

Spring 2026 Youth Volleyball Parent Meeting



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Meet the Athletics Team!

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We don't have traditional 9-5 hours and aren't always in the office.

Where can I find information?

- **Website - PlayTCsports.com**
 - Game Schedule
 - Rules
 - Season Information on the volleyball specific page
- **Other Department Contact Information**
 - Athletics Team Email: playtcsports@thecolonytx.gov
 - Main Department Line: 972-625-1106
 - Answered: M-F 6:30am - 9 :00pm & Saturday 8:30am-6:00pm

Important Season Dates

- Practices can start week of 2/16/26
- First Weekend of Games: 3/7/26
- No Games: 3/21/26 & 4/4/26
- Playoffs start: 5/9/26

Age Verification

Birth Certificates or passports are required for anyone to play!

- If you have played a previous season with us this year and have already submitted you do not need to resubmit!
- We have sent out emails to anyone that still needs to submit!
- The deadline to receive age verification is by 3/6/26. If we do not receive a birth certificate or passport the child will not be able to play until we receive it and verify the age. *Please don't wait until the last day!
- What we will take?
 - Birth Certificate
 - Passport
- Parents have these options to submit:
 - Email it to playtcsports@thecolonytx.gov
 - Stop by the recreation center for staff to make a copy.

Age Qualification

What is the aging date for this season?

9/1/2025

How does the aging date work?

Whatever age your child was on 9/1/2025 is the division they qualify for.

- **Example: My child was 10 on 9/1/2025, but he will be 11 years old during the season. He technically qualifies for the 10U division. If you would want to play up in the 12U division you would have to get approval from the Athletics staff PRIOR to registration.**

Exceptions?

- **We only have a few exceptions for someone to be able to play up a division.**
 - You can find an informational sheet with more information on exceptions on playtcsports.com!
- **We NEVER allow a child to play down and age division due to safety reasons.**

Playing Up Requirements

Playing up requirements:

For any child playing up, they have to follow the below requirements:

- Directly requested by the coach
- The parent will be the head coach
- They turn the required age during the season (ex: they are 10 and turn 11 the 2nd week of the season, they can play in 12U)

All players requesting to play up must go through the athletic staff directly PRIOR to registering for the season. They will not be able to register online.

Coaches

We rely on volunteer parent coaches for this league to run! All teams in the league are coached by volunteers!

- **Coach Requirements**
 - **All coaches are required to do a background check in order to coach for the season!**
- **We require each team to have assistant coaches.**
 - **If there is not a cleared assistant available to take over for your team the game will be considered a forfeit.**
- **Anyone who would like to assist on the sideline at games or assist at practice must go through the background check process!**
- **The background check process can take 2-5 business days.**
- **Anyone that is not officially cleared will not be allowed on the sideline.**

Thank you to all of those who have volunteered their time to coach!

Team Formation

Each season is a fresh start for team formation! This means you are not guaranteed to be placed on a team that you have always played with or your friend request! We try our hardest to accommodate all requests that come through, but at a point it becomes impossible when you are trying to accommodate 100-200 requests.

Factors we use to determine teams:

- Number of Players registered
- Number of coaches/teams
- Coach Request
- Friend Requests
- Age
- Seasons Played
- School
- Height
- Weight

*Teams can possibly have a max of 10 on a roster. *10 is not guaranteed

Team Formation Cont.

Example

Team 1: 7 Players	Team 2: 7 Players	Team 5: 8 Players
Team 3: 10 Players	Team 4: 7 Players	39 Total Participants

Team 1: 8 Players	Team 2: 8 Players	Team 5: 8 Players
Team 3: 8 Players	Team 4: 7 Players	39 Total Participants

Unfair Player Distribution

Fair Player Distribution

“Why am I not getting the full 10 on my team?”

If we don't receive an equal amount of players per team we won't accommodate the full 10 player requests. We try to even out the teams as best as possible and accommodate as many request possible. As well as to not promote “stacking teams” as the parents refer to it.

If coaches have more than 10 kids requesting to be on their team it is the coach's final decision on who makes it on their team

Practice & Game Locations

Practice Location

- The Colony Recreation Center
 - 5151 North Colony Blvd, The Colony, Texas 75056
- Ethridge Elementary
 - 6001 Ethridge Dr

Game Location

- The Colony Recreation Center
 - 5151 North Colony Blvd, The Colony, Texas 75056

Practice Information

- **When can practices begin?**
 - 2/17/26
- **Where do we practice?**
 - The Colony Recreation Center or Ethridge Elementary
- **How many practices per week?**
 - Each team gets a single one and a half hour practice a week

Please remember we are guests at these locations so please make sure you are following any policies and picking up your trash after practice or games!

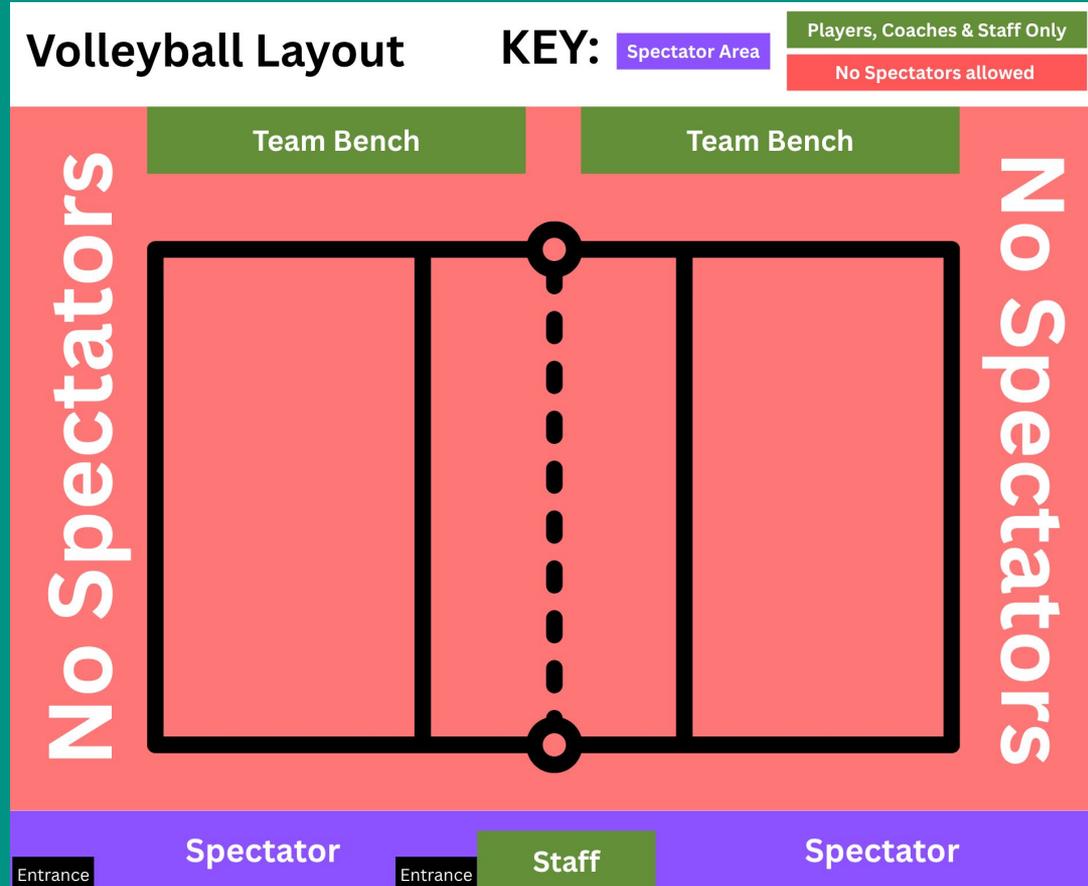
Game Day Information

- **When is the first weekend of games?**
 - 3/7/26
- **Where do we play?**
 - The Colony Recreation Center
- **How many games for the season?**
 - Teams will be scheduled 8 games
- **Who makes the playoffs?**
 - The top 4 teams in each division will make the playoffs.
- **Game Schedule**
 - The game schedule will be released by 2/27/26

Please do not screenshot or print the schedule! Our goal is not to make any changes for the season, but there is a chance that changes might happen. The schedule online is the most up to date always!

Spectator Guidelines

All spectators **MUST** stay in the purple spectator areas noted on the map. Spectators may not come over to the team sidelines, onto the court, or any of the red areas on the map.



Spectator Guidelines

- **Please remember that we are there for the kids to have a fun time learning a sport and playing with their friends!**
- **Any spectator in an unauthorized area will be asked to go back to the spectator zones. If the spectator does not immediately return to the spectator zones they will be asked to leave the facility.**
- **Unsportsmanlike conduct from parents will not be tolerated. Depending on the severity of the conduct we will ask the individual to leave the complex. Play will not resume until they leave.**
- **Ejection/Consequences**
 - **If a parent is ejected from a game they will not be able to attend the next game. Once allowed back if they get ejected for a second time they will not be able to attend any games for the remainder of the season.**
- **The aforementioned suspensions will be the minimum penalty enforced and may be increased in each situation due to the severity of actions.**

Rules – Division Breakdown

- **8U Division**

- **Net Height: 6'1**
- **Ball: Volleylite**
- **Serving Line: 10ft**
- **Middle Back Substitution**

- **12U Division**

- **Net Height: 7'4**
- **Ball: Official Size**
- **Serving Line: Backcourt line**
- **Middle Back or 1 for 1 Substitution**

- **10U Division**

- **Net Height: 7'0**
- **Ball: Volleylite**
- **Serving Line: 23ft**
- **Middle Back Substitution**

- **14U Division**

- **Net Height: 7'4**
- **Ball: Official Size**
- **Serving Line: Backcourt line**
- **Middle Back or 1 for 1 Substitution**

Line Judges

- Each team is responsible for providing a volunteer line judge for the game. If a line judge is not provided by a team the game will be deemed a forfeit.
- Line Judges must be 13 years or older
- Line Judges cannot be a coach from any team. This also means coaches cannot line judge for other teams.
- Line judges will need to stand on the corner of the court.
- Line judges will remain on the same side of the court throughout the entire match
- All calls are ultimately the head officials decision.

In Bounds



Out of Bounds



Jerseys/Equipment

- Each team will receive a new set of jerseys.
- We will **NOT** have extra jerseys at games so please make sure your child is wearing their jersey or has their jersey for the game. *If they do not have their jersey, they cannot play.*
- Please make sure your players are **ONLY** using the jersey provided for this season.
- **Volleyballs**
 - Provided volleyballs for practice and games. Though we recommend buying your own volleyball to ensure there is not a volleyball shortage at practice.
- **Knee Pads**
 - Not provided, nor required, but **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED.**

Team Sites

Team Sites is a new feature to our program we are offering this season!

- **What is Team Sites?**
 - This will be a site you can go to specifically for your team! It will have roster information, contact information, practice schedules, game schedules, and you will be able to communicate with your team directly from this site!
- **How do I view the Team Site?**
 - You can view it by going to the playtcsports.com website and logging in to your account or you can download the Teamsideline App and see the information from there!
- **Who can access the Team Site?**
 - Coaches and parents will be able to access the Team Site. Coaches will have access to more information than the parents.

Team Sites (CONTD.)

- When will we have access?
 - You will receive access once rosters are created. We will send out emails once the sites are live and ready to be used.
- See the how-to on how to get your Team Site Account setup and to view your team information. Visit this Link:

The screenshot displays the TeamSideline interface for a team site. The left sidebar contains navigation options: Home, Calendar, Communications, Teams, Family & Friends, Organizations, Messages, Help, and Sign Out. The main content area is titled 'Cougars Summer 2025' and features a navigation bar with options like Roster, Events, Attendance, Files, Stats, Payments, Announcements, Links, and Pictures. Below this, there is a welcome message and a table of events for the season.

Date	Time	Event name	Home/Visitor	Results	
6/14/2025 (Saturday)	12:00 PM	Vs Mavs	Visitor	To be played	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
6/21/2025 (Saturday)	9:00 AM	Vs Team Houston	Home	To be played	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
6/21/2025 (Saturday)	10:00 AM	Vs Hawks United	Home	To be played	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
6/28/2025 (Saturday)	10:00 AM	Vs King Cobras	Visitor	To be played	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
7/12/2025 (Saturday)	9:00 AM	Vs Team Meyer	Home	To be played	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
7/19/2025 (Saturday)	9:00 AM	Vs Tigers	Visitor	To be played	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

On the right side of the interface, there is a 'Roster' section with a table for 'Player' and '#'. Below that, there is a 'Staff' section with fields for 'Coach Name' and 'Assistant Coach'.

End of Season Survey

We will be publishing a survey near the end of the season that we would appreciate everyone fill out! We value your feedback and are always looking for ways to improve the league!

***We will send out a link to the survey around the 2nd to last week of the regular season!**

Awards & Sportsmanship Initiative

- **Awards**

- The first place and second place team will get medals in each division.

- **Sportsmanship Initiative**

- This season it will be the responsibility of the coach to nominate two players for exemplifying good sportsmanship. The coach will nominate one for the first half of the season and then for the second half of the season.

Any Questions?

Contact us at

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