

# Welcome to Infinity Volleyball Club 2025-2026

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Infinity Volleyball Club is honored that you have chosen to be part of our family.

Please stop and check this site so you can receive your NTR club assignment on July 8th

[https://ntr.vstarvolleyball.com/ocs/add\\_player.php](https://ntr.vstarvolleyball.com/ocs/add_player.php)

## about us

Infinity was founded in 2017 and exists to develop student athletes to their maximum potential, and to provide opportunities to compete at the highest level.

- Infinity Volleyball was created to elevate the opportunity to play competitive volleyball in the East Texas area. We are committed to the process involved in initiating this level of competition. This requires a combination of great coaches, training programs, and competitive schedules to accomplish. It will take time, and the efforts of every player, parent, and coach willing to be a pioneer.
- We aim to provide opportunities for players with similar goals and skills to compete together and challenge one another. We are a training-focused club striving to develop multifaceted player (Proverbs 27:17 - "Iron sharpens iron")
- Our club strives to draw the most competitive and skilled players together from across the East Texas region. To ensure competitive teams, each player is required to try out and is evaluated by multiple coaches.
- Infinity is committed to promoting players whose goals are to continue to play beyond high school. We have personnel and resources in place to help facilitate this process.

## 2024-2025

- 7 Years as a Club
- 2025-4 teams earned BIDS and qualified for North Texas Regionals
- 2025-4 teams will represent us at USAV Nationals
- 2025-3 teams will represent us at AAU Nationals
- 2025-1 team will represent us at the Phoenix Volleyball Festival
- 6 of our 7 Seniors are Signed Commits for 2025

- IVC players are outstanding area achievers on their HS teams, receiving District and State superlatives as well as local accolades.

**Our mission** is for each athlete to reach their full potential as a volleyball player and provide them the opportunity to grow as young women. Our goal is to build teams composed of like-minded players, whose goals, work ethics, skills and attitudes are similar. We believe by creating an atmosphere of excellence, players will grow in every aspect of the game. IVC is geared toward players who desire to play at the most competitive level and possibly continue to play at the collegiate level. To facilitate this goal, teams will travel outside of our region.

Our Club Policies have been established to promote and support the club mission, and to help create and maintain a strong, honest, respectable club volleyball program. These are not optional guidelines.

All parents and players will be held responsible for adhering to all club policies. Anyone found in violation of these policies may be restricted and/or removed from IVC.

### **General Club Policies**

Players and Parents must always maintain a positive and respectful attitude toward all aspects of the club. Athletes and Parents are expected to treat ALL coaches, referees, players, parents, spectators and facility staff with courtesy and respect at all times. We are ultimately one TEAM and will maintain respectful and supportive relationships amongst each other. If any conflicts arise within the team, address them in a timely manner, if necessary. Players will feed off the unity of parents and coaches.

Parents and athletes in the IVC program will be expected to make both IVC and academics a priority. We expect athletes to manage their time accordingly so that they are able to attend and be on time to practices, tournaments and other related functions that fall within the team schedule. Mandatory school functions take priority over club functions. On certain occasions, major tests/exams may be taken into consideration for practice schedules.

Any inappropriate or illegal behavior with coaches or staff will not be tolerated and is subject to immediate dismissal and will be reported to the appropriate authorities.

### **IVC Practices:**

It is mandatory that every player arrive 5-10 minutes early and be ready to take the floor on time (dressed, shoes, etc.). Consequence for late players is up to the discretion of the coach, but there will be a consequence. In the event that a player is perpetually late, there will be a parent-player-coach meeting arranged. If the issue continues, there will be a meeting with a Director. During practice and pre-practice meetings all cell phones must be put away. Parents

should refrain from communicating with players during practices to avoid distractions, unless they have coach approval or it is an important matter. Players must wear their practice shirts to every practice. Consequence is up to the discretion of the coach, but there will be a consequence for not wearing the correct practice shirt.

Protocols concerning player absences (including illness and school events), are at the discretion of the coach. If the coach so chooses, the player may be required to sit out the first set of the next tournament or make up the practice.

## **Tournament Policies**

Players must arrive at tournaments at least 45 minutes early. Your coach will inform you of your exact required arrival time and the location. If players arrive at a tournament late there will be a consequence issued by the coach at the next practice. If players arrive less than 20 minutes prior to the start of the match they will not be allowed to play in the first set of that match. Additional Consequences will be up to the discretion of the coach. The Coach will advise the team on tournament details and arrival times at playing sites as soon as they receive the information. The tournament details are not usually posted until the Tuesday before the tournament. When you arrive at your playing site, the team will pick out a spot and line up their bags in a neat, orderly fashion. This is a good representation of IVC and adds security. All player cell phones must be put away for the entire duration of match play, unless the player receives permission from the coach for family phone calls. This includes listening to music on your cell phone. This promotes team bonding. While at tournaments and events, athletes must stay together as a team. Players are not allowed to leave tournament sites until the tournament is over and the coach has dismissed the players. Inform your coach of your location when away from the team. Players are required to have all uniform items with them at every tournament. Always be prepared to play a match or perform officiating duties.

Please maintain IVC's standards of respectful behavior and good sportsmanship.

After each match, win or lose, good or bad officiating, team captains will shake the referee's hand. Teams must clean up both bench areas after every match.

If any conflicts arise at a tournament, all parties (parents, players and coaches) must wait 24 hours before discussing the issue. Please inform a Director of any major problems/issues.

## **Officiating**

Each team is required to have every player on the roster certified in scorekeeping. The courses for certification are available online through USAV. Players must equally share officiating responsibilities. Players act as linesmen and scorekeepers for all tournaments. Players must know the expectations for their officiating duties -- no cell phones, eating, talking, listening to headphones, daydreaming, etc. while officiating and/or scorekeeping. There will be no more than 4 players at the scorekeeping table to minimize distractions.

**IVC members will maintain high standards of good sportsmanship. All parents and players are to respect all officials and tournament staff. If we have any disrespectful parents on the sidelines at tournaments, a coach or a Director will address the situation immediately.**

### **Travel Guidelines**

**For stay-to-play tournaments, teams are required to stay at one of several designated host hotels. For those tournaments, the club will secure a block of rooms for each participating team and communicate a link to the block. Parents will have a window of time to claim one of those rooms and reserve it in their name. Be sure to list the player as a guest in the room to ensure the team gets credit for the room. \*if the team does 2 stay to plays the director will organize groups within the team that must adhere to the stay to play guidelines. This will help the team parents save money or atleast plan better accommodations for one of the stay to play tournaments. We want the system to be fair and if one group of parents is always following the rules and another is not resentment gets built up amongst the group.**

**For non stay-to-play tournaments, families can book their own accommodations. This allows people to take advantage of points, etc. and choose the hotel that best suits their family. If players are staying at different locations, we expect that they will make it a priority to attend all team functions/meetings. While in hotels, athletes are to respect the property and privacy of others in the hotel. Loud or rowdy behavior will not be tolerated.**

**Transportation of players to and from tournaments will be the responsibility of parents. Athletes are not allowed to be in a coach's hotel room at any point.**

**Athletes are expected to dress modestly and respectfully during non-playing periods. Remember that you are representatives of the IVC.**

### **Tobacco/Nicotine, Drugs & Alcohol**

**Players are to abstain from the use of tobacco, drugs, jules and alcohol at all times. Any athlete found to be in possession of an illegal substance must be reported to the Director immediately, and may be removed from the club.**

### **Managing Conflict**

**The line of communication should be from coach to athlete to parent for all issues involving athletes and/or teams. Athletes are encouraged and expected to talk with their coaches about any problems or concerns they may have. Player's fees provide guaranteed equal practice time, but not guaranteed equal playing time at tournaments. Should parents and/or players have any concern with playing time or any other conflict they must follow the club policies below to resolve concerns.**

- a. Do not, for any reason, approach coaches or staff members during or immediately after a tournament to discuss conflicts, including playing time, line ups and coaching decisions. You must wait at least 24 hours to approach your coaches about your concerns.
- b. Should a player wish to discuss their playing time or any other concerns, they will need to meet player to coach first, before or after practice in private.
- c. If the player still has concerns the parent and player may request a meeting with the coaches privately.
- d. Lastly, if neither of those efforts resolve your concerns, you may request a meeting with a Director and your coaches.

To fully address concerns the player, coaches, both parents and Directors will be present at this meeting. In order to resolve conflicts, Parents and Players are expected to communicate concerns with the appropriate parties not with other Parents or Players. If we are not aware of the problems we are not able to address them fully.

**\*\*\*Notify a Director immediately if you have any concerns for a player's safety or well-being. The Directors are here to help address all major issues or concerns.**

### **Disciplinary Strike System**

In the event that club policies are broken, there is a reprimand process for all club members including parents and players. Minor team, parent, and coach issues will be addressed with a verbal warning prior to entering the steps below. For extreme offenses any level may be skipped and can result in immediate removal.

**1st Offense – Official Written Warning**

**2nd Offense – Probationary Period**

**3rd Offense – Removal**

### **Equipment & Facilities**

Each team is given 8 team volleyballs and a ball bag for tournaments that do not have them available. Equipment is marked so that they can be easily located. Equipment must be accounted for at all practices and tournaments before your team is dismissed. Teams should make sure all facilities are left in better condition than when we arrived. All equipment must be put away properly and all trash must be picked up. An incident report will be filled out for all injuries that occur at IVC or any sanctioned event.

**Team Parents.... It is vital for all parents to support your team!!!**

## **Payments**

Payments will be accepted via online payment. Please communicate in advance regarding payment issues. We cannot solve a problem we are not aware of. In the event a player is not current with payments, the coach will be notified, and that player may not be allowed to participate in practices or tournaments until payments are current. If at any time during the season circumstances arise that prevent the club from completing it's obligation (i.e. USAV, or local, state, or national governing bodies cancel events, gatherings, etc. or facilities who allow us to practice change the arrangement preventing the club from practicing and suitable arrangements cannot be made to replace those facilities), the financial responsibilities of the player will end, under the condition that the player is current with payments.