



MUDSOCK YOUTH VOLLEYBALL FALL 2021



Meijer is pleased to support Mudsock Youth Athletics in its mission of bringing sports to local kids. As a family company, Meijer aims to enrich the lives of families in its community. By sponsoring youth sports programs like Mudsock, Meijer gets to support local kids as they learn valuable life skills, build friendships, get active and, most importantly, have fun!

We are entering the 16th season of youth volleyball for girls! The Mudsock Youth Volleyball League is an opportunity for girls in the 4th – 8th grades to learn strong fundamentals and the rules of volleyball in a recreational setting. This developmental league has proven to increase the interest in volleyball and benefit our high school programs!

Registration

Open registration runs May 1st – 31st at myathletics.com. After May 31st, waitlist may form for certain divisions.

Cost

The fee for grades 4 through 8 is \$100 and includes a game jersey, tournament championship medal, if applicable, equipment usage, operating expenses, facility usage and custodial fees, officials, and insurance.

Refund Policy

For the 2021 season, the refund policy will be as follows:

May 1 – June 15th – Refund after \$32 non-refundable fee

June 16th – July 15th – 50% refund after the \$32 non-refundable fee

July 16th – July 31st – 25% refund after the \$32 non-refundable fee

After July 31st – No refund

4th – 8th Grade Recreation Volleyball

- Open to girls who will be in grades 4 - 8 in the fall 2021.
- Teams will focus on skills, teamwork, and fun.
- Teams will be made up of approximately 9-10 players and equal playing time is a priority.

Uniforms

You **MUST** indicate a jersey size on your on-line registration form for your registration to be considered complete. Samples are in the Mudsock Youth Athletics' office for your child to try on before ordering. Please call 317-845-5582 or email info@myathletics.com if you would like to make an appointment to try on a jersey. They are fitted and we encourage you to do so; we will not reorder shirts if you ordered the wrong size. The only uniform requirement is the jersey included in the fee. You are responsible for providing your player's shorts, knee pads and gym shoes.

Sponsors

Securing team sponsors from the area businesses helps offset the cost of our jerseys. The cost to sponsor a team is \$275 or you can sponsor two teams for \$500. If you know of a business that would like to advertise in this way, please contact the Mudsock Youth Athletics office at info@myathletics.com.

Team Assignments

The league commissioner will form teams based on grade level. Coaches for grades 4-6 will contact their teams the first week of August. In our league, we combine the 7th and 8th grades for our Junior High Division. At this level, even if you are interested in trying out for your school team, you **MUST** register for our league in May. Registrants who make the school team will receive a full refund by contacting the Mudsock Youth Athletics office. MYA will have the school team rosters to verify your refund. Those who are NOT trying out for the junior high school teams will be involved in clinic-style group practices with us until the conclusion of school try-outs. Because of the time frame of the junior high school try-outs, the teams for 7th and 8th graders cannot be formed until after school starts.

Player Request Policy

The purpose of our league is to instruct players in the fundamentals of volleyball and, of course, to have fun! We realize kids may like to be on the same team as their friends, but we do **not** take requests for friends or coaches. The only exception is siblings, who will be on the same team if noted during registration.

Coaches

Coaches are volunteers who must be trained through a **mandatory** coaches' clinic to be scheduled shortly before the season – typically the last weekend in July. Ideally, we like to have two coaches per team. All coaches must have a background check on file and complete

concussion training.

Practices/Matches

The season will begin with Saturday practices on August 7 and August 14. Weeknight practices begin the week of August 16. The first match will be played on August 21. There will be no games Labor Day weekend. Practices take place one night per week. The end of season tournament is scheduled for October 7, 8 and 9.

We do not know the full tournament schedule details at this time, but we will post it on the Mudsock Youth Volleyball website once it's confirmed. The practice and match schedules will be posted in Sports Connect as soon as we receive our allotted court space from the schools. We do not control how far in advance we get this information.

Volunteers

For every match, each team provides an adult (age 18+) scorekeeper and line judge. Please help your coaches and volunteer at least once during the season. We could use help too...we generally set up equipment for Saturday matches on Friday evening for about an hour. This involves getting chairs out, and setting up nets, official stands, and scorekeeping tables. If this is a way you can contribute to our league, please let us know!

Pictures

Professional team and individual pictures will be taken on a Saturday to be determined during league play.

Facilities

Our practices and matches are restricted to the use of the school gyms. In order to respect school policies, please keep siblings and other children with you and from being anywhere other than the gym. **No food or drinks, except water, are allowed in the gyms. This policy is for players as well as spectators.** Keeping the school gyms clean helps keep costs down by not incurring additional custodial fees. Thank you for helping us maintain our good relationship with the schools.