

CYCLONES FAQ PAGE (updated 7.7.2025)

What is the difference between a Full Season and Short Season program at Cyclones?

- Our Full Season teams are comprised of our most competitive players committed to participate in the full length of the season, including typically practices 3 nights per week, premium tournaments with some travel and overnight stays possible.
- Our Short Season program is comprised of those players that have a passion for volleyball but who, for whatever reason, cannot commit to the schedule of the full season program. Those members who have athletic, academic, family and or faith commitments that conflict with the demands of our Full Season Program often find this to be a good option. Participants in this program typically practice 2 nights per week and do participate in local competitions, but do not participate in any premium tournaments. Our Winter Short Season typically runs from sometime in December through early March. Our Spring Short Season Program typically runs from late March through May.

Can my player participate in more than one sport?

- Yes! At Cyclones we love multi-sport athletes!

What are “premium tournaments” and are they optional?

- Premium tournaments are those tournaments that are part of our Full Season Program’s schedule that are not considered league play or single-day local events. They typically involve greater travel, often out of state, and an overnight stay.
- Premium tournaments are **not** optional. When you commit to the Full Season Program and your player is placed on a team, they are responsible for those fees, whether they attend or not.

What are the costs of a “premium tournament” and how are they calculated?

- Premium tournament charges are calculated by adding the entry fee, coaching, travel, housing and any other fees related to the event incurred by the club, divided by the number of participants on the teams attending. There

are no “fillers” or hidden fees. This is a straight-line itemization calculated on a per-player basis. This is why every member must pay, regardless of participation.

- Please note that when Cyclones attends a travel tournament that would require overnight stay in hotels, players will typically stay together in team rooms, transported by the club in some form of group transport, or group air travel. Some tournaments are a “Stay to Play” event, which require that a minimum number of rooms be booked by parents who also attend. However, generally parents are not required to come, as the players are supervised the entire time.

Why aren't the cost of “premium tournaments” and travel costs simply made part of the tuition fee?

- At the time tuition fees and costs are determined, the exact costs of premium tournaments are not known. By waiting until the exact costs are determined, we have greater flexibility to seek out the best options for travel and housing, etc., and to ensure that we invoice only the actual costs without any hidden fees or charges.

How many teams are at each age group? How are teams selected?

- Cyclones maintains between 1-4 teams at each age group. Typically, we have 2-3 teams per age group. Fewer at 12U and 18U, more at 13U, 14U, 15U, and 16U.
- Teams are selected in early December, after all the selected players from all of the tryouts have been identified and have had a chance to practice for a few weeks.

How are players chosen for which team?

- When evaluating players for team placement, we evaluate not only at the relative demonstrated skills of the players, but also take into consideration the needs of the various teams. For instance, we need to consider the various positions on each team and the number of players available for those positions. We also consider how well different players work with each other. Ultimately, while one team may be considered “better” or “more advanced” than another, our goal is to field competitive teams that will provide all our players with the best experiences.

- Importantly, we do not consider team placement to be the only or best measurement of how any individual player is progressing. As a club, we do not consider skills as the only measuring stick for ability or progress. We also consider development of the player as an individual, as a teammate, as a leader and as a student of the game to be essential. We also urge you to recognize that, while any individual player may develop from season to season, their teammates are also improving. Therefore, length of time with the club, or even prior year placements, does not guarantee or otherwise entitle a player placement on a given team.

Can my player be placed on a team with their friends?

- Not often. There are times we can make this work, and others it is simply impossible.

What league do our teams participate in at Cyclones?

- For the Girls' Full Season Program, our teams participate in the WCPL. For the Girls' Short Season Program, our teams participate in the CVL.
- For the boys program, all of our teams participate in The Point Series and the WCPL.

My player has a (family, religious, school commitment) that conflicts with a Cyclones event. Can they miss that event?

- Yes; however, we ask that you communicate as far in advance as possible with your team's coach.

My player cannot make it to (insert Cyclones activity here). Can we get a refund?

- No.