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Beach Tournament II

- Sep 12

High School Fall Ball

- Session 2: Sep 13-Oct 1
- Session 3: Oct 11-Oct 29

Commitment Deposit

- Due within 7 Days after Acceptance

Club Dues - First Installment Payments

- Oct 11 – 18s
- Nov 15 – All other teams
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Xceleration
Volleyball Club

John B. David, Editor

Will there be a 2021 Season?

... that is the question.

AT THIS POINT IN TIME A YEAR

AGO, our Fall Ball Season was well underway. Our Sunday Open Gyms were ready to take sign-ups. Our pre-Tryout Clinics were gearing up to assign coaches to run the camps with their prospective players. And plans were in place to hold the club season tryouts during the first week of November.

Undoubtedly, the well laid plans often go awry, especially this season as the pandemic is requiring Xceleration (and in fact all of us) to make adjustments, while also ensuring the health and safety of the club's staff and players.

So while there is continued uncertainty with ongoing changes by health county officials on what our club and other public facilities can do, Xceleration has been actively monitoring these edicts and is closely working with our practice facility owners, NorCal Courts, to make sure that we are following safety rules and procedures in order to continue to provide our services to local youth and the surrounding communities.

As we approach year-end, Xceleration is preparing and working under the assumption that the 2021 season will proceed as usual but we will continue to be flexible under these unusual conditions brought forth by COVID-19. We also ask for your continued support, flexibility, and understanding, as our plans are likely going to be dictated by the health crisis. Together we can overcome and beat this virus!



HIGH SCHOOL FALL BALL

As we've communicated to the volleyball community, Xceleration has adjusted its programs by creating its first-ever High School Fall Ball Camps. As a result of the delayed high school volleyball season, which starts in December, and the realization that tryouts in early November are unlikely to happen due to continued health restrictions pertaining to limitations on gatherings to no more than 15 people, the Fall Ball camps are primarily serving to prepare our players for their high school volleyball season, as well as to begin assembling our teams for the 2021 competitive club volleyball season.

It is important to note that Fall Ball for all age groups will be used as a part of the tryout process and that offers will be extended during this time. Coaches for the 2021 season can be found on our website under [Staff](#).

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High School Fall Ball (continued)

Due to contact tracing requirements and the need to create pods/bubble groups or stable cohorts, players must attend the duration of their selected session(s) and movements from one session or pod to another is not allowed. No drop-ins are accepted and sign-ups for the entire session are required. Under these circumstances, Xceleration has instituted a no refunds and no credits policy for any cancellations or no-shows after registration.



Interested?
or...
Committed!!

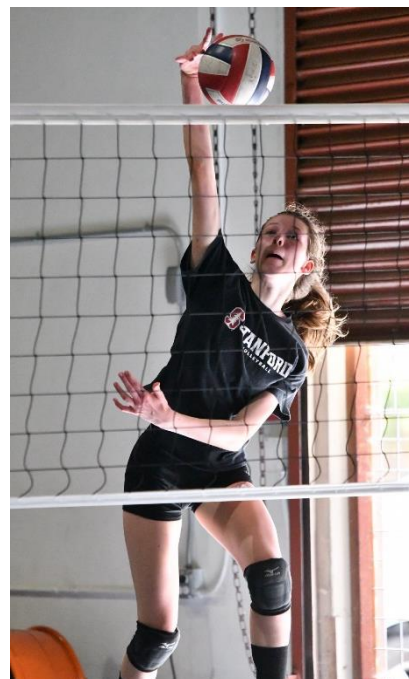
ARE YOU INTERESTED IN PLAYING FOR XCELERATION?

As the club continues to form its teams for the 2021 club volleyball season, Xceleration has created a [Play for Xceleration Interest Form](#) for any prospective players who would like to notify us of their interest in joining one of our teams. Due to the limited number of players that we could accept in the Fall Ball camps, many players were not able to attend any of the sessions to allow our coaches the time to evaluate their play. We will get each player connected to their age-specific coaches and the player can arrange how our coaches will be able to see them in action – whether it's through a recruiting video or other alternatives that they can schedule with the coach. During these times, the video is the preferred approach and we'll gladly review footage for assessment.

ARE YOU COMMITTED TO PLAYING FOR XCELERATION?

As previously noted, Xceleration is using the Fall Ball sessions as part of our evaluation process. If you have been given a “**Play for Xceleration Offer**” from a coach during one of the Fall Ball sessions and you are ready to accept the offer, please secure your spot on the team as soon as possible by reviewing, completing, and submitting all required forms in your specific team's [Signing Packet](#) and by remitting your [Commitment Deposit](#); both must be completed.

IMPORTANT NOTE: If you are attending one or both of the remaining High School Fall Ball sessions, do not worry... we expect to continue assembling our teams through the end of the last Fall Ball session at the end of October.



Xceleration BEACH!

Xceleration's beach program continues to expand each year and interest has been high. Not only have we extended the program to two five-week long sessions but the club has also hosted two in-house tournaments that were open to all Xceleration program participants.

The first Xceleration Beach Tournament was held on August 29 at the Moraga Commons Park; and the second tournament will be held on September 12.

Let's Hit the BEACH!



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Testimonials from Beach Tournament

So much fun!!!

– **Hanna Hageboeck**

*My girl is in her happy place!
What a fun day of volleyball today.*

– **Jennifer Uresti**

Fantastic job to all on the beach tourney today. Great turnout and great showing - I was very impressed. Even the family pets came out. It was wonderful to see all those kids and parents having a great time on the beach!

– **Jim Ross**

We're at a whole new level! It was awesome! Everyone I spoke with loved the tourney!

– **Jeremy Swann**

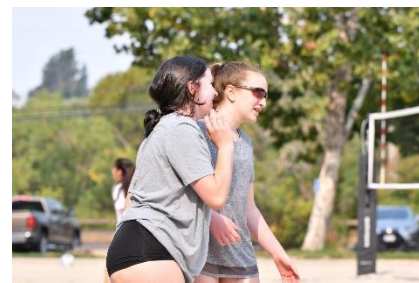
Fun day at the Beach! Hard playing kids... Thanks for making this happen.

– **Gina Hageboeck**

This makes me realize that more than anything, I've missed seeing our kids' smiles.

– **Tomas Pineda**

Xceleration BEACH!



*Photos courtesy of
Tomas Pineda*

WESTCOAST

VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION

170 teams

11 clubs

3 divisions

1 league



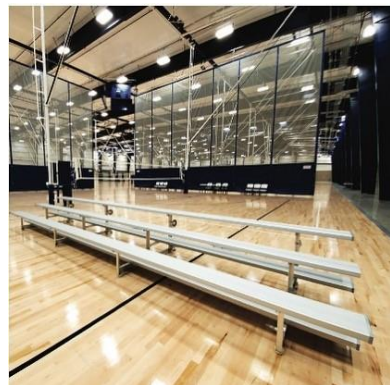
organized by clubs, for clubs

XCELERATION FORMS THE WEST COAST VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION WITH FIVE OTHER CLUBS, NEW LEAGUE IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA-RENO TO BEGIN INAUGURAL SEASON IN 2021

Last month we announced that Xceleration Volleyball Club, along with five other founding partners in the Northern California-Reno region, has launched the West Coast Volleyball Association (WCVBA) for the 2021 girls' competitive club volleyball season.

Club Owner **Jeremy Swann** said, "This inaugural season of the new WCVBA is a long time coming and we're extremely honored to be part of this group of dedicated professionals that will take competitive club volleyball to a

whole new level. We look forward to a successful future for girls' volleyball clubs in Northern California and Reno." Under the auspices of the Junior Volleyball Association (JVA), the WCVBA is comprised of six founding clubs that is led by Executive Director Matt McEvoy of Synergy Force Volleyball Club. He will take direction from a six-member Executive Board from each of the founding club members in the WCVBA – City Beach, Northern Nevada Juniors, NorCal, OMN1, Synergy Force, and



Xceleration. The club will be represented by **Jim Ross**, our current college development director and former club owner and director.

Ross said, “As one of the six Board members, I am tasked to work with member clubs to enhance their volleyball experience, from ensuring that we host better-organized tournaments with world-class officiating to communicating early and often with parents and players about all aspects of the league.” He followed, “We will do this with the help of the WCVBA’s volleyball experts and brightest minds who are passionate about the game and created this league with the best interest of its members in mind.”

The WCVBA has been in development for years with the goal of improving and enhancing member experiences throughout the volleyball season. For 2021, the WCVBA will have over 170 competing teams in the 12s to 18s age group from 11

clubs in the Northern California-Reno region and will look to expand its membership in years to come. All league games over three weekends – one each in January, March and May – will total 6 tournament days and will all be hosted by the WCVBA at the Placer Events Center in Roseville, CA. At the end of the season, the top teams in each age group will have their entry fees covered at either the JVA West Coast Cup or AAU Championships.

Club Director **Leslie Ray** said, “With the tournament venue and dates being set well in advance, it will take the guesswork out of knowing when and where our teams will be assigned for league play. The Event Center is only 80 miles or 80 minutes from our Martinez practice facility.”

Additional information about the WCVBA is available on its website at www.wcvba.com



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. What is the WCBVA and why haven't I heard of this league before?

WCVBA is the acronym for West Coast Volleyball Association, which is a new league that has been in development for a number of years, if not decades in the making. It will launch its inaugural season in 2021.

2. What is JVA's role in the league?

The JVA is the sanctioning and governing body that the WCVBA will work under. It will also serve as the consulting organization to share best practices of running a league/tournament – from organizing and hosting events including officiating, communicating to coaches and families, and serving its customers.

3. What is the leadership structure of the league?

The 2021 league season will be led by an Executive Director under the direction of a six-member Executive Board or Committee from each of the founding club members of the league – City Beach, Northern Nevada Juniors (NNJ), NorCal, OMN1 (formerly Rage Sacramento), Synergy Force, and Xceleration.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

4. Who or what teams are included in the WCBVA? Can any club enter and join this league?

The 11-member league for 2021 is currently comprised of teams from the following clubs: City Beach, Empire, Encore, Mountain View Volleyball Club, NNJ, Rage Westside, SF Elite, Synergy Force, NorCal, OMN1, and Xceleration. The WCVBA is currently sold out and at capacity at 170 competitive teams from the 12s to 18s age groups from these clubs.

5. Why is Xceleration moving to this new league? What does it mean for the club if Xceleration is included in this league?

After getting consistent feedback over the years, we heard our members loud and clear that changes needed to be made in our existing league structure. Excessive league travel, long days, poor facilities, and lack of officiating were common complaints. We feel that the new WCVBA is a better fit for us. This will simply replace our league participation with the NCVA. By also being a member of the Executive Board, Xceleration will have a voice and seat at the table in making the proper decisions for the benefit of the club and its league members.

6. What is the schedule for league competition?

There will be three weekends for league play, similar to Power League (PL) 1, PL2 and PL3. League competition with the WCVBA is scheduled to take place on January 23-24, March 20-21, and May 1-2. The league will work with school districts and athletic leagues to avoid conflicts with the high school volleyball season, which has been delayed to begin in December.

7. Where will league games be played?

All league games for all the teams in the WCBVA will take place at the [Placer Valley Event Center](#), or commonly known as @the Grounds, a spacious and state-of-the-art \$34-million, 160,000-square-foot facility located at 700 Event Center Drive, Junction Blvd. in Roseville, CA. The Center is approximately 80 miles or 80 minutes from our practice facility in Martinez. By joining the WCVBA, the unknowns of when, what time, or where we play is eliminated.

8. What is the playing schedule for league?

On the three scheduled weekends for league play on Saturdays and Sundays, there will be an AM Wave that starts at 8:00 a.m. for the Championship Division and a PM Wave that starts at approximately 2:30 p.m. for the Open Division. The league will make every effort to end early on Sundays. So, with a 6-game guarantee, four games may be played on Saturday and two on Sunday. If a team is in an AM Wave on Saturday, it will also be in the AM Wave on Sunday, and the same for teams in the PM Wave.

9. What are the Championship and Open Divisions?

The Championship Division is primarily comprised of skill-specific teams from the 12s – 16s age groups. The Open Division is made up skill-specific, blended teams from the 15s – 18s age groups.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

10. Will there be a league qualifier (e.g., Premier/Power League Qualifier) to determine the top teams in the league?

With the COVID uncertainty, including booking of venues, and this being the first year of the league, there will be no league qualifying tournaments this season to seed teams. The WCVBA expects to hold qualifying tournaments to determine team seedings in the future.

11. How will league seedings be determined if there are no WCVBA Qualifiers?

Placements will be done by a WCVBA Seeding Committee, with input from every club and club directors in the league. You also have to remember that seeding was a bigger issue when JN bids were at stake or in the picture in the NCVA. In the new league, while the Seeding Committee will spend a lot of time on seeding teams, a potential mis-seed is not as big a deal. The Seeding Committee has the ability to make an immediate re-seed to balance the pools.

12. What are the benefits of playing in this league? What do we lose by breaking away from the NCVA?

We have a lot to gain from the WCVBA by way of a better-organized league, paid officials for every match played, and certainty of timing and tournament locations, among others, that will be run and hosted by member volleyball experts in the region who are passionate about the game and are committed to the league with the best interest of its members at the forefront. By not playing in the NCVA league tournaments, teams will not be able to secure a JN bid through league play or the NCVA league championship tournament.

13. Does this mean that we can no longer participate in tournaments held by the NCVA?

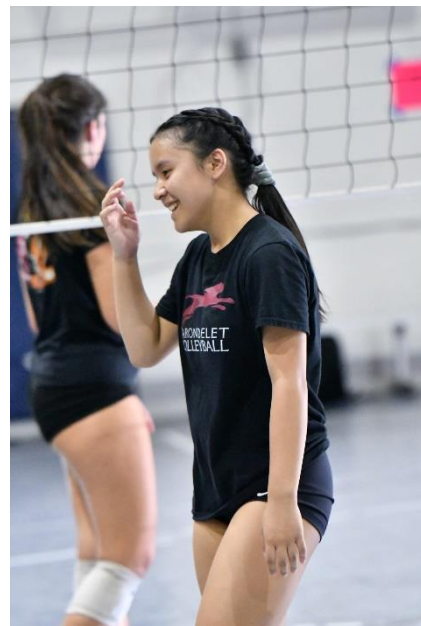
No. Xceleration can still participate in local and qualifying tournaments held by the NCVA, such as California Kickoff, Presidents' Day, Far Westerns or the Bayview Classic. The club will still have the ability to receive JN bids through JN Qualifiers that we will still be entering and participating in. Only league play is removed from the schedule.

14. Will it diminish the competitive level by playing in this league?

On the contrary, the league was formed with "competition" in mind. The current member list includes several of the top-performing clubs in the region over the last several years. The league Board and Seeding Committee are committed to assuring that the level of play will be commensurate with skill levels that will lead to competitive matches for all our teams.

15. Will the number of tournaments be reduced by playing in the WCVBA?

Xceleration continues to expect each team to play approximately 8-10 tournaments each season. We will still be entering tournaments outside our league as we have done in the past such as Triple Crown NIT, the Las Vegas Classic, JVA West Coast Cup, and AAU Nationals. We will also be entering



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

new tournaments that will be offered by the JVA to be held locally that will include teams from other leagues and regions.

16. What impact will this have on college recruiting?

The College Recruiting effort from Xceleration will not change. Our teams will continue to participate in tournaments nationwide that will offer the opportunity for our players to be seen by college coaches. Remember that college coaches are unlikely to attend league tournaments; we will continue to get our players on the national stage where visibility for recruiting will be a priority.

17. How stable is this organization, is it a fly-by-night league that could have us back with the NCVA if things don't work out?

The WCVBA has been in development for a number of years with the best minds in the volleyball world and the support of the JVA, one of the premier associations in the country, along with AAU and USAV. It should be noted that the intent of the WCVBA is not to replace the NCVA. Rather, the league is working in conjunction with the NCVA to help provide a solid and rewarding volleyball experience to players in our region.

18. Where can we get more information about the WCVBA?

Additional information can be found on the WCVBA website at www.wcvba.com where the WCVBA Handbook is also posted. Details on tournament play, including format, rules, and Code of Conduct are also included in the Handbook. Tournament flow charts will be on the website, and everything associated with scheduling prior to and on tournament day will be on the AES website. FAQs from the WCVBA can be found [here](#).

The league will also have a social media presence through following feeds:

- Facebook: @WestCoastVolleyballAssociation
- Instagram: @wcvba
- Twitter: @westcoastvba
- JVA News Article Link: [JVA Press Release](#)

Questions?

Please send us an email and [contact us](#) with any questions about the WCVBA or Xceleration in general.



[Madi Risch spikes her way to the University of Pennsylvania](#)

Read an article by the **Lamorinda Weekly** about our Xceleration alumnus and Acalanes prep star **Madi Risch**. You may have also seen Madi on the courts during past few weeks as she was helping the 15s pods in Fall Ball.

“Pursue what you want wholeheartedly and with a passion. Believe in your hustle and not your luck. Hard work will never fail you at the end of the day.” – **Madi Risch**

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VOLLEYBALL

PRELIMINARY 2021 Tournament Schedule

(updated September 7, 2020)

Tournaments	Dates*	12B	13B	13W	14B	14W	15B	15W	16B	16W	17B	18B	18W
JVA Norcal Winter Classic - Rocklin	Jan 16-18	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
WCVBA League #1 & #2 - Rocklin	Jan 23-24	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
NCVA Presidents Day - Bay Area	Feb 13-15	x	x	x	x	x		x					
Las Vegas Classic							x		x	x	x	x	x
NCVA Golden State Classic - Sacramento	Mar 6-7				TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD					
JVA Norcal Spring Challenge - Rocklin	Mar 6-7	x	x	x	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	x	x			
NCVA Sierra National Qualifier - Reno, NV	Mar 5-7											x	x
WCVBA League #3 & #4 - Rocklin	Mar 20-21	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
SCVA Red Rock Rave - Las Vegas, NV	Mar 27-29						x	x	x	x	x		
	Apr 9-11				x	x							
NCVA Far Westerns - Reno, NV	Apr 17-19		x	x	x	x		x					
	Apr 23-25						x		x	x	x		x
18s Spring Junior Nationals (as qualified) - Columbus, OH	Apr 23-25											TBD	TBD
WCVBA League #5 & #6 - Rocklin	May 1-2	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
NCVA Bay View Classic - Bay Area	May 29-31	x	x	x									
JVA West Coast Cup - Long Beach					x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
AAU National Championships - Orlando, FL	May-Jun TBD						x		x		x		
USAV Jr Nationals (as qualified) - TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
JVA NorCal Invitational - Rocklin	TBD				TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD		

* Reflects tournament dates only, excluding travel days

