

## 2025-2026 TEAM GUIDE: 18U ELITE & PREMIER DIVISIONS



### What to Expect after Tryouts:

- You will receive an email following tryouts on Wednesday 7/23, extending a position on a travel team, an alternate on a travel team, or an invitation to join our in-house programs.
- Follow the directions in the offer email within 48 hours of the time it was sent in order to accept your position.
- Once you accept an offer, Pittsburgh Elite will send you further instructions on the next steps including a Meet&Greet event, the first official practice, athlete and parent contracts, and enrollment paperwork.

### Cost & Fundraising:

- Specific team costs are on the reverse of this handout.
- All travel team athletes are expected to participate in two fundraisers. Sales exceeding the amount below will be credited in part toward the athlete's tuition.
  - Night at the Races - sell 2 tickets at \$30 each
  - Calendar lotto - sell 4 calendars at \$30 each
- Other fundraising opportunities can be found on the website.
- For families with demonstrated financial need, financial assistance may be available.

### Team Composition:

- Two coaches per team at practices and select competitions.
- 9-11 athletes per team

### Practices:

- Practices in Pittsburgh Elite's own facility with multiple age and skill comparable teams.
- Qualified Director and Lead Coaches overseeing day-to-day practices and training, in addition to your team's own dedicated staff.
- Strength and conditioning training by Dan Knorr (BB Sports Performance) and qualified staff.
- No team practice on the day that immediately follows a competition/tournament.

### Tournaments and Travel:

- Travel tournaments requiring an overnight stay as part of registration at a qualifying hotel booked through a specific travel group are listed as *Stay to Play* on your team's webpage. You must fulfill this obligation to be eligible to compete in the tournament.
- Tournaments noted as having *team block* hotels do not require you to fulfill a specific hotel obligation.
- Some tournaments are single day and nearby and do not require any hotel stay. You are welcome to stay overnight if you so choose.
- Post-season competition and travel should be expected.

Included in Season Tuition	Not Included
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Adidas Uniform package</li><li>• Required fundraiser participation</li><li>• Practice costs (Dec-April)</li><li>• Strength and conditioning (Dec-April)</li><li>• HUDL package</li><li>• Building use fee and staff costs</li><li>• Team registrations and insurance</li><li>• Tournament registrations</li><li>• Staff tournament travel and lodging</li><li>• Postseason costs</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• KRVA membership</li><li>• AAU membership</li><li>• Athlete/Family travel, lodging, meals</li><li>• Additional items ordered through the online Team Store</li></ul>

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	18 ELITE	18 PREMIER
<b>Season Basics</b>		
<b>Season runs:</b>	December - April	December - April
<b>First practice:</b>	Tues 12/2	Tues 12/2
<b>Practice days:</b>	Tues, Thurs, Sun	Tues, Thurs, Sun
<b>S&amp;C days:</b>	Tues, Sun (during practice)	Tues, Sun (during practice)
<b>Practice hours:</b>	90+ hours	90+ hours
<b>Regular Season Competitions</b>		
<b>Competitions:</b>	6 tournaments + Post Season	6 tournaments + Post Season
<b>Example Schedule:</b>	1/17-1/19 The Nike Classic TBD single day KRVA event 2/7-2/8 KRVA PA Kickstarter (freedom bid) 2/21-2/22 KRVA Capitol City Freeze (N and A bid) 3/6-3/8 Adidas Bluegrass OR 3/6-3/8 Boston Qualifier 3/20-3/22 MEQ 5/1-5/3 GJNC *qualify* or 4/25-4/26 Nike Open	1/17-1/19 The Nike Classic TBD single day KRVA event 2/7-2/8 KRVA PA Kickstarter (freedom bid) 2/21-2/22 KRVA Capitol City Freeze (N and A bid) 3/6-3/8 Adidas Bluegrass OR 3/6-3/8 Boston Qualifier 3/20-3/22 MEQ 5/1-5/3 GJNC *qualify* or 4/25-4/26 Nike Open
<b>Postseason Competition</b>		
<b>If Qualified, Otherwise:</b>	USAV 18s GJNC @Reno, NV The Nike Open	USAV 18s GJNC @Reno, NV The Nike Open
<b>Cost</b>		
<b>Regular Season:</b>	Tuition: \$3,800	Tuition: \$3,800
<b>Travel:</b>	Athlete travel, lodging, and meals not included	Athlete travel, lodging, and meals not included
<b>Fundraisers:</b>	Total: \$180 Calendars: 4 at \$30 each NATR: 2 tickets at \$30 each	Total: \$180 Calendars: 4 at \$30 each NATR: 2 tickets at \$30 each
<b>Membership:</b>	KRVA/USAV: \$55	KRVA/USAV: \$55
<b>Payment Options</b>		
<b>Regular Season:</b>	\$1,140 deposit due upon team registration \$1,330 due 2/2/26 \$1,330 due 3/2/26	\$1,140 deposit due upon team registration \$1,330 due 2/2/26 \$1,330 due 3/2/26
Please contact us to make other payment arrangements. See financial assistance information on the website. Competition schedule provided is an example only and subject to change.		

*\*If a team qualifies for USAV Nationals, they will travel to Reno, NV to compete.*

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