



Volleyball Elite Raptors Informational Meeting:
Monday, 10/27/25

Welcome! Volleyball Elite Academy was established in 2009 with the intention of providing student-athletes with elite training, development and exposure opportunities. Currently, the Academy caters to girls and boys ages 5-18 primarily, but even post college players as well. Volleyball Elite Academy is located in the Metro Detroit area and serves the surrounding cities. Through partnership and collaborative efforts, VBEA will launch two travel teams in the Western region of Michigan to serve girls near the Grand Rapids area.

Through this unique partnership with West Michigan Raptors, girls ages 8-18 will have:

- access to elevated training & skill development
- opportunities to travel and be exposed to competitive levels of play
- access to high school and college prep resources
- mentorship and sisterhood relationship building
- year-round engagement opportunities

Season Logistics:

- Tryouts are Saturday, 11/8/25, at West Michigan Aviation Academy (5363 44th St. SE, Grand Rapids 49512)
 - 2-4pm for Elemen/Middle School girls
 - 5-7pm for High School girls
 - The link to register for tryouts is:
<https://volleyballeliteacademy.sportngin.com/register/form/736348479>
 - The tryout fee is \$50 and covers the cost of the player's AAU membership
 - Players will be selected and informed no later than Monday, 11/10/25 by text/call
- Upon being selected the season starts with practices on Mondays & Wednesdays, starting 12/1/25
 - Elemen/Middle School from 6:30-8pm
 - High School from 8-9:30pm
 - Practices will be held at Discovery Elementary School (2461 60th St. SE, Kentwood 49508)
- Travel starts in January and will include a total of 5 tournaments on the weekends ONLY until March when the season concludes. Exact tournament locations are TBD, but will be communicated in December

Parent Investment:

- The total cost to participate is \$350 per person. The deposit of \$175 is due upon commitment by Wednesday, 11/12/25
- Payments are made by automatic withdrawal through the parent portal in Sports Engine
- Uniforms are NOT included. The cost of uniforms is \$50 and includes two jerseys (one black, one orange) and a bag. Uniforms are kept by the players

Volleyball Elite Academy trains all of the participating coaches, who are also required to pass a background check. More information will be communicated post tryouts and at the mandatory parent meeting prior to the season starting.

For any questions or concerns, please contact your Directors:

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