



2023 TRIANGLE 18 BLACK  
RANKED 12th in the nation  
*Final team rankings PrepVB*

TRIANGLE VOLLEYBALL CLUB  
**2024 PROGRAM GUIDE**

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## GENERAL TEAM INFORMATION

For 2024, Triangle is planning up to **TWO (2)** competitive teams in the 18s age division:

**USAV age eligibility criteria: 18 & under = player who was born on or after July 1, 2005**

*Team Roster Size: Target roster size is 10-11 players per team. Practice Player positions will be considered for national teams in every age level if circumstances make the most sense for the team.*

At Triangle, we are fortunate to have over ninety (90) coaches whose talent and experience is among the very best in the nation. Each Triangle team is assigned a **unique** and **dedicated** coaching staff which allows them to be squarely focused on their group of athletes and not burdened by coaching multiple teams and dividing their attention. Our coaches, first and foremost, commit to their team's training and development.

To view bios of our coaches click [HERE](#).

<i>Team Name/Type</i>	<b>18 Black</b> <i>National</i>	<b>18 Blue</b> <i>National</i>
<b>Head Coach</b>	<a href="#">Logan Barber</a>	<a href="#">Steven Abbott</a>
<b>Assistant Coach(es)</b>	<a href="#">Tonya Holmes</a>	<a href="#">Brian Bacchi</a> <a href="#">Katy May</a>

### TRIANGLE'S DEDICATED FACILITY AT THE WAKE COMPETITION CENTER [WCC]

Our [Wake Competition Center](#) facility is the premier dedicated volleyball practice and competition facility in the state of North Carolina. With a state-of-the-art design with eight (8) indoor and three (3) sand courts our gym offers a safe space for elite level training and competition.

## TEAM PRACTICE SCHEDULES

<i>Team Name</i>	<b>18 Black</b>	<b>18 Blue</b>
<b>Positional/Specialty Training Pre-practice</b> <i>(starts week of Nov 6) For all positions unless otherwise indicated</i>	M/W: 4:15-4:45pm	M/W: 4:15-4:45pm
<b>Regular Season Team Practices</b> <i>(begins week of Nov 6)</i>	M/W: 4:45-6:45pm	M/W: 4:45-6:45pm
<b>Other practices*</b>	Friday evenings for 1.5 hours, 4:45-7:45pm and/or Sun evenings, 5:15-8:15pm <i>*Friday and/or Sunday evening practices are included in the schedule during the season to ensure regular practice despite travel and also to support additional practice opportunities during the non-travel portions of the season. Practices are generally 1.5 hours in length and occur within the time frames indicated above. Details will be on Triangle calendars.</i>	

**PRACTICE PLAYER POSITIONS will be considered for NATIONAL TEAMS only after team selection is complete.**

NOTES: we prefer to over-deliver vs. over-promise. Additional practices are scheduled as competition schedule allows

- Position-specific and specialty Training pre-practices are part of the practice commitment for athletes.

While we are confident in the above information, Triangle reserves the right to make adjustments as necessary.

### OUR PRIORITIES

Junior club volleyball has become increasingly popular, competitive, and expensive. Each season we seek to provide athletes exceptional training and competition. What's more, we have and continue to set the standard in North Carolina for team performance nationally and athlete collegiate placement at the highest levels. We don't believe more is *always* better. Instead, we consider numerous priorities when planning our training and competition schedules. These considerations include:

- **Athlete health and wellness** considerations which includes minimizing injury risks in a sport ever increasing in speed and physicality, supporting optimum training mentality while reducing the risk of sport burn out.
- **Cost** – club volleyball is *expensive*. Every added qualifier or 3-day event equates to a minimum of \$1500 out-of-pocket for families in travel costs alone (that's just for one parent and one athlete's-air travel, one shared hotel room and meals). Should other family members travel the number simply grows.
- **Time & Balance** – we believe athletes train and perform better when they have a reasonable life balance between sport, school, social and family responsibilities.
- **Coach Retention** – we maintain a large and capable coaching staff (ca. ninety strong) and new coaches to the area look to Triangle first. Offering practice and competition schedules that allow our staff to continue to coach and maintain an acceptable work–family–coaching–life balance helps keep our coaches on the court and able to offer our best training.

**WHY TRIANGLE?** - we don't make *claims* to be the best. Instead, we let facts speak for themselves. Additionally, we believe those athletes who truly want to be their best and reach their potential will choose to seek out a club with proven excellence in both training and team performance.

**SUCCESS** – Triangle leads all North Carolina clubs having won 27 of the 40 ever OPEN level USAV Nationals qualifications achieved in our region. Additionally, year-after-year we lead the region in the number of qualified teams for USAV Nationals.

- In 2013, the [US Club Rankings](#) were established. Triangle has been on the list as a TOP 50 club nationally since the list was founded and has always been the top ranked club in both North and South Carolina since the list was founded.
- Triangle has also led our region in individual athlete recognition. In 2023 we had countless USAV, PrepVolleyball awards including 6 JVA All-National team members, about a dozen USAV NTDP invitations, and more.

**COACHES & TRAINING** – our staff is extremely experienced, talented and have proven records of success.

- Current or former Collegiate Athletes.
- 12 coaches with one or more qualifications to USAV Nationals. 10 with one of more of those at the OPEN level.
- Each team has a **unique and dedicated coaching team**.
- **Position-Based Training** is part of regular weekday practices and led by numerous Triangle's position-specific experts.
- Triangle's new **Technical Coordinator** will oversee HUDL Assist technology to advance athlete development and support team success.

**RECRUITING SERVICES** – Triangle's athlete placement is unmatched in the Carolinas.

- 218 DI Recruits with 49 of those in the past 5 years alone.
- In Fall, 2023 there will be 68 Triangle athletes on collegiate courts (37 Division I, 11 Division II, 20 Division III)
- Triangle's dedicated Recruiting Director ([Tammi Fries](#)) helps Triangle athletes effectively navigate the recruiting process and utilize recruiting tools to achieve their goals of playing at the next level.

**AND MORE...**

- **State-of-the-art facility with orthopedic subfloor** that provides superior impact reduction, thereby reducing injury risk and fatigue common in other surfaces.
- [Award-Winning Injury Prevention program](#) and On-Site Physical Therapy Clinic and Free Athlete Injury Screens.

*\*each team's actual training elements will vary depending on the team age and competitive level.*

## 18S PROGRAM COST DETAILS

Triangle's costs are derived from two (2) components, **DUES + UNIFORMS**. Triangle exclusively utilizes FAMILY-directed travel club-wide with club dues including all costs associated with coach travel and pay for teams' events.

**FAMILY-DIRECTED TRAVEL PLAN** – relies on parents' (or designated guardian) to accompany, arrange and pay for their athlete's transportation, meals, lodging, and supervision for the entirety of the trip. Most events have Stay-to-Play requirements meaning the athletes will lodge with their parent, guardian, or teammate(s) at the expense of parents in hotel room blocks secured by Triangle through the tournament's mandatory booking service.

**MORE DETAILS:**

- **COSTS:** Transportation and lodging expenses for athletes are not included in club dues. Instead, families will pay for expenses related to their family hotel room, athlete transportation, and food needs of their athlete on each trip. All costs associated with coach travel are already included in dues so there will be no separate travel assessment for each trip.
- **TRANSPORTATION:** For trips that would typically involve a flight. Parents should secure flights well in advance as flights become limited in availability and higher in cost as events approach.
- **LODGING:** Triangle will continue to provide lodging support to families using its long-standing relationships with tournament hosts, booking services and hotels. Given the extensive use of Stay-to-Play policies by event organizers, Triangle will secure hotel blocks at competitive rates for all families. Families are expected to book at the team hotel unless given prior approval to make alternative arrangements.
  - **TEAM-BASED** lodging – we know some athletes prefer to room together (and parents prefer to have their own room). Should this be your preference, parents can work together to secure an additional room in the Triangle team block for their athlete and teammate(s) to lodge together. Athlete supervision is the parent's responsibility.
- **FOOD:** Each athlete's parent or designated guardian is responsible for their athlete's food needs including snacks and a healthy meal while playing. Team dinners may be arranged during a trip with each individual responsible for their meal.
- **TEAM ACTIVITIES:** these activities often create great team memories and can be arranged with consideration of the competition schedule. Any cost associated with these activities will be the responsibility of each family. Families are encouraged to take the lead in planning these activities.
- **SUPERVISION:** Once team competition, officiating responsibilities and any team activities are complete for the day the athlete will be under the direct supervision of their parent or designated guardian.

	<b>18 Black</b> <i>National</i>	<b>18 Blue</b> <i>National</i>
CLUB DUES	\$6,400	\$5,700
Costs are based on a roster size of ten (10) athletes per team		

<b>INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING:</b>		
<i>Team Coach Compensation</i>	✓	✓
<i>Gym Time for practices</i>	✓	✓
<i>Tournament Entry Fees</i>	✓	✓
<i>All Coach-Related Travel Expenses</i>	✓	✓
<i>Team/Athlete Support Services</i>	Sports Recruits® HUDL Assist™	Sports Recruits® HUDL Assist™
<i>Athlete Health &amp; Wellness Services</i>	✓	✓
<i>Recruiting Support Services</i>	✓	✓
<i>Practice Tee Shirts</i>	✓	✓

- ▲ *Club dues are paid in four (4) installments after an initial Commitment Deposit (\$2000 for national teams, \$1000 for Regional+) which is made at the time of verbal acceptance of a Triangle offer. See [CLUB PAYMENT SCHEDULE \(Girls 15-18s\)](#)*
- ▲ **Recruiting Support** - is provided by Triangle's Director of Recruiting. Athletes receive access to our [Sports Recruits® platform](#).
- ▲ **HUDL Assist™** is a team-based game analysis service offered to teams in this age/competitive level (value = \$1,000 per team). Triangle's Technical Coordinator oversees the incorporation of this technology to advance player development and team success. A parent videographer is required for each team.
- ▲ *Creation of practice player positions is decided once team selection is complete. Typical costs are \$200/month.*



## UNIFORM PACKAGE DETAILS

### REN ATHLETICS® UNIFORMS – CHECK THEM OUT [HERE!](#)

Triangle is pleased to continue its partnership with [REN Athletics®](#) for the 2024 club season. Families will order uniforms directly from REN Athletics® online portal. Fittings will be held at Triangle on a specific schedule.

Please note the following about Triangle uniforms:

1. The items making up the uniform package for each team depend on the team level and their competition schedule.
2. Solid black spandex or longer length tights/leggings can be worn for competition (no brand specified). No apparel logo can be larger than 1" square nor can there be any contrasting waistband color visible.
3. Crew sock and kneepad color is specified to be WHITE; however, brand and style is the individual's choice.
4. Triangle does not specify volleyball shoe color, style, or manufacturer but prefers white or black for a more cohesive look among the team.
5. We make every effort to keep consistent as many pieces as possible each year to minimize the year-to-year cost associated with uniforms. **RETURNING ATHLETES WILL ONLY NEED TO PURCHASE ITEMS LISTED AS \*NEW\* and any items that are worn, fit poorly, or have been lost.**

		18 Black and 18 Blue
UNIFORM PACKAGE		\$350 full package
<b>Jerseys</b>		
	REN Athletics® Short Sleeve Black	New Players
	REN Athletics® Long Sleeve White	New Players
	REN Athletics® Long Sleeve Blue	New Players
<b>Warm ups</b>		
	<b>NEW for 2024</b> REN Athletics® Pullover	<b>All Players</b>
	<b>NEW for 2024</b> REN Athletics® Joggers	<b>All Players</b>
	<b>NEW for 2024</b> REN Athletics® Hitter's	<b>All Players</b>
	REN Athletics® Cover Shorts	New Players
	REN Athletics® logo team Backpack	New Players
	REN Athletics® Black Spandex	***at additional cost if needed***

## SPIRIT WEAR INFORMATION

Members have access to multiple sources of Triangle logo gear (spirit wear):

1. **REN Athletics®** – REN Athletics® is offering several SpiritWear items for parents/spectators. These items can be purchased when making your athlete's uniform order.
2. **Squad Locker** is an online store for Triangle logo-merch. The VolleyShop has samples of Squad Locker gear.
3. **Triangle VolleyShop** – onsite store which has limited inventory and is a licensed dealer for REN Athletics®, Mizuno® and Molten®. The VolleyShop accepts cash, check, and all major credit cards. Items in the VolleyShop include: kneepads, socks, spandex, and more. VolleyShop pricing is competitive with most items offered at prices below MSRP.

## 18S EVENT/TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

When choosing events for our teams each season we keep the following things in mind:

- First and foremost, we seek a competitive schedule that is both age and level appropriate.
- We are fortunate to host multiple highly competitive “home” events (City of Oaks Challenge, MAPL Raleigh) that have the distinct advantage of requiring zero travel or added expense for Triangle families.
- Our schedules seek to respect and find a balance that makes sense for competitive youth sports and considers the financial burden on club volleyball families, missed days of school and the academic stress felt by student-athletes and the overall mental wellness of our athletes.

**Competitive divisions at national qualifiers:** generally speaking, teams will be entered as follows: Black = Open; Blue = USA. Teams performing above these levels may have opportunities to play in a higher division.

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	18 Black National	18 Blue National
Sunday evenings per Triangle schedule	Pre-Season Optional team practices	<i>Triangle</i>	▲	▲
Week of November 6	Regular Season practices begin	<i>Triangle</i>	▲	▲
<b>January</b>				
13, 14, 15	City of Oaks Challenge	<i>RCC – downtown</i>	▲	▲
26, 27, 28	Florida Fest 18s Qualifier	<i>Fort Lauderdale</i>	▲	▲
<b>February</b>				
17, 18, 19	Triple Crown Sports	<i>Kansas City</i>	▲	
23, 24, 25	Southeast 18s Qualifier	<i>Atlanta</i>	▲	▲
<b>March</b>				
8, 9, 10	Northeast Qualifier	<i>Philadelphia</i>	▲	▲
22, 23, 24	Music City Championship ( <i>18s Qualifier</i> )	<i>New Orleans</i>	▲	▲
<b>April</b>				
11, 12, 13 [Th-Sa]	JVA World Challenge 18s [ACT date]*	<i>Louisville</i>	▲	▲
26, 27, 28	18s USAV Junior Nationals*	<i>Baltimore</i>		<i>Requires qualification</i>
<b>May</b>				
6	Practices resume after one week break	<i>Triangle</i>	▲	▲
22	Last Senior Practice/Senior Celebration	<i>Triangle</i>	▲	▲
29	Alumni Practices begin**	<i>Triangle</i>	▲	▲
June 26	Last Alumni Practice**	<i>Triangle</i>	▲	▲

**Please note the following:**

- ▲ Should teams not qualify through the national qualifier process, they will be entered into the Carolina Region bid allocation process. This is a competitive points-based process where National, American and Freedom bids are awarded (3 total).
- ▲ **USAV Junior Nationals** – there are no extra costs payable to Triangle associated with participation in USAV Junior Nationals.
- ▲ **School Absences**-missed days from school for travel tournaments is common and relies heavily on the athlete’s school system’s calendar and trip transportation schedules. For planning purposes, allow 1-2 days missed for each three-day event when a school holiday is not utilized.
- ▲ \*The JVA World Challenge will be hosting the 18s Championship division of World Challenge on Thursday, April 11 through Saturday, April 13. Once teams have been formed a final decision on event participation by our 18s teams will be made. (updated 8/1/23)
- ▲ \*\*Alumni practices are free, and no associated costs are included in club dues related to these practices.
- ▲ **SAT/ACT Test dates** – some events will conflict with SAT and/or ACT test dates so scheduling testing for those days is to be avoided to ensure team viability.