

JUNIOR PIRATES CAMP – FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Who is the Pirates Camp for?

For Girls and Boys generally in years 7 to 10 at high school. It is best if they have played some volleyball before so they have a starting point in understanding the game.

What is it like?

It is a very active camp, three sessions per day, between 8:30am and 5:00pm. Overall there will be 10 indoor sessions and two beach sessions. The camp schedule operates with two groups, if you start at 8:30 you will finish around 4pm, if you start at 10:00am you will finish around 5pm. The groups alternate this schedule each day.



Who are the coaches at the Pirates Camp?

We have head coach or coaches leading the camp or a part of the camp such as girls and boys, with all our court coaches being qualified club, school or state junior team coaches or current players. All hold coaching qualifications and have a current 'Blue Card'.

When do Junior Pirates Camp nominations open and close?

Check the VQ website for this information.

How will participants know they have been accepted?

Once the nomination form has been completed, and you receive a confirmation email, your place is confirmed! All key information will be distributed to participants in the week prior to the start of the camp.

What level of VQ membership is required?

All participants are required to be a current 'recreational' member of Volleyball Queensland (VQ). Membership is valid until 31 March of the following year in which it is obtained (e.g. membership obtained in August will expire on 31 March the following year). If you are unsure of your membership status, contact the VQ office on (07) 3367 1991 or email db@vq.org.au

What are participants required to bring?

All participants are required to wear clothes in which they are comfortable playing volleyball, as well as good quality sports shoes. VQ advise that participants also bring any protective equipment they normally wear whilst playing, such as knee pads and active ankles.

Will Food and Beverages be available?

All participants are responsible in providing their own food (i.e. lunch and snacks) and beverages; a Café will also be open throughout the duration of the camp.

When do participants need to arrive?

The first group will need to **arrive at 8.00am** ahead of an **8.30am start**.

The second group will need to **arrive at 9.30am** ahead of a **10.00am start**.

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Are participants required to attend each session?

All participants are required to attend each session. If a participant is required to depart a session early, he/she must inform their Head Coach at the start of the day.

What if a participant is unable to make one of the sessions?

VQ can make allowances for a participant who is unable to attend one of the sessions, however partial refunds will not be issued at any time.

What can participants do in between sessions?

When not taking part in a session, participants should use this time to rest, rehydrate and refuel. VQ will have activities/information sessions planned for some break-times throughout the duration of the camp.

Will participant supervision be provided?

Whilst participants will not be supervised "off the court", VQ staff and coaches will be present inside both venues (i.e. Nissan Arena and Sandstorm).

What happens if a participant sustains an injury?

A Sports Trainer will be onsite daily to assess any injuries. If a participant is unable to continue due to injury or illness, VQ will process a refund for the days missed after the completion of the camp. Note: an administration portion of the fees will not be refunded.

COVID provisions!

Individuals when they come to volleyball must;

- Provide their correct current contact details
- Not enter if in the last 14 days;
 - Had COVID-19 symptoms
 - Been in contact with confirmed /suspected COVID-19 cases
 - Travelled internationally or visited a COVID designated 'hotspot'
- Be aware that entry is conditional on those requirements being satisfied
- Socially distance

Both camp venues will have COVID safe requirements to adhere to such as signing in/out, spectator limits, these will be advised in the lead up to the camp.

Is parking available for spectators?

The Queensland Sports and Athletics Centre precinct has a multi-storey parking block with over 600 carparks available throughout the duration of the camp. Spectators can also plan their journey using the Translink Journey Planner for both bus and train services.

<https://jp.translink.com.au/plan-your-journey/journey-planner>

A bit of history!

- Why the Pirates? The Queensland senior state teams are called *the Pirates* a nickname they have been referred to since the mid 80's!
- How long have the Pirates camps been going for? We are pretty sure that the first camp was 1987!

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