

RICHMOND EVENING OPTIMIST VOLLEYBALL PARENT INFORMATION

Please read and share info with League participant

THE RICHMOND EVENING OPTIMIST CLUB IS A PRIVATE CLUB AND NOT AFFILIATED WITH ANY SCHOOL OR RICHMOND CITY PARK.

Optimist Clubs are not-for-profit organizations with the goal of providing support of charitable, literary, or educational purposes. Each Club operates independently. The Club's Board of Directors makes all the decisions. The Club operates strictly from all Volunteers. **To support the Club activities, several expenses are incurred including paying for mowing, grounds maintenance, management of concession stand and stocking the stand, utilities, umpires, referees, scorekeepers, and continued maintenance of the park.** Volunteers carry out all other jobs, including Board members, commissioners, coaches, and all other chairperson positions (fundraiser, sign-ups, equipment, pictures, schedules, and grounds). Please be respectful of these persons.

- 1. THE BASEBALL & VOLLEYBALL FACILITIES ARE NOW TOBACCO FREE. Violation of tobacco use on the property will result in removal from the grounds. This includes Optimist baseball facility (located behind the Armory building).**
- The use or possession of any alcoholic beverages or illegal substance is strictly prohibited on any REO property. This includes all practices.
- No riding toys are permitted in the park such as trail bikes, three-wheelers, skateboards, roller blades, scooters, mopeds, and bicycles. No pets of any kind are allowed on REO grounds. Persons will be asked to leave the park.
- 3 Junior, Intermediate, Senior Leagues** will be best 2 out of 3 games, rally scoring first two games to 25 points; if a third game is needed, it will be rally scoring to 15 points. No point cap on any game of a match and a team must win by 2 points.
- Forfeit time for the first game of a match will be 5 minutes after the scheduled match starting time or 5 minutes after the referee calls the team to the court if the matches are running late. The second game and the match will be forfeited after an additional 5 minutes. A minimum of four (4) players is required during regular season and tourney.
- Each team has 5 minutes ball handling, 2 minutes hitting, and 2 minutes shared serving. **No passing, setting, or hitting of volleyballs is allowed before, during, or after matches anywhere else on REO property outside court areas. Don't bring your volleyball to games.**
- Per IHSAA rules 4-1-6: Players shall wear no jewelry (including during pre-match warm-ups). Religious medals must be taped & worn under uniform. Medical alert medals must be taped and may be visible. Participants may possibly not have REO insurance if violates the rule. All hair devices must be soft materials If a player is found to be wearing illegal equipment during the match, the team will be assessed a time-out and the player cannot re-enter the game until the problem is corrected. If the team has no time-outs left at the time of the violation, a point/side out will be awarded the other team.
New: hairpins (bobbi pins) may be worn but can not be any longer than 2 inches.
- 7 Players must wear their team shirt during matches. The shirts are advertisements for their sponsor and may not be altered in any way. Per IHSAA rules: 1) bare midriffs not allowed; 2) uniform top must hang below or be tucked into the waistband of uniform bottom when player standing upright. Per REO rules: shirts may not be tied into knots, no writing on shirts, no cutting off sleeves or bottoms of shirts, and may not be size altered in any way. All participants must wear appropriate shoes when on the courts. Modification of shirt will result in suspension from play, length of time to**

be determined by League Commissioner.

8. Players are to remain standing behind designated line at back of court.
9. Running of laps and suicide sprints will not be allowed on courts before, during or after a match. These “training methods” should be run at practices only
- 10 **All participants must wear kneepads at practices and matches. This is safety issue.**
11. Players and coaches are to display good sportsmanship at all times. Players or coaches who fail to conform to the proper manners required will be given a “yellow card warning by the referee). A second offense by same person will result in referee giving offender a “red card - expulsion from the match and court area. Use of vulgar language, fighting by players, coaches, or **spectators** at any time while on REO property will result in automatic expulsion from League & REO grounds.
12. Rainout matches will be completed on next available rain date on schedules. If rain starts during a match, teams should stay until match is officially cancelled.
13. Awards will be given to 1st and 2nd place in **Junior, Intermediate, & Senior Division.** If there is a tie for 1st place at end of regular season, a play off match will be held. If there is a tie for second place at end of regular season, a play-off match will be held.
- 14 There will be a double elimination tourney after regular season in Junior, Intermediate, and Senior divisions. Positioning in the tourney will be determined by how teams finished in the league. In case of a tie, positioning will be broken by: a) head to head competition (b) highest total scores between teams tied for seeding position. Trophies will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd in tourney. Sportsmanship award will be given to one player from each team in Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Division.
15. An award will be given to any participant that has completed 7-9 consecutive years in REO volleyball program.
- 16, Junior_League only --during regular season, League officials will keep records on attempts by each team to do pass, set, down ball skills. All team members and coaches will receive an award if their team meets the goal set by League. This is to encourage younger players to strive to play the game in the correct manner.
17. YOUNG BUNCH participants will receive a participation award. No post season tourney.
18. Participants are required to attend practice and matches and need to notify coaches in advance of being absent. If notification is not given in advance or **excessive absenteeism** occurs, the coach has the right to set a player out of a game or match. Any player missing two (2) consecutive practices/matches can be set out the next scheduled match. A coach must provide League Commissioner proof of the infraction and League Commissioner must approve the suspension in advance. Player must serve suspension by standing with the team behind rotation line; failure could result in further suspension.
19. **Participant must turn in fundraiser monies to receive their team shirt.**
21. League officials can request a medical release from any participant if misses practice or is removed from a match/practice due to a serious health issue. Must present statement from attending doctor. This rule required due to insurance requirements.
22. Complaints by team members or parents must be discussed first with the coach.