgh, Va Beach, Chicago, Milwaukee
- D) 18 Blue, 17 Blue, 17 Red – 10/11 Events – Travel events below.
  - a. Atlantic City, Pittsburgh, Va Beach, Chicago, Milwaukee
  - b. We will start events as early as October.
- E) 18 Red – Travel Events Below.
  - a. Atlantic City, Pittsburgh, VA Beach, Milwaukee
- 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 Aug 27<sup>th</sup> Open Gym(Mandatory) and Uniform Day
- B) Sunday – Sept 10<sup>th</sup> – Open Gym
- C) Sunday - Sept 17<sup>th</sup> First Practice
- D) Down payments are due after accepting your offer or by August 1<sup>st</sup>.
- E) All Paperwork will be due August 1<sup>st</sup> , 2023 “Contracts”
- F) **Nov 23<sup>rd</sup>, Dec 24<sup>th</sup>, Dec 31<sup>st</sup>, (Dec 28<sup>th</sup> TBD)**

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

- A) JVA Chicago Event – Nov 11-13<sup>th</sup> (18B, 17B, 16B, 17R)
- B) Rust Bucket – Dec 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> – All Teams
- C) Atlantic City Super Regional – Dec 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> – All Teams
- D) East Coast Power League VA Jan 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> – All Teams
- E) Brew City Battle – Milwaukee – Jan 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> – (18B, 17B, 18R, 17R 16B)
- F) JVA Freeze – Feb 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> – 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	\$650.00
Payment #1	August 21 <sup>st</sup>	1/4 Balance
Payment #2	Sept 18 <sup>th</sup>	1/4 Balance
Payment #3	October 16 <sup>th</sup>	1/4 Balance
Payment #4	Nov 20 <sup>th</sup>	1/4 Balance

- All dues must be paid in full by Dec 15<sup>th</sup> 2023
- 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.
  - 3) 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 track 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. Most schools will not allow any official or overnight visits without your test scores. “This could and is changing” As everyone knows with Covid some schools are now waiving these test scores.

## IMPORTANT KEY ITEMS:

**Uniform Packages** – Are not included in the budgets. This year is a little different. Since we have moved to slunks we will have everyone pay Yorktowne their Uniform fee. This Fee will be due by Sept 10<sup>th</sup> – 3 Jerseys, 2 Shorts. And you will get a link for an online Store for the outerwear and Practice T shirts which will be paid to the screen printing company. (Estimated total \$240-250)

**Spirit Store** - There will be 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.

**Next Season** – In front of this building you will see a large old run-down football stadium, soccer fields, tennis courts and some older empty building. This we hope in the very near future will be our new home with 16 wood courts and many things to offer our athletes.

## 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. 10 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) Last year 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.**
  - 1) 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!