

## **BCVC Family and Friends,**

As we prepare for an exciting new season, we want to share some important updates about the direction of Black Creek Volleyball Club and provide transparency regarding upcoming changes to our programming. Our goal is to ensure that all families have a clear understanding of what to expect and how these changes will benefit our athletes.

### **Why Black Creek Volleyball Club?**

Founded in 2007, Black Creek Volleyball Club is proud to celebrate its 20th anniversary. For two decades, we have remained committed to developing athletes and providing a positive, rewarding volleyball experience for families throughout our community.

Under the leadership of Club Director Jason Berry, who brings more than 35 years of coaching and athlete development experience, Black Creek is dedicated to helping players achieve success both on and off the court.

A defining strength of Black Creek is its culture. Many former athletes have returned to serve as coaches within the program, giving back to the club that played a meaningful role in their development. Their continued involvement helps preserve and strengthen the values, traditions, and sense of community that have been the foundation of Black Creek Volleyball Club for the past two decades.

We are proud to provide a dedicated Strength and Conditioning Coach as part of our tuition, at no additional cost. While many clubs charge separately for this service, our athletes receive year-round access to specialized training designed to build the strength, stability, mobility, and athletic foundation necessary to excel in both indoor and beach volleyball. This integrated approach helps athletes improve performance, reduce the risk of injury, and develop the physical tools needed for long-term success in the sport.

With experienced leadership, a strong community, and a focus on long-term athlete development, Black Creek Volleyball Club continues to be a place where players can learn, compete, and thrive.

### **Commitment to Coaching Excellence**

At Black Creek Volleyball Club, we believe great coaches never stop learning. Our coaching staff is committed to continually improving their knowledge and teaching methods by participating in coaching clinics, educational opportunities, and professional development throughout the year. This commitment ensures our players

receive high-quality instruction, benefit from the latest training techniques, and have the best possible experience as they develop their skills and love for the game.

## **What Makes Black Creek Different**

At Black Creek Volleyball Club, we believe in developing complete athletes through a year-round training model that combines the best of both indoor and beach volleyball. Each discipline teaches unique skills that complement one another, helping athletes grow faster and become more versatile players.

Indoor volleyball develops team systems, speed, blocking, transition play, and overall volleyball IQ, while beach volleyball strengthens ball control, decision-making, communication, movement, and mental toughness. Together, they create well-rounded athletes who can succeed in any environment.

One of the greatest benefits of our approach is the increased number of ball contacts athletes receive through beach training. More serving, passing, setting, attacking, and problem-solving opportunities accelerate skill development and translate directly to improved indoor performance.

Our year-round development model is designed with long-term athlete growth in mind. By providing seasonal variety and balanced training opportunities, athletes continue to improve while reducing burnout, avoiding repetitive-use injuries, and maintaining their passion for the game.

For families with collegiate aspirations, this approach also provides a recruiting advantage. College coaches increasingly value athletes who can compete on multiple surfaces because they often demonstrate stronger ball control, better movement, greater adaptability, and higher-level decision-making under pressure.

Perhaps most importantly, our athletes develop the confidence, leadership, and resilience needed to succeed both on and off the court. Beach volleyball encourages accountability, communication, and independence, while indoor volleyball teaches teamwork and collaboration. Together, these experiences help build confident leaders and complete competitors.

**At Black Creek, we don't just train volleyball players—we develop versatile athletes prepared for success in every aspect of the game.**

**How it will work**

## Year-Round Indoor & Beach Volleyball Development

- Comprehensive Year-Round Training: Athletes will participate in both beach and indoor volleyball throughout the year, allowing them to develop a complete skill set while benefiting from the unique advantages of each discipline.
- Fall Beach Training Program: Beginning in August, athletes will attend one beach volleyball practice per week (weekends) in addition to our regular indoor clinics and position-specific training sessions.
- Competitive Beach Schedule: From August through December, athletes will have opportunities to compete in beach volleyball tournaments, providing valuable game experience and skill development.
- Flexible Training During School Seasons: During weeks with beach tournaments, an additional optional practice will be offered. We recognize that many athletes are simultaneously participating in junior high and high school indoor volleyball programs, and we want to provide flexibility while still offering additional training opportunities to get ready for the beach tournaments.
- Weekend Competition Structure: Beach practices will typically be held on Saturdays, while junior beach tournaments are scheduled on Sundays.
- Transition to Indoor Season: In December, our focus shifts somewhat to the indoor club season, where athletes apply the ball control, decision-making, communication, and movement skills developed during beach training to the indoor game.
- Balanced Athlete Development: This integrated approach provides continuous growth opportunities throughout the year while helping athletes remain engaged, challenged, and prepared for success at every level of competition.
- Once the indoor club season begins, athletes will continue to train in both indoor and beach volleyball as part of our commitment to comprehensive player development. Our training schedule will be adjusted throughout the season based on upcoming competition schedules, allowing us to effectively prepare athletes for both indoor and beach tournaments.

- Athletes can expect to participate in 1–2 indoor practices and 1–2 beach practices each week, creating a balanced training environment that develops both individual skills and team play. By maintaining exposure to both disciplines, players continue to benefit from increased ball contacts, improved movement, enhanced decision-making, and greater overall versatility.
- In addition, we will offer indoor position-specific training sessions for every position on weekends when no tournaments are scheduled. These specialized sessions provide athletes with focused instruction tailored to their role on the court, allowing them to refine technical skills, improve game awareness, and accelerate their development in a competitive training environment.
- This integrated approach ensures that our athletes receive consistent, high-quality training throughout the year while maximizing opportunities for skill development, competition, and long-term success.

## **Projected Tournament Schedule**

The following tournament schedule represents our current plan for the upcoming season. While event dates and locations are subject to change based on tournament organizers and registration availability, we anticipate participating in the events listed below and will provide updates as they become available.

### **August**

23rd FCVA Jax Beach

### **September**

13th GNBV Kauai Bikini Beach SHowcase Hickory Point (15 and older)

20th FCVA Jax Beach (14 and under)

### **October**

24th CAT5 Volloween St Augustine

25th FCVA Jax Beach

### **November**

14-15th Sandstorm Fall Showcase Hickory Point Beach (15 and older)

22nd SSOVA Qualifier Clearwater (14 and under)

### **December**

12-13th JVC Holiday Challenge Daytona Beach

**January**

2-3rd Winter World Mega SHowcase  
16-18th JVC First in Show Ocala

**February**

6-7th Daytona 100  
13-15th Savannah Showdown

**March**

TBA AAU Classic Orlando  
26-28th Florida Regional

**April**

10-11th Winner's Circle Ocala  
TBA FCVA Beach Jacksonville.

**Practice Locations for the Upcoming Season**

***Beach Volleyball Practices***

Beach practices will be held at Russell Baptist Church, located off Sandridge Road in Green Cove Springs. We are also exploring additional beach court locations to provide more practice opportunities throughout the season.

***Indoor Volleyball Practices***

Indoor practices will be held at Oakleaf Junior High School and Lakeside Junior High School. We are actively working to secure additional indoor facilities to support our teams and accommodate the upcoming season's needs.

We look forward to providing our athletes with quality training environments and will share updates as additional locations are confirmed.

**Coaching Assignments**

	<b>Team Coaches</b>	<b>Age Group Coaches</b>	<b>Player and Coach Development Coaches</b>
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<b>10-14 age range</b>	Roger Collamati, Mia Utsler, Ashley Morin	Aminda Bassette, Emma Brugh	Carrie Prewitt, Jason Berry
<b>15-18 age range</b>	Summer Steele, Amelia Jones, Jason Berry	Khalia Thompson, Michael Brugh, Nathan Whitmer	Carrie Prewitt, Jason Berry

Coaching assignments will be finalized once team formation is complete. Because the number of teams in each age division will depend on tryout participation and final roster selections, we are unable to assign coaches to specific teams at this time.

Our goal is to place the most qualified coaches with each team to best support player development and team success. Coaching assignments will be announced as soon as all teams have been formed.

## **Coaching Education**

At our club, we believe that great coaches never stop learning. Throughout the season, our coaching staff will continue to invest in their professional development by attending coaching clinics, learning from experienced volleyball leaders, and staying current with the latest teaching methods and training techniques. This commitment to continuous improvement allows us to provide the highest level of instruction for our athletes while building a positive, competitive, and growth-focused environment. Our goal is not only to develop skilled volleyball players but also to establish a winning culture built on hard work, accountability, teamwork, and a passion for excellence.

## **Endorsements for a Beach/Indoor Hybrid Club.**

I've known Jason for a long time. He actually helped me get started in Beach Volleyball. We both have seen the benefits of players playing indoors and on the beach at a young age and in that developmental stage, they go hand in hand. Beach Volleyball is a great avenue for girls to play college volleyball with it being the fastest growing women's sport in the country with more than 100 schools at every level having that option in college.

### **- Christ Sweat, Head Beach Volleyball Coach Florida Gulf Coast University**

Since I began playing beach volleyball 2 years ago and continued playing indoor, I have turned into a much more skilled and versatile player than I was before beach volleyball. It not only increased my stamina and abilities, but it also changed my mindset of the game. It made me see that in order to succeed, you have to be a smart and determined player. I do not know the kind of athlete I would be right now if I hadn't pursued beach back then and also while continuing

my indoor career. Being able to play these two sports that I love was the biggest blessing and it has opened up so many opportunities for me. I am now committed to play division 1 beach volleyball at Austin Peay, and I could not be more grateful to Black Creek for guiding me there.

**- Mia Rivera, KHHS Senior and College Committ to play Beach Volleyball.**

Best club concept for long term development, injury prevention and lifelong success! We used this format with our program and it helped develop three of the best beach players in their age groups in the WORLD. One athlete was offered a D1 libero scholarship and the other two won the collegiate beach national championships! Their indoor 18's team placed 2nd in the FL Fest National Qualifier and took their opponent with 5 D1 Signees to 3 sets. The 16's and 14's teams all placed in the top 4 of the region after barely winning matches in the previous seasons. All of the players in the club became well rounded players and we had little to no injuries.

**- Rob Holley, Staff Coordinator/Clinician Gold Medal Squared, Former director of Boys volleyball and volleystars at JJVA, Head Coach FI Region All Star Teams.**

I love the hybrid model! When Jason told me about it, I was wondering why all clubs don't do this. Besides getting exposure to both the indoor and beach versions of the sport, it allows the athletes to cross train, which will surely enhance their volleyball development!

**-Bill Sigler, former AAA rated beach player, Smack CEO for 30 years a top brand in the sport of VB and Florida Region official apparel for the last 6 years. Consultant for various volleyball organizations. Has outfitted over 20,000 beach and indoor clubs!**

My name is Holly and I started playing volleyball when I was 12 years old with the Naples Juniors Volleyball Club. This is where I met Coach Berry, as he was my coach that first year. I am now 34 years old, and still playing. I am so grateful every day for the continued opportunity to move my body and play the sport I love. I am very proud of beach volleyball as a sport and how much it has grown. When I was getting recruited for college, indoor was the only collegiate volleyball option. I played indoor volleyball for four years as an outside hitter at the University of Tampa. I was blessed with the opportunity to play a fifth year collegiately for beach volleyball at Stetson University in 2015. It was not even a NCAA sport at the time! It makes me so happy to see how much the sport has grown. When I played indoor collegiately, during my off time I would train strictly on the beach. It is pretty incredible how much playing beach volleyball immensely helped my indoor game. The sand helped my legs get so much stronger. When I transitioned back to indoor, I was moving faster, jumping higher, and reading the ball better. There are also numerous opportunities to play beach volleyball after college, as there are many tournaments held around the country. I have met many of my closest friends playing this sport. It is great to be around like minded individuals who push you and cheer you

on to get better every day. It definitely translates into a healthy lifestyle to help me age well. It even gives me great life skills to deal with work, and just life in general.

- **Holly Reschke-Metcalf: Semi-Pro Beach Professional**

## **One last Note**

One concern that continues to affect the club volleyball landscape is the pressure some clubs place on families to commit immediately following tryouts. Asking players and parents to make a significant financial and developmental decision on the spot does not give them adequate time to evaluate their options and determine what club is truly the best fit.

We believe families should have the opportunity to attend multiple tryouts, meet different coaches, compare training philosophies, evaluate costs, and find the environment that best supports their athlete's goals. Committing to a volleyball club is a major decision that impacts an athlete's development, schedule, and family finances for an entire season.

Simply put, you wouldn't purchase a new car without first shopping around, comparing options, and making an informed decision. Choosing a volleyball club deserves the same level of consideration. Families should feel empowered to explore all available opportunities before making a commitment that is right for them.

We understand that there are more volleyball opportunities available than ever before, and choosing the right club for your athlete can feel overwhelming. This is an important decision that impacts not only your daughter's volleyball development but also your family's time, finances, and overall experience throughout the season.

We encourage every family to carefully consider their options, ask questions, compare programs, and weigh the pros and cons of each opportunity. Look beyond the name of a club and focus on the factors that matter most: player development, coaching quality, culture, communication, competitive success, and the overall experience your athlete will receive.

For many years, Black Creek Volleyball Club has been a trusted part of the Clay County community. Our longevity is not by chance—it is the result of a consistent commitment to developing athletes, building strong teams, and creating positive experiences for families. Our track record of success speaks for itself, and our teams have consistently competed and succeeded against clubs of all sizes, including some of the largest and most established programs in the state.

Whether you are considering Black Creek for the first time or returning for another season, we would be honored to earn your trust and support. We recognize the significance of this decision in your daughter's volleyball journey, and we are committed to providing an environment where athletes can grow, compete, and reach their full potential both on and off the court.

We look forward to the opportunity to be a part of your family's volleyball experience this season.

I look forward to seeing everyone at tryouts. If you have any questions about what we are about, and our new direction as a club please feel free to reach out to us.

**Jason Berry**

**BCVC Director and Coach, 35 years involved with indoor and outdoor volleyball. HS, JH, College Camp and Beach Coach, USAV Florida Director of the Year and USAV Florida Hall of Fame Member.**

## **BCVC Tryouts 2026-2027**

### **July 10th**

5:00-7:00 PM 18-17U

7:00-9:00 16 U

### **July 11th**

8:00-10:00AM 15 U

10:30-12:30 14 U

1:00-3:00 13 U

3:30-5:00 12-10U

Tryouts at Oakleaf Junior High

Tryout Fee \$50.00