

Angels of Albuquerque Volleyball Club: Club Handbook

Section 1: Introduction

Welcome to the Angels of Albuquerque Volleyball Club

Welcome to the Angels of Albuquerque Volleyball Club, a proud member of the SURVA -Sun Country Region of USA Volleyball. This handbook serves as your guide to a successful season, providing essential information about our club's mission, policies, and expectations for both players and parents.

We are committed to open communication and partnership. For any questions, please contact our Club Administrator. For the latest news, schedules, and updates, please visit our official website.

- Website: www.angelsofalbuquerque.com
- Email: angelsofalbuquerque@hotmail.com

Mission Statement:

To empower young athletes for success in life through the sport of volleyball. We are dedicated to fostering their growth by providing high-quality instruction and promoting confidence, integrity, teamwork, and a lifelong passion for the game.

Club Philosophy:

We believe that a successful athletic journey is built on three pillars: Character, Commitment, and Community.

- Character: We develop resilient, respectful, and responsible athletes who lead with integrity.
- Commitment: We instill a strong work ethic and dedication to personal and team goals.
- Community: We cultivate a supportive and inclusive environment where every player, parent, and coach contributes to our collective success.

Club Leadership:

The Angels of Albuquerque Volleyball Club is a non-profit organization guided by a dedicated Board of Directors. Our leadership team is composed of volunteers who are passionate about youth sports and committed to the club's mission.

- Executive Director: Brian Sanchez (Brian@angelsofalbuquerque.com)
- Associate Director: Theresa Sanchez (Theresa@angelsofalbuquerque.com)
- Treasurer: Lucy Mora (Lucy@angelsofalbuquerque.com)

Please schedule appointments for any formal complaints or sensitive discussions.

Our Coaching Staff:

Our coaches are the heart of our program. Every Angels coach is IMPACT and SafeSport certified, registered with USAV, and has passed a comprehensive background check. They are selected for their expertise, passion, and ability to serve as positive role models. Coaches are responsible for player development, team strategy, and fostering an environment of respect and hard work.

Section 2: The Athlete & Parent Commitment

Registration & Eligibility:

All athletes must complete the following before the start of the season:

- Agree to the Angels Contractual Agreement and Sign the Medical Waiver.
- Submit the USAV Youth and Junior Volleyball Player Medical Release Form.
- Acknowledge and agree to the Parent and Player Codes of Conduct.
- Commit to the season's financial obligations.

Age group eligibility is determined by USA Volleyball.

Tryouts & Team Placement:

Tryouts are held annually in the early summer. Our coaching staff evaluates athletes on skill, athleticism, attitude, and potential. Offers for team placement are extended following tryouts, and athletes must accept or decline in a timely manner. Once an athlete accepts a position with any club, they are committed to that club for the season per USAV regulations.

Financial Commitment:

Club fees cover a wide range of expenses, including:

- Tournament registration fees
- Facility rentals
- Coaching stipends and training
- Uniforms and equipment
- USAV club registration and insurance

Payment Policy:

- A non-refundable uniform deposit is due upon team placement to ensure your athlete's uniform is ordered and received in a timely manner prior to the first tournament. Each uniform is custom ordered with the athlete's name and selected number.
- The remaining balance is paid via a monthly payment schedule.
- Payments are due on the 1st of each month. A late fee of \$20 will be applied to payments made more than 5 days after the due date.
- A \$50 fee will be charged for any returned checks.
- Athletes with delinquent accounts will be ineligible to participate in practices or tournaments until the balance is paid in full.

Refund Policy:

- All club fees are non-refundable. The club's budget is finalized based on the number of committed athletes, and operational costs are fixed. This policy applies even if an athlete withdraws due to injury, scheduling conflicts, or dismissal for a policy violation.

Section 3: Club Operations & Policies

Practices:

- Schedule: Teams practice a minimum of once per week. Practice schedules are subject to change based on facility availability.

- Attendance: Consistent attendance is mandatory. Unexcused absences will result in reduced playing time. Athletes must communicate any planned absence to their head coach in advance.
- Punctuality: Players are expected to arrive 15 minutes prior to the start of practice to prepare for a prompt start.
- Closed Practices: To maximize focus and minimize distractions, all practices are closed to spectators unless otherwise noted by the coach.

Tournaments:

- Playing Time: Playing time in tournaments is earned, not guaranteed. It is determined by the coaching staff based on skill, attendance, attitude, effort, and game strategy. While coaches strive to provide opportunities during pool play, playing time is entirely at the coach's discretion during playoffs. Our philosophy is that athletes "pay to train," and they "earn the right to play."
- Officiating: All players are required to complete the USAV officiating and scorekeeping clinic. Officiating is a team responsibility. If a player leaves during their team's officiating assignment, they will be required to sit out the equal amount of sets at the next tournament.
- Travel: Families are responsible for all travel expenses. For "Stay to Play" tournaments, all team members must book accommodations at the designated hotels.

Multi-Sport Athletes:

We recognize the value of being a well-rounded athlete. However, club volleyball requires a significant time commitment. Athletes participating in other sports must provide their schedules to the head coach to identify potential conflicts. Club volleyball must be the priority during the season, and excessive absences may impact playing time.

Grievance Procedure:

We encourage open and respectful communication to resolve issues. Please follow this protocol:

1. 24-Hour Rule: Parent(s) and athletes must wait 24 hours after a tournament or game before initiating a conversation with a coach about a sensitive issue.
2. Player-Coach Meeting: The athlete should first schedule a meeting with their coach to discuss the issue.

3. Parent-Coach Meeting: If the issue is not resolved, the parent(s) may schedule a meeting with the coach.
4. Meeting with Directors: If the issue persists, the parent(s) may schedule a meeting with the Club Directors.

Please Note: Discussions regarding playing time will be limited to the athlete's individual development. Coaches will not discuss other players or team strategy.

Section 4: Safety & Conduct

Codes of Conduct:

All players and parents are required to read and agree to the respective Codes of Conduct(s). These documents outline our expectations for sportsmanship, respect, and positive behavior.

Athlete Safety & SafeSport:

The Angels of Albuquerque Volleyball Club is a proud supporter of the USAV SafeSport program. We are committed to providing a safe and positive environment for all participants. Any concerns regarding athlete safety should be reported to club leadership immediately.

Insurance:

All registered athletes are covered by USA Volleyball's secondary insurance policy. However, families are required to maintain their own primary health insurance.