

UMR SPORTS - BLAZE
TRAVEL BEACH VOLLEYBALL CLUB



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BLAZE BEACH MISSION STATEMENT

Blaze Beach Volleyball Club provides youth beach volleyball athletes with consistent access to advanced beach volleyball training and in-game coaching year round. Alongside providing next-level coaching for our athletes, we will uphold a healthy, supportive, and competitive environment. The goal is to help shape the next generation of well-rounded, healthy, strong, and confident young women through beach volleyball.

CLUB STAFF EXPERIENCE

Collegiate Coaching Experience

- State College of Florida
 - January 2022 – June 2023

High School Varsity Coaching

- Lakewood Ranch High School
 - Spring 2023 – present

Club Beach Volleyball Coaching

- Blaze Beach Volleyball Club
 - May 2023 – present

Education

- University of South Florida: Bachelor of Science, Biomedical Science
- University of South Florida: Doctorate of Physical Therapy

Collegiate Competition Experience

- University of South Florida
 - Spring 2013 – Spring 2015
 - Team Captain
- American University
 - Fall 2011 – Spring 2013
 - Patriot League Champions 2011 & 2013
 - Division I Sweet 16 Appearance: 2013
 - AVCA Team Academic Award: 2013
 - Patriot League Honor Roll: 2011 & 2013

Professional Competition Experience

- NVL: 2015-2016
- AVP: 2016-2022
 - Rookie of the Year Nominee 2016
- FIVB: 2018
 - Bangkok, Thailand: Gold Medal



**COACH
BREE**



OUR FOCUS

TEACHING LIFE THROUGH SPORT

Youth Athlete Development

Technical Training

College Recruiting

Injury Prevention

Burnout Prevention

WHY CLUB BEACH VOLLEYBALL?

Blaze Beach Volleyball Club was developed by UMR Sports' Head Beach Volleyball Coach, Bree Scarbrough, to offer athletes year-round beach volleyball training and coached competition similar to club/travel indoor volleyball.

Historically, school (middle & high-school) indoor volleyball occurs in the Fall and Club/ Travel indoor volleyball offers continuance of training and coached competition in the Winter, Spring, and Summer.

Blaze Beach Volleyball Club was created in this same spirit, to offer continuance of training and coached competition in the Summer, Fall, and Winter outside of the high-school season.

For those athletes who have decided to discontinue indoor volleyball entirely or are interested in cross-training for decreased burnout and injury prevention, Blaze offers training and coached competition all year long.

HOW IT WORKS

Athletes whom make their training teams will train 2-3 days per week with their assigned coach. Athletes in the training team will have access to coaching at select beach volleyball tournaments along the west coast of Florida throughout the season.

It is not required that our Blaze athletes compete with other Blaze athletes. However, if outside athletes would like to receive coaching during tournaments an additional fee would be incurred for the outside athlete.



AVPA AGE GROUP REQUIREMENTS

AS OF 9/1/2023

18 and Under (18U)	Athletes graduating high school in 2024 or later.
16 and Under (16U)	Athletes graduating high school in 2026 or later.
14 and Under (14U)	Athletes graduating high school in 2028 or later.
12 and Under (12U)	Athletes graduating high school in 2030 or later.

TO BE FOLLOWED FOR WCC & ECC



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OFFICIAL TRYOUTS

WHERE

UMR Sports Complex
131 Upper Manatee River Rd,
Bradenton, FL 34212

WHEN

Sunday, October 15th, 2023

(times on next page)

PROCESS

We are looking to fill 8 positions in the age groups of 18U, 16U, and 14U. The athlete's skill level will determine which team they will train with during the week. However, if athletes are training above their age division they are not required to compete above their age level.

Athletes will be notified via email of team acceptance the evening of the tryout and will be given 5 days to commit to their assigned training team.

Please note, training teams will not be formed unless there are at least 4 athletes in their respective group. Training groups will be combined to achieve the minimum number if all athletes agree.

Athletes who participated in the previous club season will have their tryout fee waived.

MINI-SEASON TRYOUT SCHEDULE

Sunday, October 15, 2023

	Check-in	Tryout
14U, 16U, and 18U	11-11:15AM	11:15AM-2:15PM

PRACTICE/ TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE


	Practice Dates	Tournament Dates
Week 1	November 13 & 15	-
Week 2	November 20 & 22	East Coast Championships (ECC) (if qualified or registered) November 24-26
Week 3	November 29 & December 1	SSOVA – Treasure Island (Dec 3)
Week 4	December 6 & 8	-
Week 5	December 11 & 13	<i>UMR Free Play – December 15</i> <i>- can invite outside athletes to drop-in \$15</i>
Week 6	December 18 & 20	-
Week 7	December 29	SSOVA – Treasure Island (Dec 31)
Week 8	January 3 & 5	-
Week 9	Coach Bree’s Wedding Week	-
Week 10	January 17 & 19	-
Week 11	January 22 & 24	<i>UMR Free Play – January 26</i> <i>- can invite outside athletes to drop-in \$15</i>

18U, 16U, AND 14U*
PRACTICE
5:00-7:00PM

DUE AT TRYOUTS

- ✓ **Pay non-refundable tryout fee**
 - ✓ \$50 (18U-14U)
 - ✓ To be paid ahead of time via www.umrsports.com/events.
 - ✓ Athletes who participated in the previous club season will have their tryout fee waived
- ✓ **UMR Sports, Inc. Release of Liability Waiver**
- ✓ **UMR Sports, Inc. Medical Consent Form**
- ✓ **Blaze Beach Volleyball Club Parent/ Player Code of Conduct & Financial Agreement**

DUE AFTER TEAM ACCEPTANCE

- ✓ **Active AVP America (AVPA) Membership**
 - ✓ In order to compete in the 4-star East Coast Championships November 24-26 (which they must qualify for during the regular season), athletes must have a Gold Membership.
 - ✓ Gold Membership: \$44/year
 - ✓ Silver Membership: \$25/ year
 - ✓ Okay for athletes unable to attend ECC if they qualify
 - ✓ Memberships Explained: <https://avp.com/membership-sign-up/>
 - ✓ **Active USAV Membership (Renews September 1st every year)**
 - ✓ <https://www.floridavolleyball.org/membership.html>
 - ✓ **Complete Dues Payment**
 - ✓ Via www.umrsports.com/events
 - ✓ **Parents & Athletes Download the Heja App and Subscribe/ Join your team**
 - ✓ It's FREE
 - ✓ More information to follow.
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ATHLETE-PARENT-COACH
COMMUNICATION

Blaze Beach Club will be utilizing the mobile app, Heja, for communications regarding practices & tournaments.

All athletes are required to respond to attendance inquiries.

We recommend that parents also subscribe to their child's team.



WHERE YOUR MONEY GOES

BLAZE APPAREL

- ✓ 2 tank tops
- ✓ 1 backpack
 - ✓ Returning athletes get surprise gift designed by Coach Bree
- ✓ 1 AVP OPTX ball

ADMINISTRATIVE

These fees include but are not limited to coach salaries, staff travel, team registration fees, facility operational costs, insurance, maintenance, certifications, and equipment.

CLUB DUES

	Mini-Season 2023-2024	Pricing
18U, 16U, and 14U	Mini-Club Pro November 13, 2023 – January 26, 2024 2 Tournaments + coaching for ECC days 2 & 3. *Athlete completes registration for ECC*	\$1,660
	Mini-Club AAA November 13, 2023 – January 26, 2024 2 Tournaments (Does not include coaching for ECC)	\$1,460
	Mini-Club AA November 13, 2023 – January 26, 2024 No Tournaments	\$1060

Athletes must provide attendance notification >24hr prior to practice via Heja.

EAST COAST CHAMPIONSHIPS (ECC)

Bid Earning Window: Awarded to Girls 18U, 16U, 14U, 12U & Boys 18U, 16U, and 14U

- West Coast Championships - July 1, 2023 - November 5, 2023 (This is a limited space event. Bids do not guarantee a spot in the tournament)
- East Coast Championships - July 1, 2023 - November 19, 2023

Additional Information/ Registration Page can be found at:

- <https://www.avpamerica.com/VA-Beach-Volleyball-Event.aspx?EventID=12529>
- Registration will be open to all teams October 5, 2023 after the initial entry list is released by AVP America
- You must register your full team and pay in order to hold your position (registration will and payment will also secure a spot on the waitlist if your division is already full)

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EAST COAST CHAMPIONSHIPS (ECC), cont.

How to earn a bid:

- Bids can be earned to each 4-Star event at any qualifying event based on the bid window above. (on previous slide)
- Bids can be earned at AVP America junior events.
- 1-Star events award bids to 1st & 2nd place teams as long as there are at least 5 teams in the division.
- 2-Star events award bids to 1st, 2nd & 3rd (2) place teams as long as there are at least 5 teams in the division.
- No trickle-down bids.
- Bid winners can play with any partner of their choice. They do not need to play with the partner they won their bid with.
- Only one partner per team is required to have earned a bid.
- Bids are not age specific. If you age out of your current age division, your bid is still valid if you're moving up to an older age division.
- Players will be required to compete in their respective divisions at the time of the event (see [Junior Age Requirements](#), which will update on 9/1/2023).



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PRACTICE/ TOURNAMENT

RAINOUT & EVENT CANCELLATION POLICY

We at UMR Sports understand the frustration when it comes to rainouts & event cancellations due to weather or poor attendance.

Please, understand that we will do our best to reschedule practices/ tournaments for the safety of our athletes & coaches. However, there is no guarantee that all promised sessions/ tournaments will be able to be made-up.

PRACTICE/ TOURNAMENT ATTENDANCE POLICY

Athletes are responsible for notifying coaching staff of schedule conflicts for all practices and tournaments via Heja.

Blaze Beach Club is not responsible for rescheduling practices or tournaments to accommodate the schedule of individual athletes.



We look forward to the
opportunity to work with
your athletes!

See you on the sand,

Coach Bree