

**Who:** Local 5-8th grade girls

**What:** Girls volleyball league focusing on individual skill development,

position training, team play, and speed & agility training.

When: January 23-March 23, 2024

**Where:** Hudsonville Christian and Unity Christian gyms

**Purpose**: The goal of the Cross-train volleyball league is to provide girls the opportunity to be encouraged in their faith while growing in their volleyball knowledge and skill. Girls will be divided into teams with peers of similar skill level. Each team will have an experienced coach who will lead them through practices focused on fundamental skill development, team play, and weekly devotions. Position training for 7/8th graders will be included during practice times for setters, hitters/blockers, and defensive specialists.

**Format**: Evaluation dates are January 2nd and 4th. Weekly practices begin January 23. Matches are usually scheduled between 8am-1pm on March 2, 9, 16, and 23. Teams will play 2 matches each week on each of the first three Saturdays in March, tournament style play on March 23. 5/6th graders will use a "volley lite" volleyball.

**Questions:** Contact <a href="mailto:crosstrainvb@gmail.com">crosstrainvb@gmail.com</a>

## **Registration:**

Registration opens November 18th at 3:00pm. Space is limited.

To register: **FIRST** go to <u>SignupGenius.com</u> using the QR code below or email <u>crosstrainvb@gmail.com</u> for the link. You will need ACCESS code: 2024. **THEN** paperwork and payment must be received within 10 days to hold your place in the league. Please make checks payable to: <u>Cross-Train Volleyball</u> <u>Send form and payment to: 8148 36th Ave. Hudsonville.</u>

## **Cost of the league:**

\$145.00 (includes a t-shirt). Please make checks payable to: Cross-Train Volleyball Send to: 8148 36th Ave Hudsonville, MI 49426



# Cross-train Volleyball Registration:

Player Name:		School:	
Grade:	Year(s) of	experience:	
Parent Names: _			
Parent E-mail: _	Phone #:		
T-shirt size:	Youth Medium	Youth Large	
Adult small	Adult medium	Adult large	Adult XL
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## Frequently asked questions:

## 1. What is the value in playing in the Cross-train Volleyball league?

We offer girls the opportunity to learn and improve their volleyball skills in a Christ-centered environment. Our number one goal is to honor Christ and offer quality instruction within a balanced time frame for multiple sport athletes, families with busy schedules, or girls wanting to improve their fundamental skill set. Our focus is on skill development and improving overall knowledge of the game. Our goal is to build a strong foundation for girls hoping to play at the middle school and high school levels.

### 2. What is the focus during practices?

#### 5th and 6th grade:

- -To develop the core fundamental skills of passing, setting, hitting and serving (both underhand and overhand)
- -Develop game strategy by working on the pass-set-hit approach before volleying the ball across the net
- -Develop consistency of offensive and defensive transitions on the court
- -Build confidence in moving to the ball
- -Understand rules of the game
- -Teams will practice and play with a "volley lite" volleyball.

#### 7th and 8th grade:

- -To develop the core fundamental skills of passing, setting, hitting, blocking, and serving (strengthen overhand serve consistency and zone placement)
- -Initiate position training for hitters/blockers, setters, and defensive specialists
- -Introduction and development of team defense (primarily perimeter defense)
- -Introduction and development of team offense and rotational play (5-1, 4-2, and 6-2 offenses)
- -Develop court awareness and strategic play (reading offenses and defenses, anticipatory play)

## 4. What do evaluations look like and how are teams made?

Girls will be placed on teams of similar skill level. All players will be evaluated on January 2nd and 4th by a large team of coaches. Through a variety of drills and scrimmaging, players are evaluated on fundamental skills, knowledge of the game, serving ability (ability to serve at or near the end line using an overhand serve), and confidence and aggressiveness to the ball. The majority of 5/6th graders will practice from 5:30-7:15 and the majority of 7th/8th graders will practice from 7:15-9:15, some exceptions may occur.

#### 5. What kind of coaching can we expect?

All of our core staff have played competitively at the high school or collegiate level. Practice plans are created by Coach Hope with input from team coaches.

#### 6. What if I register then need to withdraw?

A refund will be granted prior to December 15th with the exception of a \$20 t-shirt fee.

#### 7. What if the SignUpGenius registration form is full?

Please register on the wait list and we will accommodate as many as possible.

# **Schedule:**

- January 2 (Tuesday): evaluations (West Gym) 5/6th 5:30-7:15pm 7/8th 7:15-9:15pm
- January 4 (Thursday): evaluations (West Gym) 5/6th 5:30 7:15pm 7/8th 7:15-9:15pm
- January 23 (Tuesday): practice (West Gym) 5/6th 5:30-7:15pm 7th/8th 7:15-9:15pm
- January 30 (Tuesday): practice (West Gym) 5/6th 5:30-7:15pm 7/8th 7:15-9:15pm
- February 6 (Tuesday): practice (West Gym) 5/6th 5:30-7:15pm 7/8th 7:15-9:15pm
- February 13 (Tuesday): practice (West Gym) 5/6th 5:30-7:15pm 7/8th 7:15-9:15pm
- February 20 (Tuesday): practice (West Gym) 5/6th 5:30-7:15pm 7/8th 7:15-9:15pm
- February 27 (Tuesday): practice (West Gym) 5/6th 5:30-7:15pm 7/8th 7:15-9:15pm
- March 2 (Saturday): Matches 8-1pm (Unity Christian High School)
  \*Potential time change to 12-4pm dependent on Unity boys basketball
- March 5 (Tuesday): practice (West Gym) 5/6th 5:30-7:15pm 7/8th 7:15-9:15pm
- March 9 (Saturday): Matches 8-1pm (Unity Christian High School) \*Potential time/location change dependent on Unity boys basketball
- March 12 (Tuesday): practice (Middle School North Gym) 5/6th 5:30-7:15pm 7/8th 7:15-9:15pm
- March 16 (Saturday): Matches 8-1pm (Unity Christian High School)
- March 21 (**Thursday**): practice (Middle School North Gym) 5/6th 5:30-7:15pm 7/8th 7:15-9:15pm
- March 23 (Saturday): Matches 8-1pm (Unity Christian High School)

<sup>\*</sup>Team schedules for Saturday match play will be determined once teams assignments are made.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Occasional practice nights may change due to gym conflict, this is rare but we will notify you asap if any changes occur.