

# Stoirm Volleyball 2023



## Overview

Welcome to 2023! How exciting that we are FINALLY back to a regular season, start to finish. Our club continues to grow, and we are excited to welcome new families to the sport and to our season.

Please take the time to read the following sections carefully .

## What's New

New this year is the addition of an 18U T1 team and our Stoirm Buddies program. This addition will provide our older female athletes who are looking for more of a challenge and competitive edge, to compete more often and in a more competitive environment. The expectation is a commitment of 3x/week for practices and leadership development through our new Stoirm Buddies program with the 13U girls' Learn to Play team. We are excited to include this leadership component as a formal part of our programming not only for this team, but also for our athletes who wish to pursue this opportunity to work with our younger female athletes.

Tryouts have concluded for this team and offer letters have been delivered. There is a separate registration section on SportHub for this group. Practices for this team will begin Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>.

## Key Season Dates

18U T1 season will begin on January 10<sup>th</sup>.

Practices for all other teams will begin the week of January 22<sup>nd</sup>. Times and schedules will be shared once registration closes and teams are created.

The following dates are applicable to our teams. Location for the 14U seeding tournament is tbd while NS Championships will be held in Halifax.

- 14U Tier 1 Seeding Event: Mar 31-Apr 2, 2023
- NS Champs – 15UG, 16UG/B Apr 21-23, 2023
- NS Champs – 14UG/B, 17UG, 18UG/B: Apr 28-30, 2023

The 13U season will conclude April 2<sup>nd</sup> which coincides with VNS dates for this age group.

There will be no practices the week of March break as all facilities are closed.

## Registration

**Open Tuesday, December 27th (Noon) – Friday, January 6th (4pm)**

### ***Who can Register?***

Because our club is still considered a development club at the Tier 2 level, registration will continue to be on a first come first serve basis. We will be capping teams at 12 as Volleyball Canada rules dictate that 12 athletes can be on a game roster at a time. While we strive to try to be able to accommodate all athletes who wish to play, in combination with our current coaching capacity and facility allotment, some athletes may have to be waitlisted so

please register early. **Please note that you will not be asked to pay the registration fee until registration has been confirmed. Families can pay at any time after confirmation with the deadline being January 21<sup>st</sup> (before practices begin).**

After registration closes athletes will be divided into their teams based on age, experience, and previous teams. Depending on both these factors as well as considering team caps, some athletes may be bumped up to another age level.

Please ***no phone calls or social media messages to coaches or board members*** – please direct questions to our email, [stoirmvolleyball@gmail.com](mailto:stoirmvolleyball@gmail.com).

### ***How do I Register?***

Registration will be through <https://mysporthub.ca/> between December 27th (noon) and January 6<sup>th</sup> (4pm). If you are new, please take your time to acquaint yourself with this platform and payment process\* (PayPal or e-transfer). If you need assistance with registration, please reach out to [admin@mysporthub.ca](mailto:admin@mysporthub.ca) or [stoirmvolleyball@gmail.com](mailto:stoirmvolleyball@gmail.com).

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We will ask that you register your child in their appropriate age category, although as noted, some athletes may be bumped up depending on numbers.

Fees this season will be as follows:

Girls:

13U Learn to Play (grades 5/6): \$125 (athletes in this division will not be participating in provincials this year)

13U-18U: \$325

18U T1: \$375

Boys (14U\*, 16U): \$325

*\*Boys divisions are still growing across the province. As such, VNS does not offer a 13U age group (yet). Athletes in the 13U age range are welcome to register. If you have any questions about introducing your son to volleyball at this level please reach out.*

- Because we are back to regular scheduling, our fees and planning are similar to our pre-covid seasons. Fees are only slightly higher than 2019 (Pre-Covid).
- Registration fee includes the \$81 comp fee that is sent directly to Volleyball Canada (\$33) and Volleyball Nova Scotia (\$48).
- Remaining club fees cover the following: tournament fees, referee fees, monthly facility & storage charges, coaching expenses (including VC & VNS fees), coaching courses/conferences, etc., equipment replenishment, first aid supplies, admin costs (website hosting, digital media, meeting room fees, etc.)

## **Payment**

There are no family rates for additional children.

Please follow this link for information on funding programs to help support the cost of registration if applicable: <https://www.antigonishvolleyball.ca/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/Athlete-Registration-Funding.pdf>

For the 2023 season, Stoirm will accept payment via PayPal or e-transfer to [stoirmvolleyball@gmail.com](mailto:stoirmvolleyball@gmail.com). For PayPal, you do not need an account with this platform and can pay as a guest user.

**Note that payment is not required until registration status has been confirmed, after registration closes.** You will receive an email and see the status change on your Sport Hub account when you are confirmed. Be sure to keep an eye on your junk mail, and mark us as a "safe sender" so future emails are not missed.

When you have received the confirmation email indicating you can now pay, please follow these steps if you are paying via PayPal:

1. The PayPal button is located on the **Family Management** page in the "**Transaction Totals**" chart (*This chart is only visible after you have submitted registration.*)
2. Click the PayPal button and type the fee amount into the "Price per item" field  
*\*If you are paying for more than one participant, you can input the full total for all athletes*
3. Click continue.

## **Teams and Scheduling**

Teams and practice dates/times will be determined once registration is complete. Groups will be notified as soon as possible about start dates and locations.

Note that we have gym times currently booked at Saint Andrew Junior School (SAJS), Antigonish Education Center (AEC), East Antigonish Education Center (EAEC) and École acadienne de Pomquet (POM)

Without the use of each of these locations we would not be able to accommodate the level of interest we see on an annual basis.

## **Fundraising**

We are part of Sport Nova Scotia's SportSplit monthly 50/50 draw via Rafflebox (same platform as the provincial Firemen's 50/50). It is a monthly, province-wide, multisport, online 50/50 raffle. We will work to push this platform on our social media channels this season.

To buy tickets, go to [www.sportsplit.ca](http://www.sportsplit.ca), click "Buy Tickets Now" in the upper right-hand corner, choose your entry. At the end of the Billing Information section, you will see a drop-down menu titled "I would like to support:" and you can choose Antigonish Stoirm Volleyball. Thanks in advance for your support!

A new fundraising event is currently in the works for the end of January! Tell your athlete to get their serving arms warmed up 😊 Information will be shared we confirm the details.

## **Welcome Back Event**

We are working to host a welcome back event with a tentative date of January 28<sup>th</sup>. Save the date!