



2023-2024

**Santa Fe Storm
Volleyball Club
(SFSVC)**

**Player/Parent
Handbook**

I. CLUB OVERVIEW

The Santa Fe Storm Volleyball Club (“SFSVC” or “SFS”) is committed to providing competitive volleyball opportunities to the youth of Northern New Mexico at an affordable price in a safe and positive environment. In addition to developing the players’ skills, SFS strives to develop the players’ sense of responsibility, commitment, hard work, and teamwork. SFS coaches teach our players to be disciplined, compete and train at full effort, be positive and supportive teammates, and display good sportsmanship.

- A. **SFSVC Junior Olympic (JO) Team** coaches are looking for players with strong volleyball skills and potential for improvement (including attitude, size, strength, and speed). Players must commit to regular practices each week. JO teams compete in monthly multi-day regional tournaments.

- B. **SFSVC Academy** coaches are looking for players who want to learn more about the value of team sports and volleyball basics, and who want to have a great time! Academy players must commit to regular weekly practice.

Our 2023-24 Director is Joe Rodriguez at santafestormvbc@gmail.com.

II. FEES

A. SFS Membership Fees for 2023-24 Season

i. JO Team Players (16u - 18u) - \$2,100.00

Fees include coach’s salary and training, facilities rental fees, equipment, tournament enrollment. There will be an additional fee of approximately \$100 for USAV-legal jerseys for competition. Jerseys can be reused from the 2023-2024 season if it works out. Please note that there will be additional tournament travel expenses (hotel, transportation, and food) that are the responsibility of the family.

i. JO Team Players (13u - 15u) - \$1,750.00

Fees include coach’s salary and training, facilities rental fees, equipment, tournament enrollment. There will be an additional fee of approximately \$100 for USAV-legal jerseys for competition. Jerseys can be reused from the 2023-2024 season if it works out. Please note that there will be additional tournament travel expenses (hotel, transportation, and food) that are the responsibility of the family.

ii. JO Regional Team Players (13u) Academy Players (11u and 12u)- \$1100

Fees include coach’s salary and training, facilities rental fees, equipment, tournament enrollment. There will be an additional fee of approximately \$100 for USAV-legal jerseys for competition. Jerseys can be reused from last year's

2023-2024 season. Please note there will be additional tournament travel expenses (hotel, transportation, and food) that are the responsibility of the family.

B. USAV/AAU Memberships Required

In addition to the SFS membership fees above, each player must register with USAV, (\$55-75.00) (depending on the age of the player), and may be done online through the USAV or SURVA (Sun Country Volleyball) websites.

C. Schedule of Payments Due without financial aid

i. JO Team (16u to 18u) Players without financial aid

With acceptance of bid \$350
Second Payment due 11/15/23 \$350.00
Third Payment due 12/15/23 \$350.00
Fourth Payment due 1/15/24 \$350.00
Fifth Payment due 2/15/24 \$350
Final Payment due 3/15/24 \$350.00
Total \$2,100

i. JO Team (13u to 15u) Players without financial aid

With acceptance of bid \$300.00
Second Payment due 11/15/23 \$290.00
Third Payment due 12/15/23 \$290.00
Fourth Payment due 1/15/24 \$290.00
Fifth Payment due 2/15/24 \$290
Fifth Payment due 3/15/24 \$290.00
Total \$1,750

ii. Academy Players (11u to 12u) without financial aid

With acceptance of bid \$250.00
Second Payment due 11/15/23 - \$212.50
Third Payment due 12/15/23 - \$212.50
Fourth Payment due 1/15/24 - 212.50
Fifth and Final Payment due 2/15/24 - \$212.50
Total \$1,100

D. Schedule of Payments Due with financial assistance – If you apply for financial assistance by the December 31, 2023 deadline and are awarded, you will receive an email saying you are eligible for financial assistance award. Financial assistance will be applied to your final payment. Recipients must be in current good standing with the club. **Late payments will cancel any financial assistance awarded.** If you apply for financial assistance, you will receive notice about your award by January 10, 2024.

All financial assistance is subject to the availability of funds. In the past the

maximum amount of financial aid awarded per player was \$300 for JO (13-18) teams and \$150 (11 & 12) for Academy teams. **To qualify for financial assistance you must participate in at least two fundraisers for the year.**

If you pay in full by December 31, 2023, you will get a 5% discount off the total cost. That makes the total cost of JO 16-18 \$1,995, JO 13-15 \$1,662 and the total cost of Academy \$1,045. If you would like to pay in full by the December 31, 2023 deadline and have paid your first installments, simply email Santa Fe Storm. Please make checks out to Santa Fe Storm Volleyball Club and mail them to: PO Box 24081, Santa Fe NM 87502. For a discount to apply, a check must be received by December 31, 2023.

E. Financial Assistance

SFSVC strives to make its opportunities available to all interested players, regardless of economic status. Therefore, financial assistance is available and will be awarded based on need. Any assistance awarded will be applied to the final payment (see the schedule of payments above) and will only be ultimately awarded if the player is in good standing with the club. Financial assistance will only be awarded **up to** \$300 for JO families (13s-18s teams) and \$150 for Academy families (11s and 12s teams). **To qualify for financial assistance you must participate in at least two fundraisers for the year.**

To apply for financial assistance, please apply on our website, Dec. 1, 2023 at santafestormvolleyballclub.com, and submit an application by December 31, 2023.

F. Additional Payment Terms

SFSVC keeps its membership fees low to remain affordable to our families. When families do not meet their payment obligations, SFS cannot provide services to its players. Therefore, the Club has adopted the following policies:

- A \$25 late fee will be charged on all late payments
- Once a payment is fourteen days past due, and the family has not made alternative arrangements with the Club, the player will be suspended from tournament play
- Once a payment is thirty days past due, and the family has not made alternative arrangements with the Club, the player will be asked to leave the Club
- SFSVC reports all unpaid fees to SURVA, who will place a “region hold” on the affected player, which prevents them from playing for any USAV Club in the SURVA region
- As a last resort, SFSVC works with a collection agency as needed to collect any past due balances. A 30% to 60% fee is added to the balance if it goes to collection.
- A \$30 processing fee will be charged for all returned checks
- If a player cannot complete the season, any refund will be made at the discretion of the SFSVC director and Board based on the individual circumstances

III. CODE OF CONDUCT

As a member of SFSVC, you represent the Club at all times. Whether on or off the court, all players are expected to maintain a good attitude that reflects positively on SFSVC. Any violation of the SFS Code of Conduct may result in dismissal from the Club, which decision is within the discretion of the Board.

The following are violations of the SFS Code of Conduct:

- A. Violation of USA Volleyball's Safe Sport Handbook; including the following USAV policies, which may be found at the USAV website, www.usavolleyball.org:
 - a. Bullying, Threats, and Harassment;
 - b. Hazing;
 - c. Harassment, including Sexual Harassment;
 - d. Emotional Misconduct;
 - e. Physical Misconduct;
 - f. Sexual Misconduct;
 - g. Social Media and Electronic Communications Policy; and
 - h. Travel Policy;
- B. Violation of SFS's ZERO-TOLERANCE policy for families and players on screaming, yelling, making derogatory remarks, or any excessive display of disagreement to ANY member of the officiating team, or to ANY player, coach, spectator, or representative of any other team;
- C. Violation of any event facility's policies or regulations;
- D. At any SFS event, practice, or match, possession of fireworks, ammunition, firearms or other weapons, or any item or material which by commonly accepted practices and principles would be a hazard or harmful to other persons;
- E. At the event venue of any SFS event, practice, or match, possession, consumption or distribution of alcohol, tobacco, marijuana or any other illegal substance by or to anyone registered as a junior volleyball player;
- F. Any act of fraud, deception or dishonesty in connection with any SFS related activity, or in connection with an affiliated organization;
- G. Any inappropriate non-consensual physical contact, obscene language or gesture, or threatening language or inappropriate conduct directed towards any individual in connection with a SFS event, practice, or match; failure to respect the rights of fellow participants, competitors, and/or tournament officials;
- H. Any deliberate or reckless damage, destruction, or theft of property of any person, of

SFS, or any other governing or sponsoring body or any other entity involved in any way with SFS at or during any SFS event, practice, or match;

- I. Violation of the specific policies, regulations, and/or procedures of USAV/SURVA;
- J. Adhere to all COVID-19 related public health orders for the state of New Mexico and for other states in which players may travel during travel.
- K. Conduct which is inappropriate as determined by comparison to normally accepted behavior behavior; and
- L. Any other intentional act, conduct, or omission not provided for above which is detrimental to the image or reputation of SFS.

IV. ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES: “PLAYERS PLAY, PARENTS PARENT, AND COACHES COACH”

A. PLAYERS

i. Practice

- a. Get to practice 10-15 minutes before it starts so you have time to put on your shoes and kneepads and set the net up
- b. Bring a water bottle to every practice
- c. If you are going to miss a practice, tell your coach in advance
- d. Take care of the gym and the equipment

ii. Tournaments

- a. Your coach and/should know where you are at all times
- b. If you are leaving the group, take a teammate with you
- c. Obey your coach’s curfew
- d. Don’t leave the tournament until the team is done officiating

iii. Playing Time

- 1) Players are NOT guaranteed equal playing time during tournaments: Coaches have discretion to make playing time decisions
- 2) Unexcused absences, attitude, and effort will affect your playing time

B. PARENTS

- 1) Model a positive attitude and good sportsmanship: do not boo opponents, challenge referees, or criticize your player’s coach
- 2) Maintain contact with the team parent and volunteer to help as needed (e.g. with the snack table)
- 3) Get your players to practice, conditioning, and tournaments early iv. If you do not travel with your child to a tournament, you must make prior

arrangements with another parent to look after your player. The other parent must be staying at the same hotel as your player. Coaches are not responsible for supervising players.

- 4) Make sure your player has money to pay for all their expenses during tournaments whether or not you accompany them
- 5) If you have questions or concerns for your player's coach, set up a time to discuss them when it does not interfere with practice or tournament play. Coaches will not discuss playing time with parents at any tournament.
- 6) If you have questions or concerns regarding SFS administration, speak with the executive director directly. You may email the executive director at santafestormvbc@gmail.com.

PLAYER & PARENT SIGNATURE

I have read, understand, and agree to be bound by the SFSVC policies, procedures and obligations set forth in this Parent/Player Handbook. I have asked and received the answers to any questions I had. I understand that any violation of the SFSVC handbook may result in dismissal from the Club.

I will let the Club know if I do not want my cell phone and email address shared with my Player's team for coordination of team activities.

Player Name

2023-2024

Player Signature

Date

Parent / Guardian Name (please print)

Relationship

Parent / Guardian Signature

Date

Please sign and return this page to Santa Fe Storm Volleyball Club.
Players will not be permitted to play in tournaments or practices until they (and a parent) have signed off on the handbook.