Dear SVBA Members,

=> Signup Deadline COB Friday, August 9, 2024!

We are happy to announce the start of sign-ups for the 2024 Fall SVBA Volleyball League. The format will be our normal 6-person indoor, coed optional. The league will consist of 10 regular season games and a single elimination tournament. The season will run August 19 through December 5, 2024.

Cost: All teams will pay **$500**, but SERP teams will have SERP subsidies available.

Divisions: We will again have five skill Divisions this season. The descriptions are as follows:

Level	Division Name	Description	Primary Night
Level 1	Recreational	For newer teams or those working to improve consistency	Monday
Level 2	Lower Intermediate	Consistent controlled passes to setter	Thursday
Level 3	Middle Intermediate	Structured offense (6-2, 5-1, etc.)	Monday
Level 4	Upper Intermediate	Strong outside hitting and effective blocking	Thursday
Level 5	Advanced	Aggressive outside and middle hitting	Thursday

If you have questions on where you fit, please contact Nathanael Brown (njbrown@sandia.gov) or any of the other SVBA Board members. Please register for the appropriate skill Division, not the most convenient night, since doing so provides the most enjoyable competition for everyone involved.

Schedule: Games will start Monday, August 19th with the tournament occurring sometime in December depending on the number of teams that sign up. Play will primarily occur on Monday and Thursday nights, with games starting promptly at 6, 7, 8, and 9pm. Friday nights will have abbreviated schedules with games starting promptly at 5:30 and 6:30pm. We try to schedule as many of a Division's matches as possible on the primary night. However, we can only schedule eight matches each night, so the nights you actually play is dependent on exactly how many teams sign up within each skill Division. We try to load balance the schedule for all the teams within a Division to ensure they all have a roughly equal number of off-night games and starting times (i.e., one team won't end up with all Friday games) but can't guarantee that even a majority of your games will be on the primary night until we see the final enrollment numbers. All teams will have at least a couple of Friday night games during the season.

The schedule will be posted to the SVBA website, and captains notified via email, as soon as it has been reviewed by the Division reps and SVBA Board for fairness. Please be patient and understanding since you may not receive much advance notice for the first week of play as we finalize the scheduling details following the close of registration. **Captains**: If you will not be around to communicate the schedule, please be sure that someone is assigned to check online and coordinate with your team.

Location: All games will be played at the Jewish Community Center (JCC) located at 5520 Wyoming NE, just south of Academy (map link is [here](#)).

Player Eligibility:
- **All Teams:** All players must sign the JCC Liability Release form prior to play, which will be provided electronically prior to the first night of play. Captains are responsible for making sure that all of their players meet all player eligibility requirements, including players later added to the roster via [serpleagues.sandia.gov](#) or the Roster Add/Delete forms.
- **SERP Teams:** All members of SERP teams must be SERP eligible with signed SERP Liability Release forms (online when you register at [serpleagues.sandia.gov](#)) before they can be added to your team roster. All subs must also be SERP-eligible and registered on the [serpleagues.sandia.gov](#) website with a signed waiver. You can call SERP at 844-8486 to verify player eligibility. Non-SERP eligible players must play on a JCC team.
- **JCC Teams:** A player with affiliation status of JCC, DOE, DoD, NNSA, Active-Duty Military, SNL Contractor, SNL SERP Member, or retired SNL is recommended for rostered players and required for the captain of a JCC team.

Registration: Registration closes COB on Friday, August 9th, or when we reach **44** total teams, whichever comes first. Late registrations will not be accepted.

- SERP team registration instructions are [here.](#)
- JCC (Non-SERP) team registration instructions are [here](#).
- Note that both SERP and JCC teams have registration steps required through both the SERP and JCC organizations. Please review the provided instructions and ask an SVBA Board member if you have any questions.

SERP Free Agents: Don't have a team or need to find some extra players to fill out your roster? Contact our free-agent coordinator, Jazmin Phlipot ([japedro@sandia.gov](#)). You can sign up as a free agent on the Free Agent team already established at [serpleagues.sandia.gov](#) (please don't sign up as a free agent if you already have a team, unless it is in a different Division/Level than your primary team). They will work to fit you onto a team with others at your skill level, from beginner to advanced. Please sign up early, though – they can't form teams if they get all the information at the last minute!

Rules: All players should take the time to review the SVBA League Rules, which are available on the SVBA [website](#). Each season, conflicts arise from folks not knowing what the rules are, especially with respect to substitute players and kicking the ball. Additionally, all rule conflict should either be resolved by the referee at game time or communicated by the captain to the SVBA Board. Players are not allowed to confront each other on the court with regards to rule challenges.

Forfeits: Match forfeits should be avoided, whenever possible, by captains ensuring that they have enough players at least two days before each match. If a team is short of players, the captain should request a sub using the [SVBA Sub Request](#) form.

Thanks,

The SVBA Board
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Jazmin Phlipot, Vice President

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