



CELEBRATING 23 GREAT YEARS!!
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2026

INFORMATION

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Philosophy

The **AJV** philosophy is to provide competitive opportunities that assist in developing player skills, team play and the fun and passion of playing volleyball. **Our mission** is to limit travel, expense, and time commitment.

PROGRAM STRUCTURE “BETTER TOGETHER”!

We have some great news for your Junior Volleyball Programs. With some very good input from area coaches, we have overhauled the structure format for all divisions of play. Divisions of play will no longer be required to be a registered team or program with a national or regional governing body. This change will benefit your program in the following ways:

1. **No** team registration fees.
2. **No** coaching registration fees.
3. **No** team representative registration fees.
4. **No** player registration fees.
5. **No** libero trackers at events.
6. **No** second referee duties for divisions 13/14 and under.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS:

1. **Question:** Are there other tournaments that are not affiliated with NCR / JVA we could play in?
Answer: Yes, visit www.msfl.org. You may also play in the **QUEENS OF THE COURT** or **THE HUMMA HYAH**.
2. **Question:** What requirements must our team meet to play in the AJV.
Answer: Each players' parent(s) and coach sign must sign a simple waiver / release form. It is easy.
3. **Question:** Is there a direct savings for our program.
Answer: **Huge savings.** A savings that may pay for all the AJV dates and Tournaments. By our calculations this may save your team between **\$400.00** and **\$500.00**.
4. **Question:** What effect will this have on volleyball in our area?
Answer: Nothing but a positive. **“WE ARE BETTER TOGETHER!”**
5. **Question:** What if we are new or would like to review the basics of officiating at an event.
Answer: Not a problem. We will try and schedule your own personal training date with an AJV representative.

If you have any questions about this structure, please call our office at 218-969-3716 or email brian@divesportspluswear.com.

General Information

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| 1. <u>Event Dates</u>
Sunday, February 22
Sunday, March 1
Sunday, March 15
Sunday, March 22 | <u>Registration Deadlines</u>
Friday, February 6 or when filled
Friday, February 13 or when filled
Friday, February 20 or when filled
Friday, February 27 or when filled | <u>Playing Venues - Tentative</u>
Hermantown & TBA
Hermantown & TBA
South Ridge & TBA
South Ridge & TBA |
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2. **Division of Play:** 10's & Under, 11/12's, 13/14's, 15/16's, 17/18's

Note: The 15/16 and 17/18 division play will be held March 1 & 22. Additional dates may be added.

3. **Eligibility Requirements:**
 Team coaches and players' parents will be required to sign a liability of release waiver prior to competing. Coaches are to keep liability forms with them at all competitions. Event managers will check to make sure that coaches have the forms signed before playing. Forms available at www.divesportspluswear.com

4. **OFFICIATING:**
 Teams must provide officials, line judges and scorers. More detailed information will be on the event day schedule. If your program would like to have a **review clinic** of the simplified officiating responsibilities, contact the AJV office. An adult must officiate as the R1 in all divisions 13/14 and under.

5. **FACILITIES / SITES:**
 Event dates will be conducted on the Iron Range and / or Duluth Area. Facilities will be published on the AJV website. Past venues: Hermantown, Aurora, South Ridge, Cherry, Hibbing, and Greenway.

6. **SCHEDULING PROCEDURE:**
 Event days will be scheduled in the best interest of all teams. The **AJV** pool play / ladder structure of movement will balance pool play competition in each division. Pool play results of each week will be considered when scheduling succeeding dates. **Note:** Teams, depending on strength level, may be moved up a division of play. The AJV reserves the right to alter divisions / scheduling when it is in the best interest of facilities and teams.

7. **SCHEDULE OF PLAY:**
 Playing schedules will be posted on the **Wednesday night** preceding the event date. Schedules will be emailed and/or placed on www.divesportspluswear.com. Play may be scheduled in waves. This means there may be a group of teams playing in the morning followed by a group of teams playing in the afternoon. Please do not contact the league office prior to Wednesday for scheduling information.

8. **AJV COMPETITION SAMPLE STRUCTURE & FORMAT:**

3 Team Pool	Match, 3 sets to 25 pts
4 Team Pool	Match, 2 sets to 25 points.
5 Team Pool	Match, 2 sets to 21 points.
6 Team Pool	Match, 2 sets to 21 points, speed play probability

9. **FORFEITS:**
If a team fails to show for an event, without proper notice, they will be assessed a **\$100.00** forfeit fee.
- A one-week notice is required for cancellations.
 - This fee must be paid before participating in the next competitive event.
10. **REGISTRATION & PAYMENT:**
See Page 5. All entries must be received (in-hands) on or before the registration deadline. Due to venue availability early registration is encouraged.
Note: Liability Release Waivers are kept with coaches during participation.
11. **ENTRY FEE:**
\$95.00 per event date.
12. **REFUND POLICY:**
Team entry fees are non-refundable or transferable. However, if an AJV event day is cancelled due to inclement weather (extreme snowstorms) teams will be refunded 50% of the entry fee.
13. **EVENT MANAGER:**
On each event day, it will be the responsibility of the team coach / representative to check in with the Event Manager. The manager will review schedules of play, team information and facility policies. If you know of anyone that would like to be an event manager for the AJV please have them contact the AJV office.
14. **SPORTSMANSHIP:**
All team representatives, coaches, players, and spectators are expected to display positive sportsmanship.
15. **BALLS:**
Teams must provide their own balls for warm-ups and match play. A volleyball lite must be used in both the 10 and under and 11/12 division.
16. **FIRST AID & SAFETY:**
Teams are responsible for their own first aid and safety provisions. All emergencies should be reported to the event manager or community host.
17. **ACCOUNTABILITY:**
Any individual damaging facility property will be responsible and be held liable for the same.
18. **SUBJECT TO CHANGE:**
Organizational structure and format are subject to change. Coaches and / or Club Representatives are responsible to make sure that they are aware of updated information and changes by checking the website for posted updates.

AJV WEBSITE ADDRESS

www.divesportspluswear.com

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2026 TEAM REGISTRATION FORM

A separate form must be used for each team entered. If there is more than one team per division, please use team rating category.

Club Name:	
Team Name:	
Team Ranking: (Please Circle One being the most skilled / experience team and 4 being the least skilled / experience team.	1 2 3 4
Team Representative: (Information sent to team reps)	
Address:	
City, State, Zip:	
Cell Phone:	
Email: (Must have an email address)	

Division: ___ 10's ___ 11's/12's ___ 13's/14's
(Please Check)

League Dates: ___ 2/22 ___ 3/1 ___ 3/15 ___ 3/22

Division: ___ 15's/16's ___ 17's/18's
(Please Check)

League Dates: ___ 3/1 ___ 3/22

Fee: \$95.00 per event date.

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