



What is Summer Elite?

A sand program for athletes who want to play beach volleyball during the summer months. Available to athletes 12-18 yrs. old with 1+ seasons of volleyball experience on a club team. This program takes experienced volleyball players and allows them to train with our current year-round players and attend events on the YR team calendar, some of which include travel events.

When does the season start, and when does it end?

The Summer Elite season begins May 12, 2025 and runs to July 3, 2025.

What is the cost for Summer Elite, and what's included?

The cost for the S3 Summer Elite season is \$675 per athlete.

Payments can be made in full by May 10th or broken into 2 payments of \$400 by May 10th and the balance of \$275 by June 1st.

Cost Includes: • 2 two-hour practices per week • 3 to 4 coached tournaments • (2) S3 t-shirts, (2) S3 tanks and Lululemon shorts!

Do I need to bring my own beach partner?

You do not need to bring your own beach partner. We will help to pair you up. Also, a friend that has also been accepted into the Summer Elite program can be a preferred partner for tournaments, if you'd like.

Which age division do I play?

Unlike indoor volleyball, sand/beach junior age divisions are broken into even ages. So you would register as a 12U, 14U, 16U or 18U. Also, most of the beach governing bodies are going to graduation year to determine which age group a player competes in.

What if I am a 12U player?

It is best for players who are 11 or 12 (12U) to come into the program with a pre-set partner. The two 12U players will be subject to the tryout process as a team. However, should a 12U player not have a pre-set partner, she will be evaluated as if she is a 14U level player.

-12U players must have played 1+ years on a high-level club team.

-12U players or teams must be capable of competing at a 14U level.

What if I am a male player?

Over the last year we have started building our boys program! We are excited to have some guys learning and excelling in the game of beach volleyball. We would love to have a few more join us!

Why is there a tryout process?

The most competitive parts of the volleyball season are during the summer months. It is during this important time that the Summer Elite players will be added to certain groups within the S3 year-round practices. These players are players who have already been training and competing for the previous 4 to 5 months. The S3 coaching staff must ensure that the newly-added Summer Elite players can keep pace and participate in the advanced levels of play.

Where are tryouts held?

LakePoint Sporting Community in Emerson.

Address: 163 LakePoint Parkway, Cartersville, GA 30121

AND/OR

Badger Creek Park in Canton, GA.

Address is 464 Blalock Rd, Canton GA 30115.

How do I register for one of the tryout days?

Tryout registration is done on the s3volleyball.com website under the "Register" tab.

Is there a cost to tryout?

Yes. The Summer Elite tryout fee is \$30.

If multiple tryout dates are being offered, players will only need to attend one.

Callbacks or 2nd evaluations do not require a second registration.

What should I wear and what should I bring?

Participants can wear a t-shirt, tank, spandex, shorts, bathing suit top/bottoms, leggings and a sports bra. Players will need to make sure they have water, towel, cover up clothing, flip flops, sunglasses, and sunscreen.

What I should I expect?

Much like other tryouts, we will be evaluating players on ball handling skills, setting, hitting, serving, blocking and defense.

Don't worry if you are new to sand, we will bring you up to speed on the drills and the adjustments to be made when making the transition from indoor to sand.

I have a schedule conflict with the tryout day or time?

Hopefully at least one of our dates will work for you to attend. If there is absolutely no way you can attend any of the posted dates, please email info@s3volleyball.com and someone from our coaching staff will contact you by email or phone.

Will there be cuts?

Not everyone who participates in the Summer Elite tryout will make it on to the team. Even though S3 would love to train everyone who expresses interest, that may not be feasible. If our staff does not feel like a player's skills are quite up to the Summer Elite level, they CAN still participate in our Summer Volley program

How will I know if I have been selected for the Summer Elite program?

Each tryout participant will receive an email within 24 to 48 hours of the tryout. All communication regarding tryout results will be sent to the email address used to register the player for tryouts. Please make sure you enter the address correctly. We have had a few people enter it wrong and not get the invite email!

A participant that is not being offered a spot may continue to train with S3 through our Summer Volley Sessions.

I was offered a spot! What's next?

Once a spot has been accepted, the player and family will receive a welcome letter with further instruction regarding the Summer Elite program as well as the tournament schedule.

What is the Summer Elite's practice schedule?

Depending on what location you wish to train out of, Summer Elite players will practice with the year-round players on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Rally OR on Mondays & Wednesdays at Badger Creek.

Where does Summer Elite practice?

Summer Elite practices are held at the following facilities:

-Rally at LakePoint. Address: 163 LakePoint Parkway, Cartersville, GA 30121

-Badger Creek Park. Address: 464 Blalock Rd, Canton, GA 30115

-GA State University. Address: 149 Piedmont Ave SE, Atlanta, GA 30303

There are limited spots at GA State

Travel distance, player's skill set, partner opportunities and available space are factors that the directors will consider.

How many tournaments will I play in and what about partners?

Summer Elite players will have 3 to 4 coached tournaments (at Rally) on their schedule. For these tournaments, players will network their own partner from the Summer Elite or Year-Round roster- don't worry coaches will help with this process.

Summer Elite players will also have the opportunity to travel to out-of-town events with the year-round player, including an end of the season trip to *California or Virginia for nationals!!*

S3 coaches will assist any players needing to secure a partner. Summer Elite players will also receive a list of tournaments in the region that they can network a partner in order to participate. These tournaments are considered "on own" and will not have tournament coaching.

Which volleyball membership will I need?

Certain tournaments required a membership to play. If you are coming from an indoor club, you most likely have a membership for USA Volleyball and AAU. If not, we can direct you on how to get one.

Beach players will also need an AVP membership and possibly a BVCA membership. These memberships are between \$25 and \$44 per year, depending on the membership level selected.