

2025 Youth Volleyball League March 17 - May 17

<u>Overview</u>

Volleyball has been a tradition of the YMCA since it was created by William G. Morgan in 1895. At the Valparaiso Family YMCA we embrace our history and are proud to offer Youth Volleyball to children in 1st grade up to 9th grade.

We believe that Youth Sports should be used to develop a child's character while also giving them an opportunity to be active and enjoy being introduced to a new sport. For more experienced players we still believe in giving all children the opportunity to succeed and always place the emphasis on providing a fun environment for your kids.

Divisions (Co-ed)

1st & 2nd Grade 3rd & 4th Grade 5th & 6th Grade 7th, 8th, 9th Grade

Practices

- Practices will begin the week of March 17.
- There will be no practices or games for Spring Break March 23 March 29.
- Your child will practice only once per week, on either Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday.
- All practices will be held at First Baptist Church, 2205 N Campbell St, Valparaiso IN 46383.

<u>Games</u>

- All games take place at the Valparaiso Family YMCA. Games will be played on 4/12, 4/19, 4/26, 5/3, 5/10 and 5/17.
- A total of 6 games will be played (for each team).

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Equipment

- Players will use the YMCA reversible all-sport jersey.
- Use of knee pads and/or elbow pads are allowed and encouraged although not required to play.
- Players must wear gym shoes, no open toed sandals or shoes are allowed for practices or games.

Pictures

• Picture week is TBD.

<u>Coaches</u>

Like almost all youth sports organizations, the YMCA depends on volunteer coaches to ensure the effectiveness of the program. We believe strongly in the impact a volunteer can have on a child and encourage all parents who are able, to volunteer. Lesson plans can be provided.

For information on the responsibilities of a volunteer coach please contact our Sports Director, Kevin Freyenberger, at (219) 462-4185 extension 239 or kfreyenberger@valpoymca.org

Volunteer Coach Meeting

Tuesday, March 11, 2025, 5:30pm Valparaiso Family YMCA Community Room

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Division Overview

Grades 1st- 2nd

- 8 players on the court (or down to 6 if needing to match other team)
- Ball: Volley-Lite
- Net height: 6ft 3in
- Serve: between 5ft and 10ft mark (2 attempts to serve in)
- Max of 4 serves in a row for one individual
- Games: 3 games to 15
- Game length: 35 minutes

Grades 3rd - 4th

- 8 players on the court (or down to 6 if needing to match other team)
- Ball: Volley-Lite
- Net height: 6ft 3in
- Serve: behind 10ft line (2 attempts to serve in)
- Max of 4 serves in a row for one individual
- Games: 3 games to 18
- Game length: 40 minutes

Grades 5th - 6th

- 6 players on the court
- Ball: Volley-Lite
- Net height: 6ft 6in
- Serve: behind 15ft mark (2 attempts to serve in)
- Max of 4 serves in a row for one individual
- Games: 3 games to 21 (Cap of 25)
- Game length: 45 minutes

Grades 7th - 8th - 9th

- 6 players on the court
- Ball: Regular volleyball
- Net height: 7ft
- Serve: behind back boundary (normal, 1 attempt)
- Max of 4 serves in a row for one individual
- Games: 3 games 25 (Cap of 28)
- Game length: 50 minutes

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