

# 2022-2023 Tribe Handbook

## SEASON

Welcome to San Antonio Tribe Boys Volleyball Club. We are excited to have you join us for the 2022-2023 club season. This handbook provides information on the upcoming season and our rules, guidelines, protocols, etc. Our program is designed to help develop your athletes to go far beyond what they believed they could accomplish. Our goal is to provide volleyball players with a competitive club program in which to participate and a solid ethical and positive motivational atmosphere. We compete in the Southwest Boys Volleyball Tour along with some of the best boys' volleyball programs in Texas, Oklahoma, and Louisiana. Our athletes learn the importance of goal setting and how hard work ultimately leads to success.

- The season will begin with the first practice set to start the first week in October and our first conference tournament being played in December.
- The length of the tournament season will run from December to the end of May, except for any teams that will attend the Boys Junior National Championships. Their season will end in early July.
- The Boys Junior National Championships are held in Salt Lake City, Utah, this year and run from June 29th to July 7th.

## COMMITMENT

Participation in club volleyball requires a significant commitment from parents/guardians and players. The schedule requires the players to attend regular practices and tournaments where travel is required. We understand that there are instances where a player will miss, whether for school functions, family emergencies, or illness. We just need the coach to be notified in advance and personally by the player and parent/guardian. Please remember that excessive absences will result in limited playing time.

### PRACTICE

- We will begin practice in October, and each team will practice at least two times a week.
  - National Teams will be practicing three times a week.
  - All teams will have three practices a week for October, except for the 13U.
  - All practice times and locations will be available on the website and are subject to change.
- Each player is expected to attend all practices, but we understand that on occasion, there are instances they will miss.
  - Please notify the coach and director of these situations at your earliest convenience and not the hour before! Not showing up without notice is unacceptable and will impact the team.
  - Tournament play time will be impacted for players who abuse these expectations.

### PRACTICE RULES

- Players should be at practice at least 15 minutes early, so they have time to put on shoes, knee pads, tape fingers, and have adequate time to warm up.
- For safety reasons, no earrings or jewelry should be worn at any time while participating in practice or games.
- Players should consider putting up their hair if it is long, so it is not a distraction. Their hair should be out of their face.
- Practice gear must always be worn at practice. Unless the coaches say otherwise, or the captains ask the coach.
- No ankle socks should be worn at practice or tournaments. Preferably crew socks or longer should be worn.
- Knee pads must be worn at practices.
- No gum at any practices or tournaments.
- All electronics (phones, tablets, laptops, game systems) must be put in bags outside of sight during all practices, games, and events. Unless the coaches permit the use of electronics.
- There is no walking on the court during practice.
- Players should help set up the net and equipment before practice begins.
- If a player misses practice, the player and Parent/Guardian must inform their coach as soon as possible.
- If you run late for practice, hustle into the gym with gear already on.
- If you are late, you must warm up and stretch properly before jumping into the practice.
- Players must bring their water bottles to every practice. Water can be purchased at some facilities, but not all.
- Coaches will be taking attendance at all practices, scrimmages, team bonding, and meetings.

### PLAYING TIME

- Players will have equal opportunities to train and play during practice sessions.
- All players are not guaranteed equal playing time during tournaments, and coaches will make playing time decisions based on what they think will bring success to the team.
- All players will be expected to earn a starting position or playing time every day in practice.

- Listed, but not limited to, are some factors that can affect playing time: attendance at practice, attitude, work ethic, leadership skills, and team chemistry.
- All players on the bench must encourage and show their support for players on the court.
- Players on the bench must be engaged in the game and ready to participate.
- If a player gets substituted out of a game, they should not be discouraged but rather supportive to their teammates and be mentally and physically prepared to reenter the game if needed.

## TEAMS

**All national teams** will compete in at least seven tournaments. These tournaments will primarily be held in San Antonio, Austin, Houston, and Dallas and include two out-of-state tournaments. The Baton Rouge Block party (Baton Rouge, Louisiana) and Kaizen Boys Invitational (Tulsa, Oklahoma). All national teams will attend the Boys Junior National Championships.

**All regional teams** will compete in at least six tournaments. These tournaments will primarily be held in San Antonio, Austin, Houston, and Dallas and include one out-of-state tournament.

**All showcase teams** will compete in at least five tournaments. These tournaments will primarily be held in San Antonio, Austin, Houston, and Dallas.

### TEAM GEAR & UNIFORMS

<b>Player Packages:</b> Member will receive a player package during the pre-season built into their club fees for the season.			
Practice Shirt (2)	Jersey Top (3) *	Team Backpack	Socks (3) *
Practice Short (2)	Jersey Bottom (3) *	Long Sleeve Pullover	Set of Knee Pads
**Items, quantities, styles, and dates received will vary on the number of teams, players, and vendor availability *National Teams may receive additional gear for longer tournaments			

- **Any part of the uniform that is lost must be replaced immediately at the Parent's/Guardian's expense and regular cost.**
- **We will have an inventory of sweatshirts, sweatpants, and Tribe shirts for sale.**

### CLUB MEMBERSHIP FEES

Your club fee includes the coach's salary, uniforms, equipment, gym fees, tournament fees, and administrative fees through Nationals.

**Players are responsible for their own Lone Star Registration, Scorer & Referee Clinic Fee!**

Acceptance of this season's offer is for the total season amount shown in the tables below. The full season amount can be paid by following one of the payment options listed below. Payments may be paid earlier than scheduled, but the entirety of the fees must be paid per the conditions of the SA Tribe Handbook. Your initial payment is applied to your total club fee, and all payments are due no later than the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month and will begin in October. If your payment is past due, your son will not be allowed to practice or compete until your account is current. Cash or checks may be paid in person, and our director will update your invoice manually. Payments should be given directly to our director or our assistant directors.

**Please Note: Cash or checks may be used to avoid service/convenience charges on invoices. All arrangements to pay must still be made before or by the due date to prevent missed practices.**

There will be three payment options for the season. Please email us with the option you wish to complete.

1. You can pay the total amount in 9 monthly payments, which must be paid in full by the 1<sup>st</sup> of May.
2. You can pay half of the total amount in December and the rest by the 1<sup>st</sup> of May.
3. You can pay the full amount in one payment.

#### 2022 - 2023 CLUB MEMBERSHIP FEE SCHEDULE

National Team Pricing			Regional Team Pricing			Showcase Team Pricing		
Tryout Fee		\$ 25	Tryout Fee		\$ 25	Tryout Fee		\$ 25
USAV Membership		\$ 50	USAV Membership		\$ 50	USAV Membership		\$ 50
Payment 1	9/10/2022	\$ 350	Payment 1	9/10/2022	\$ 350	Payment 1	9/10/2022	\$ 350
Payment 2	10/1/2022	\$ 350	Payment 2	10/1/2022	\$ 300	Payment 2	10/1/2022	\$ 250
Payment 3	11/1/2022	\$ 350	Payment 3	11/1/2022	\$ 300	Payment 3	11/1/2022	\$ 250
Payment 4	12/1/2022	\$ 350	Payment 4	12/1/2022	\$ 300	Payment 4	12/1/2022	\$ 250
Payment 5	1/1/2023	\$ 350	Payment 5	1/1/2023	\$ 300	Payment 5	1/1/2023	\$ 250
Payment 6	2/1/2023	\$ 350	Payment 6	2/1/2023	\$ 300	Payment 6	2/1/2023	\$ 250
Payment 7	3/1/2023	\$ 350	Payment 7	3/1/2023	\$ 300	Payment 7	3/1/2023	\$ 250
Payment 8	4/1/2023	\$ 350	Payment 8	4/1/2023	\$ 300	Payment 8	4/1/2023	\$ 250
Payment 9	5/1/2023	\$ 350	Payment 9	5/1/2023	\$ 300	Payment 9	5/1/2023	\$ 250
<b>Total 2023 Cost</b>		<b>\$ 3,225</b>	<b>Total 2023 Cost</b>		<b>\$ 2,825</b>	<b>Total 2023 Cost</b>		<b>\$ 2,425</b>

**\*\*\*\*The total amount must be PAID IN FULL by the 1st of May\*\*\*\***

**\*\*\*All payments are non-refundable\*\*\***

# TOURNAMENTS

We will be scheduling at least 6-9 tournaments held on weekends and holidays this season. Start times are usually early morning, with occasional afternoon start times for ease of travel for visiting teams. Travel arrangements of all players and coaches should be coordinated before the tournament weekend. The Team Representative should be notified 24 hours before the tournament day of travel arrangements. While at tournaments, all players are expected to stay on-site and always be with the team during scheduled play. Every player will be required to officiate at tournaments, and no player is allowed to leave a tournament until the coach excuses the team after completing all assignments.

## **PLAYER'S RESPONSIBILITIES**

- There is a midnight curfew at tournaments for the players. We ask that they be in bed no later than midnight.
  - If the tournament ends late, we ask that the players get to bed as soon as possible.
- Players are expected to arrive at least 1 hour before their scheduled start time regardless of if they are playing or officiating.
  - If you are running late, notify your coach and team representative as soon as possible.
- Players must have all jerseys, socks, kneepads, and anything else they need to play.
- Player's hair should be put up if it is long.
- No jewelry should be worn during the matches.
- Players cannot share a hotel room unless an adult stays with them.
- We ask that no player stays in a room alone unless the parents/guardians approve of the situation.
- Players are responsible for bringing their food or money to buy snacks at the venues during tournaments.

## **PARENTS/GUARDIANS' RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Parents/Guardians will provide transportation to and from tournaments, as well as to practice sites.
- Parents/Guardians are financially responsible for your son, whether you attend a tournament. If you do not accompany your son to a tournament, be sure to give your son enough money to cover food costs and other expenses.
  - If your son is flying alone, please inform the coach and team representative.
- A Team Representative will be the point of contact for any questions regarding travel, tournaments, play sites, and hotels.
- The Team Representative will also oversee the communication of travel information and associated costs to the team.
- The Team Representative will be in communication with the coach.

## **GAME TIME**

Players are expected to arrive at least 1 hour before their scheduled start time regardless of if they are playing or officiating. If you know you are running late or will not be able to attend a tournament, please notify your coach immediately. Failure to comply with this rule will result in limited playing time.

## **PLAYING TIME**

The coaches ultimately decide playing time, and this decision is based on several factors. These factors might include practice, attendance, attitude, effort, and tournament goals. Questions regarding your child's participation in tournaments and playing time **should not** be addressed with the coaches during the tournaments. Parents/Guardians must wait 24 hours upon the tournament's conclusion to contact the club with any concerns. **Please contact the club email or contact us on SportsYou so our director can help handle them accordingly.** Email: [Tribeyboysvolleyball@gmail.com](mailto:Tribeyboysvolleyball@gmail.com)

## **TOURNAMENT SCHEDULES & MEALS**

Tournament sites, locations, and formats are usually not available until the week of the tournament. Teams are also responsible for taking their meals, snacks, and drinks to all tournaments. We ask that all players and parents/guardians please clean up after yourselves. Tables and ice chests (at the discretion of the tournament) can be taken and put outside so the team can eat during their designated breaks. Some locations may offer concessions and may not allow outside food or drink during playtime. If the tournament schedule shows a considerable break time, the coach/team representatives may coordinate a time and place for the players and parents/guardians to eat and rest. Players must confirm their return time with their coach before leaving the tournament site. Failure to comply with this rule will result in limited playing time.

## **OFFICIATING**

Officiating is the responsibility of the entire team. No players can leave the tournament while the team officiates unless discussed with the Director or Coach. Coaches will give players officiating duties, including reffing, keeping score, calling lines, or completing the scoresheet at any Tournament. ◦ We will be hosting a referee and scorer clinic, which will be mandatory for all players.

## **TRAVEL, CURFEW & OVERNIGHT STAYS**

All travel to tournaments is the responsibility of the athlete's parent(s) / guardian(s). Tournaments with a Stay and Play Requirement will have designated hotels for our teams. These lodging requirements must be met to remain eligible for tournament participation. The curfew for overnight stays is **midnight** and applies whether you play in the morning or afternoon pool. If you are traveling on the day of tournament play, you must notify the coach, director, and the team representative in charge of your team's travel weekend. Consequences for violating these rules will be limited or no playtime and will be handled starting at the 2<sup>nd</sup> incident below in "Player Guidelines."

## **FACILITIES**

All gyms used by SA Tribe are to be maintained. Equipment is to be put up and placed where it was found or intended to be. The trash should also be disposed of before departing the gym. Also, because we are using public facilities, practice days and times are subject to change. No player can leave the gym until all equipment is put away correctly.

## **TEAM REPRESENTATIVES**

Our coaches will have a lot on their plates, and they need help getting information to the Parents/Guardians and coordinating the team's needs. It would be great if a parent/guardian would step up to take on those responsibilities. Any Team Representative's role is to help facilitate information such as team dinners, team bonding, court arrivals, jersey of the day, etc. Information concerning the club, tournaments, travel, coaches, etc. will come directly from the Club Director and can be further distributed by these Parents/Guardians.

# **CODE OF CONDUCT**

SA Tribe expects coaches, players, Parents/Guardians, family, and friends to always be considerate and respectful at any Club event (practice, tournaments, and traveling). There should be no instances where club members disrespectfully comment on coaches, players, officials, or event staff. Bullying will not be tolerated. All club members must follow the rules and guidelines set by the Director, coach, team representative, and chaperone, including conduct, curfew, attitude, attendance, etc. Any violations of these rules and guidelines will result in immediate interruption or suspension of participation with SA Tribe. Remember to represent SA Tribe, your team, and yourself.

## **PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT**

- Players should attend all practices and tournaments. If a player is going to miss a practice, game, or tournament for some reason, it's the players' and Parents'/Guardians' responsibility to contact the coach directly as soon as possible.
- Show respect to all teammates, Parents/Guardians, coaches, opponents, and officials.
- USAV does not condone the use of tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, or recreational drugs. The use of any illegal substance will not be tolerated and may result in immediate suspension of participation with SA Tribe and USAV.
  - No parent, guardian, or player can give another player over-the-counter or prescription drugs.
- Players should clean up after themselves and teammates at any gyms or hotels we use.
- There is zero tolerance for bullying, which results in a meeting with the director and possible suspension from SA Tribe.
- Be a selfless athlete by helping your teammates and team improve and be successful.
- It is critical to understand that you always represent yourself, your coach, your family, and San Antonio Tribe, whether on or off the court.
- All players should strive to maintain a positive image that reflects highly on TRIBE.
- If a player is injured or unable to practice or play. They are still encouraged to attend all scheduled events unless attendance is detrimental to the recovery or health of the athlete.

## **PARENTS'/GUARDIANS' CODE OF CONDUCT**

- Do not argue with officials at any event. Keep in mind that the officials are also advocates of growing our sport.
- Aggressive or hostile confrontations between a Parent/Guardians, coaches, officials, players, or any other Parents/Guardians may result in Parents/Guardians losing the privilege to attend team tournaments or practices.
- Negative or criticizing comments towards coaches, administrators, Team Representatives, Parents/Guardians, chaperones, players, and opponents will not be permitted.
- A Parent's/Guardian's role is to support their son and SA Tribe.

## **PLAYER & PARENT/GUARDIAN GUIDELINES**

Players are expected to support their coaches and their goals for the team. We expect every player to cooperate at practice and tournaments, develop good work habits and make a commitment to excel. Every team member is critical to the team's overall success. Negative attitudes and lack of cooperation will not be tolerated and will be addressed accordingly.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Incident – The player and Coach/Director will meet for discussions.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Incident – Player, Coach, Parent/Guardian, and Director will meet for discussions.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Incident – There is no further need for discussions, resulting in immediate suspension from the team.

## **LONE STAR REGION SPECTATOR CODE OF CONDUCT**

IMPORTANT NOTICE – ENTRY TO THIS PRIVATELY SANCTIONED EVENT IS GRANTED AS A COURTESY. IF YOU ENTER/ ATTEND THIS OR ANY REGION SANCTIONED EVENT, YOU AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE FOLLOWING CODE OF CONDUCT GUIDELINES:

I WILL:

- I WILL abide by the official rules of USA Volleyball.
- I WILL display good sportsmanship at all times.

- I WILL encourage my child and his/her team, regardless of the outcome on the court.
- I WILL educate myself on the unique rules of this facility.
- I WILL honor the rules of the host and the host facility.
- I WILL generate goodwill by being polite and respectful to those around me at this event.
- I WILL direct my child to speak directly with his/her coach when coaching decisions are made that may be confusing or unclear.
- I WILL redirect any negative comments from others to the respective Event Director or Program Administrator.
- I WILL direct all concerns regarding officials to the Head Coach or Club Director for my team/club as opposed to contacting the Head Official directly.
- I WILL immediately notify the Event Director and/or Program Administrator in the event that I witness any illegal activity.
- I WILL support the policies and guidelines of the team/club that I represent.
- I WILL acknowledge effort and good performance, remembering that all of the players in this event are amateur athletes.
- I WILL model exemplary spectator behavior while attending this event.
- I WILL respect the history and tradition of the sport of volleyball by being a good ambassador.

**I WILL NOT:**

- I WILL NOT harass or intimidate the officials.
- I WILL NOT coach my child from the bleachers and/or sidelines.
- I WILL NOT criticize my child's coach or his/her teammates.
- I WILL NOT participate in any game or game-like activities unless I have a current membership card with the Region.
- I WILL NOT bring and carry any firearms at any Region event.
- I WILL NOT bring, purchase, or consume alcohol at any Youth/Junior volleyball event.

Note: Any violation of this Code of Conduct will result in you being asked to leave the site/facility and may result in you possibly being banned from attending future Region sanctioned events. The Event Director has the final say regarding their individual event. Local law enforcement will be contacted if necessary to resolve any disputes or altercations.

Questions or concerns may be directed to the Region office

## COMMUNICATION

- Communication plays a vital part in our club season. Please respectfully communicate with all coaches, club staff, fellow parents/guardians, and players.
- For all parent/guardian meetings with coaches and the director, contact us through email or SportsYou to set up a meeting.
  - Every coach has the right to refuse a meeting that is not scheduled.
- For information regarding schedules, tournaments, clinic registration, camps, open gyms, refer to our website.
- Team representatives may offer another form of communication to use for tournaments.
- If there is a question, issue, or matter of concern that needs to be addressed, please follow the guidelines below:
  - STEP 1: The player should address any issues or concerns directly with their coach and another coach /director.
  - STEP 2: Parents/Guardians and players meet with coaches together. This will not be done at tournaments and must follow the 24-hour policy.
    - A time will need to be scheduled by the process mentioned above.
  - STEP 3: Contact the club Director, Henry Hines, to arrange a meeting.

### 24-hour Policy

We understand that sometimes during games and tournaments, Parents/Guardians or players may not agree with the coach's decisions or are upset about a loss, playing time, line-up, win, etc. San Antonio Tribe has a strict policy that there must be a 24-hour wait period before discussing the issue with the coach. After the 24 hours waiting period, and if a meeting is still desired, the parent/guardian can reach out to the coach for a discussion via the club email address.

Email: [Tribeboysvolleyball@gmail.com](mailto:Tribeboysvolleyball@gmail.com)

Phone: 210-952-9937

**Read and Initial to confirm the following statements.**  
**You followed by completing the Parent/Guardian and player signatures and dates to finalize your acceptance of the 2022-2023 San Antonio Tribe Volleyball Club Season offer.**

\_\_\_\_\_ I have reviewed the above SA Tribe Handbook and agree to adhere to all items. I also understand that there may be consequences for any items not appropriately addressed.

\_\_\_\_\_ I agree to release, indemnity and hold harmless the San Antonio Tribe Volleyball Club, sponsors, coaches, players, and representatives from any claim arising out of any injury to the named participant and certify that the participant registered is covered by an approved medical insurance plan as required for youth sports.

_____ Athlete's Printed Name	_____ Athlete's Signature	_____ Date
_____ Parent / Guardian's Printed Name	_____ Parent / Guardian's Signature	_____ Date
_____ Henry Nelson Hines II Director	_____ Director's Signature	_____ Date

<b>Director</b> Henry Nelson Hines II	<b><u>Asst. Director of Operations</u></b> Manny Silva	<b><u>Asst. Director of Player Development</u></b> Monica Ramon
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