

Anthem United Volleyball

2024-25



Who Are We?

Anthem United was formed in 2016 with the purpose of bringing a Christ centered club program to our North Georgia and Chattanooga communities.

Our purpose is to bring a higher level of volleyball to the area while showing fairness and integrity in every situation and shining a light for Christ to every player, parent, official, and opposing team we come in contact with.



Meet the Director

- Tori Malone
- 19 years of volleyball playing experience- collegiate Libero
- 12 years as a club coach/director
(Set for Life, Force Elite, Anthem)
- 2 seasons at Boyd Buchanan
- Teacher/Head Coach for Christian Heritage 6 seasons

Our Mission & Core Values

Consistent Coaching Philosophy: We want all our players to be trained in a fast paced, challenging environment that provides feedback on how players can improve. We emphasize technique and fundamental skills. We promote all out, 100% effort in the gym and set high standards for our players.

Life Lessons: We recognize that while playing volleyball competitively is important, the most important lessons we teach will apply to all areas of life. We aim to use the sport of volleyball as learning opportunities to show our players the importance of communication, respect, hard work, discipline, leadership, teamwork, humility, coachability, adversity, perseverance and great character.

Core Values: Positive Culture, Organized, Christ Centered, and Great Communication



Sneak Peek of Events

Specific Times/Dates TBD

- ❑ July 12-15th Tryouts
- ❑ July 16 - 1st Deposit due unless not committed
- ❑ Sept/Oct: Team Bonding, Open Gym, Parent Meetings
- ❑ Late October/Early November: Team practices begin
- ❑ November: Club Wide Scrimmage Day
- ❑ Thanksgiving Break
- ❑ Practices
- ❑ Christmas Break
- ❑ Early Jan. Tournaments Begin
- ❑ Spring Break
- ❑ April: All Club Worship Night
- ❑ End of April/Early May: Regionals (final tournament)
- ❑ Team Parties
- ❑ Team Practices for those going to Nationals
- ❑ Nationals (optional)

More than Volleyball

- **Community service**
 - Tennessee Baptist Children's Home
 - Catoosa Clean Up
 - We encourage each of our teams to find a way to give back to the Community.
- **Team Bonding** opportunities to create great chemistry on the floor



Competitive Teams



Regionals Results 23' & 24'

GOLD RESULTS

- 1- Runner Up Finish
- 2- 3rd place teams
- 2- Gold 5th place teams
- 2- Gold 9th place teams

SILVER RESULTS

- 1- Silver Championship
- 4- Silver Runner Up teams
- 1- 3rd place



Coaches

➤ Experienced & Knowledgeable

- The majority of our coaches have experience playing at the collegiate level and/or coaching Middle/High School teams prior to coaching this season. All of our coaches have a high volleyball IQ and are experienced in the sport. The level and quality of coaching separates different clubs in the area.

➤ Relational

➤ Training: Safe Sport, Impact, Demo Days

➤ Mentored and given tools to succeed and grow



Tentative Coaching Assignments

*Subject to change as needed



18-Navy: Alicen Pearson

17-Navy: Matt & Tori Malone

17-Red: Josh Quinn & Ashlyn Boyd

16-Navy: Rachel Priore & Kinsey Hargis

16-Red: Briley Considine & Destiny Cavin

16-White: Daisy Felipe & Alex Wysong

15-Navy: Annie O'Dell

15-Red: Kayleigh Ownbey & Ashley Clinton

14-Navy: Haley Van Dyke & Ryleigh Payne

14-Red: Hailey Hubbard & Sienna Dye

13-Navy: Baylea Richards & Brandon Knight

13-Red: Kelsey Blevins

12-Navy: Tony Hoekstra & Katelyn Johnson

12-Red: Larissa Braly

11-Navy: Tony Hoekstra

Juniors Program

- No Tryouts necessary
- Two practices a week with Coach Tony and supporting coaches
- Scrimmages
- Emphasis on Basic Fundamentals to lay groundwork for future skills
- Runs December-Mid March
- \$400, can be paid in 2 installments (includes practice jersey)
- The Registration Form for the Juniors will go live on our



Faith

- Devotions once a week, coach or player led
 - This is not mandatory if a player wishes not to participate
- Prayer with our opponents after every match
- All Club Worship night
- Godly Coaching Staff

As Jesus calls his followers to look different than the world, we strive to look different as a club of believers. We love our competitors, teammates, and club family.

We are UNITED IN CHRIST.



Practices

- ❑ 2 practices a week, earliest start times are 5:30, latest time to finish 9:00 for older teams
- ❑ Practice Days: Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays evenings or Sundays after church time

Current Gym Locations:

- Ringgold: Tiger Creek Elementary, Graysville Elementary, Ringgold United Methodist Church, Heritage High, Ringgold Middle, 1st Baptist of Chickamauga
- Dalton: Christian Heritage, Christ Church Presbyterian
- Chattanooga: Silverdale Cumberland Presbyterian

Because we have a wide range of players coming from the Chattanooga, Ringgold, Dalton, Chickamauga, Calhoun, and other areas we try to plan each team to practice once in Ringgold/Chattanooga and once in Dalton each week. We feel this is the most fair practice model. This cannot happen in every situation.



Master Sessions/More Playing Opportunities

- Positional Training
 - Defense/Serve Receive
 - Setting
 - Hitting/Blocking
 - Speed/Vertical Training
- Small Group Setting
 - Detailed instruction, feedback, and breakdown of skills/mechanics
- Build into the cost of club fees
- Scrimmages among our club and local teams to prepare for tournaments



Tournaments

- Tournament season runs January- Beginning of May
- 1 Day tournaments: Typically begins at 8 AM and could run from 3:00-8:00, or later depending on how the day goes.
- 2 Day tournaments: Broken into AM and PM waves. AM waves are typically 8 AM-1 or 2 PM. PM waves begin around 3 PM.
- There are a good number of local tournaments in the Chattanooga and North Georgia Areas. We attend a few tournaments in the Atlanta, Nashville, and Knoxville areas. Most teams will participate in SRVA Regionals, Battleground Explosion at the Chattanooga Convention Center, and 1 overnight in Gatlinburg.
- 11U-12U teams are predominantly local 1 days. 12U may play 1-2 two day tournaments if coaches see fit.
- Remaining tournaments are based on the skill level of each team and schedules are created very soon after a team is formed so that we may cater the schedule to the skill level of the team.
- Option to extend season for Nationals will be discussed at the 1st team meeting.

Recruitment Assistance

- Reach, jump, and height evaluations to help them fill out recruiting questionnaires/profiles
- Showcase Information
- High Exposure Tournaments based on team's levels
- Assistance with Hudl, Field Level Profiles
- Stats, Game Footage, and Highlight Reel assistant via Ball Time (optional)
- College Coaches want to hear from the Athletes
 - Give guidance and example templates to help players reach out to Colleges
- **30 Total College Commits to Date**
 - Three Division 1 Players
 - Seven Division 2 Players
 - Three Division 3 Players
 - Seventeen NAIA and Junior College Players

*****There is a place in college volleyball for any player who wishes to continue their volleyball career!**



Recent College Commitments



Expectations

- Playing time is determined by ATTITUDE, EFFORT, COACHABILITY, skill level, volleyball knowledge, attendance, and team chemistry. Playing time is earned in practice.
- On average a team roster consists of 9-10 players, no more than 11
- Teams are formed based on the team needs. Players are kept with a certain role in mind.
- Multi Sport Athletes are welcome, but please note that timely communication is key
 - Players will be asked to provide their practice & game schedules to their coaches
 - If the number of absences are too significant, playing time can be affected
- Our Culture is very important to us. No disrespect of coaches, players, officials will be tolerated.

Player Fees

- 11s: \$1,800 (5 tournaments)
- 12s: \$2,000 (6 tournaments)
- 13s: \$2,100 (7 tournaments)
- 14s-17s: \$2,300 (8 tournaments)
- 18s: \$2,100 (6 tournaments)

*4 installments to be paid in July, Sep 15, Nov 15, and Jan 15.

- Club fees cover coaching pay, SRVA coaching fees, club insurance, coaches background checks, impact and safety certification, tournament entries, warm-up shirts, equipment, jerseys, Travel expenses: hotels, gas, food coverage for coaches, gym rental, masters training sessions, website, processing fees, and other administrative fees.
- Fundraising: 20/20 letters, Social Media Grids, Candle Sale (all optional)



2024-25 Tryouts

11s: Monday, July 15th 4:30-6:30 @ CHS Middle

12s: Monday, July 15th 6:45-8:45 @ CHS Middle

13s: Sunday, July 14th 1:00-3:00 @ CHS Middle

14s: Sunday, July 14th 4:00-6:00 @ CHS High

15s: Friday, July 12th 5:00-6:30

Saturday, July 13th 1:00-2:30 @ CHS High

16s: Friday, July 12th 7:00-8:30

Saturday, July 13th 3:30-5:00 @ CHS High

17s: Saturday, July 13th 6:00-8:00 @ CHS High

18s: Saturday, July 13th 6:00-8:00 @ CHS High

- Tryout registration is linked on our club website
- Please arrive 20-30 minutes prior to Tryouts to complete the check in process
- Tryouts are closed to parents/ guests
- If you cannot attend a Tryout, please email anthemunitedvbc.com ASAP

What to have Prepared for Tryouts

The following should be completed online prior to arriving at Tryouts:

- 1) Registration Form through Anthem United website/Pay Tryout Fee of **\$50**
 - Tryout Fee increases to \$60 if you are not registered by the deadline (July 10th)
- 2) [USAV Medical Release Form](#) (linked on Tryout tab)
- 3) [Pre-Register with SRVA for SRVA membership](#)
 - Go to SRVA.org to register and for instructions. This opens on their site July 1st for new club athletes! If you had an SRVA membership last season with any club, it does not expire until Aug 31st and so you will be all set for Tryouts.

Please bring a physical copy of the following to tryouts:

- Physical SRVA Membership Card or digital copy on your phone
- Printed [USAV Medical Release Form](#) (not required to be notarized)

Age Definitions

******We ask that everyone try out with their correct age division. In order to have the most competitive teams, it is rare that we move players up but will if there is a position need/large skill gap.

USAV age is by definition, the age of the athlete on JULY 1st 2025.

Athletes are not allowed to “play down”

Players with young birthdates may tryout with their grade level.

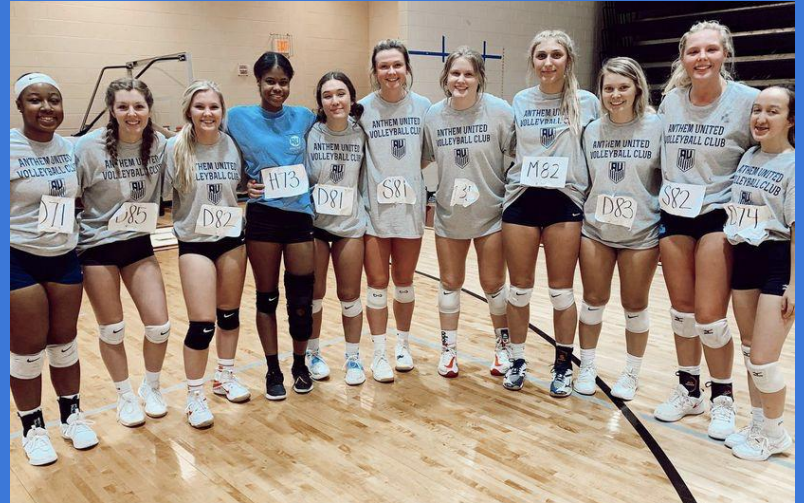
	18U (1)	18U (2)	17U	16U	15U	14U	13U	12U	11U	10U
July	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
August	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
September	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
October	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
November	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
December	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
January	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
February	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
March	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
April	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
May	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
June	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015

1 Players who were born on or after July 1, 2005 and a high school student in the twelfth (12th) grade or below during some part of the current academic year are eligible to compete in 18 & under.

2 Female Only - Players who were born on or after July 1, 2006, (who are defined as 18 & under by the USAV Age Definition) and are in the 11th grade for the current academic year are waived to compete in 17 & under. (This age waiver is based on recruiting concerns for 11th grade girls previously required to participate in girls 18's qualifiers and the 18's GJNC.)

Post Tryouts

- Emails will be sent with results. You will have 5 days after receiving an email to accept an invitation to join a team.
- PLEASE discuss as a family ahead of time, if you are offered a spot at AU what your decision would be. Receiving decisions back on day 1 allows us to form teams quickly and get results out to other families in a timely manner.
- We do prayerfully consider every decision and spend time looking at scores and tryout results. PLEASE tell your child not to panic if they do not receive an email right away, emails can take up to a week after Tryouts and Makeups conclude as we hear back from other athletes.



Communication

- Follow us on Facebook and Instagram for Media and Updates
- Once on a team, Schedules, team galleries, etc. can all be found on our website. Group Messages and Emails will be used for team announcements.
- Visit our website anthemunitedvbc.com
- Email us at anthemunitedvbc@gmail.com

WHAT FAMILIES HAVE TO SAY (TESTIMONIALS)

"I had the best experience with Anthem! I switched for my last year of travel ball and played 18s with Coach Tori Malone. Not only did anthem have the best coaches who loved on all the players, but they really live out the idea of being "United in Christ." From the worship nights to the prayers with other teams, I was always proud to be a part of such a Christ centered program. Each coach I had the privilege with working with demonstrated kindness and went the extra mile for me. Now being a college player I really am able to reap the benefits of playing with Anthem United and would suggest it to anyone!" -Allie Anderson (Class of 2023)

"We can't say enough good things about Anthem United it was exactly what our daughter needed athletically, emotionally, and most importantly spiritually. She found a love for Jesus Christ through the sport of volleyball." – Zach & Miranda Cagle

"We had a great experience with Anthem. My daughter had great coaches and had a great time playing. I was always informed about things that were happening, we had a consistent practice schedule, and they held true of their model of being united with Christ. " – Stacey Sweklo

"I would argue that wholistically our very best club and HS volleyball experience was our daughter's season at Anthem. Not only does the foundation of the club mirror that of our beliefs at home, but the ACTUAL moral behavior of the directors and coaches follows suit. Ultimately, the club truly offers "unity in Christ" (not to be confused with pushing, pressuring, or exclusion). That said, the spirit of competition is in NO way ignored; it is alive, well, and appropriately fierce! They train with an academy style (position-specific and team coached) blend and play to WIN. I have personally witnessed the club directors' commitment and adherence to their stated mission, principles, and guiding behaviors. Politics are non-existent with clear and active boundaries laid pre-season to prevent even the appearance; opportunities exist for ALL, thus growth is achieved at every level. Direct addressing of attitudes and issues (which are unavoidable!) take place swiftly and without preferential treatment, but always with grace, mercy, and dignity. Winning never compromises moral behavior - ever. Coaches are appropriately experienced for the age groups they coach. Ultimately, it has been our own personal experience (and observed experience in the younger teams) that Anthem offers the whole package - quality training at an elevated level by coaching staff and directors who very much care for the whole player and will extend beyond what is expected to help families achieve their daughters' personal goals. But most importantly, an environment where every young lady is encouraged first to find her value and identity in Jesus!" -Rochelle Oxford

Questions??

We look forward to a great year. Please join us in praying for the 2024-25 Season. **Go AU!**

