MVA Grand Rapids 2020-2021 Season Information

U18 | 12th Grades

For athletes born on or after July 1, 2003

Training Levels

18 Black	5-month season, this is our highest level of training for our most competitive HS athletes.	2 practices per week. 8 multi-day tournaments. Team will play in large open level regional events, and national qualifiers. National athletes are only allowed to participate in 1 activity outside of MVA during season.
18 Blue	5-month season, this level is for committed and competitive HS athletes.	2 practices per week. 7 multi-day tournaments. Teams will play in the open level power league, multiple regional events, and National Qualifiers. Elite athletes may be asked to only participate in 1 activity outside of MVA during season.
HS Regional	3-month season. Winter: December – March. Spring: March – June. Athletes may play Winter, Spring, or both.	2 practices per week. 4 Saturday tournaments and 2 two-day tournaments.

Important Dates

U18 Tryouts All Levels | Sunday November 7, 10:00am-1:00pm

*Please register for the highest level you are interested in and indicate ALL levels you'd like to be considered for when pro mpted

Program Announcements | By Tuesday November 9 at 6:00pm via email. We will also post results on the website.

Practice Starts | Week of November 29

Tentative Schedule

18 National Black Teams

Practice | Tuesday 6:30pm-9:00pm and Thursday 6:30pm-9:00pm

Season Tournaments |

Date	Event	Location	Travel Type
December 11 & 12	Camp Henry	Newaygo	Team Travel
January 15 & 16	JVA Rock n Rumble	Cleveland	Team Travel
January 29 & 30	Central Zones	Indianapolis	Team Travel
February 19, 20 & 21	Presidents' Day Classic	St. Louis	Team Travel
March 5 & 6	Bluegrass	Louisville	Team Travel
March 25, 26 & 27	MidEast Qualifier	Indianapolis	Team Travel
April 23 & 24	Motor City Madness	Pontiac	Parent Travel
April 30 & May 1st	Volleyfest	Grand Rapids Area	Local
May 14 & 15	Spring Fling	Grand Rapids Area	Local

Tentative Schedule Cont.

18 Blue Teams

Practice | Tuesday 6:30pm-9:00pm and Thursday 6:30pm-9:00pm

Season Tournaments |

Date	Event	Location	Travel Type
December 11 & 12	Camp Henry	Newaygo	Team Travel
January 8 & 9	Michiana Power League	East Side MI	Parent Travel
January 22 & 23	Michiana Power League	Grand Rapids	Local
January 29 & 30	JVA MKE Jamboree	Milwaukee	Team Travel
February 19, 20 & 21	Presidents' Day Classic	St. Louis	Team Travel
February 26 & 27	Michiana Power League	East Side MI	Parent Travel
March 19, 20 & 21	MidEast Qualifier	Indianapolis	Team Travel
April 23 & 24	Motor City Madness	Pontiac	Parent Travel
April 30 & May 1st	Volleyfest	Grand Rapids Area	Local
May 14 & 15	Spring Fling	Grand Rapids Area	Local

Regional Teams

Practice | Monday 6:30pm-8:30pm and Wednesday 7:30pm-9:30pm

Winter Tournaments |

Date	Event	Location
January 8	Lakeshore Power League	Grand Rapids Area
January 22	Lakeshore Power League	Grand Rapids Area
February 12	Lakeshore Power League	Grand Rapids Area
February 19 & 20	Presidents' Day Challenge	Detroit
February 26	Lakeshore Power League	Grand Rapids Area
March 5 & 6	Winter Bash	Grand Rapids Area

Tuition and Payment Information

18 Black | $2050 Tuition + $1200 Team Travel Fee

Includes 2 practice shirts, whistle, 2 jerseys, and AAU registration

Includes transportation and lodging to Camp Henry, Rock n Rumble Cleveland, Central Zones Indy, Bluegrass Louisville, Presidents Day St. Louis, & MEQ Indy.

18 Blue | $2050 Tuition + $1000 Team Travel Fee

Includes 2 practice shirts, whistle, 2 jerseys, and AAU registration

Team travel includes transportation and lodging to Camp Henry, Milwaukee, Presidents' Day St. Louis, & MEQ Indianapolis.

HS Regional | $935 Tuition

Includes 2 practice shirts, whistle, jersey, and AAU registration.

- A deposit is due online by Thursday November 11th to accept a spot on a team. The remaining balance may be paid in full or we offer automatic monthly payment plans for no extra cost!
  - 18 Black, Blue, Elite, Regional - $300
- All MVA athletes receive discounted D1 performance training classes (at the MSA Fieldhouse) and discounts on spandex, kneepads, and shoes at the MSA retail store.
- We also offer Savory food fundraisers.
- *Families in need may also apply for financial assistance at msafoundations.org*

The Team Travel Advantage

Every tuition price for club volleyball comes with a '+' sign. You will have to pay the tuition price to be a part of the te am PLUS you will incur the cost of travel to attend the competitions. This travel cost is yours to pay regardless of how travel is done. Here at MVA we do what is known as team travel, and 93% *of our surveyed parents were satisfied with the amount of team travel and felt it was advantageous for their family!*

What is team travel?

Just as the name implies, National/Elite teams will travel and stay as a group (with their coach or female chaperone) to most of our out-of-state tournaments. All hotel/lodging is included, and we normally travel on a 55-passenger bus or a 15-passenger van, but if a plane ride is necessary, that is included too.

What are the benefits to me and my family?

Team Travel **PROVIDES ASSURANCE -** With the uncertainty surrounding Covid-19 many large events have cautioned that spectators may not be allowed in facilities. With Team Travel, your athlete can continue playing and you won't waste time and money, just to sit in a hotel room all weekend.

Team Travel **SAVES YOU TIME** - Most parents have jobs, chores, duties, and other kids who have their own activities. Balancing all of this can be even harder for single parents. Watching your kid is always great, but when life happens, you won't have to make the tough choices.

Team Travel **TEACHES TEAMWORK** – Real life requires the ability to work and play well with others. In our careers, we have all worked with (or for) that person who can't seem to get along with others. No one wants their daughter to grow up to be that person. Team travel gives our athletes the opportunity to practice these necessary team skills off the court as well as on.

Team Travel **SAVES YOU MONEY** – Team travel can save you up to 50% off travel costs. How is this possible? One third (1/3) the price of a hotel - no eating out for the whole family - no missing work - no gas fill-ups - no wear and tear on your car. That's how!

Team Travel Parent Testimonials

"Loved the team travel and came in thinking I wouldn't. It offered a date weekend for my hubby and I and it also gave the girls some time to be without their parents. You guys do a great job with communication – thorough and upfront. So thankful she made the switch."

"In regards to team travel I loved it because it gives me a break. I also appreciate the team travel because it saves me money and you build this into the cost of being on an Elite team. The teams truly bond and focus on each other and volleyball."

"Team travel with MVA has been a great experience for our daughter. As a Mom, I was initially concerned but after hearing MVA's approach to team travel, I was on board! The opportunity for my daughter to get to know her teammates on an individual level without the pressures of being on the court deepened the friendships on the team."

"MVAs team travel has given my athlete a chance to show responsibility for herself and allows her to help navigate the highs and lows of team sports while achieving her goals to becoming a great volleyball player. It has also given many parents the ability to enroll their kids in a high-level program even if they are not always able to attend every out of town tournament. This is only one reason that our family continues to choose MVA over other programs"