

The Victors Volleyball Club

Age group Policy

Age groups were established by USA Volleyball and AAU Volleyball based on research of what is the best for each individual athlete. It is our intention to follow those guidelines and keep athletes in the age group where they belong, according to the nationally established birthdates. Being the “go to” player on the top 14 team will assist in a player’s physical and emotional development much faster than being one of many players on one of many 16 teams.

We understand that there are exceptions to every rule and we expect that in a RARE case, the coaches may elect to move an athlete up. That will only be done if an athlete fits into the following one of the following criteria: **The athlete must demonstrate to us that she will be an IMPACT player on the HIGHEST team in the next age group based on both ATHLETICISM and current VOLLEYBALL SKILLS, or an athlete has a late birth date (Sept 1 or later) and exhibits the ability to play with her classmates in the older age group** . If she does not fit either of these criteria, she will remain in her own age group.

Our mission is to train every athlete to be the best that she can be. We are NOT interested whether she makes the varsity or any other team in “XYZ” High School. We believe her best chance to develop into the best player possible is by staying in her own age group and playing the highest level of competition that the state has to offer. Please understand that playing in an older age group does not necessarily mean that she will get better training or a better level of competition. If sufficient competition is not available in an age group tournament, the entire team will be moved “up” into an older age group for that day.

As was stated in the Parents Meeting and has been the Club’s philosophy since its inception, it is your decision what club to join. If our policies do not match with yours, you should by all means, go find a club that does. We will both be happier!