



Coaches

All Carolina UVC coaches will work closely together to ensure quality practices that include positioning training and speed and agility work. Our current coaching staff includes:

- Jamie Arnold
- Karen Bradbury
- John Brannon
- Jonathon Canough
- Shelton Collier
- Barbie Curry
- Jacki Emmenecker
- Jarrod Ferweda
- Brook Hammer
- Kristen Hullinger
- Erica Mauzer
- Megan McVicker
- Chip Porter
- Carrie Powell
- Corey Tidwell
- Jeanne Vincent
- Ashley Yocum
- James Zorn



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Carolina UVC: Conception to Reality

For several years prior to the building of Carolina Courts, Ron Esser and Scott Chitwood had been working together coaching recreational basketball. Seeing a demand that was not being met, they started to discuss the possibility of opening up their own sports complex. In 2007 that dream became a reality as Ron and Scott left their businesses behind to establish Carolina Courts, and as the building neared its completion in 2008, they began the RISE basketball program.

But basketball alone was not the end goal for Carolina Courts. With the growth of volleyball in the Southeast, it quickly became clear that the demand for volleyball training at a high level far outweighed the current supply.

Under the direction of Shelton Collier (head volleyball coach at Wingate University, USA junior national coach, former record setting coach at Georgia Tech and Pitt) and Barbie Curry (former player and assistant coach at Wingate, and currently the **Volleyball Director**) the RISE program was expanded to include volleyball, and Carolina Courts is now the sole place in the greater Charlotte area where volleyball training at all levels is provided on a year-round basis.

Just down the road, the already established Union Volleyball Club, under the direction of Carrie Powell, was beginning to outgrow itself. Wanting to keep up with the demand to provide both national and regional club volleyball teams, it became evident that change was in the future for UVC.

The idea for a possible merger began to brew in the latter part of the 2009 club season. As they began discussing the possibility, both Barbie and Carrie realized that merging would allow them to keep up with the growing demand for training volleyball players at many different ages and ability levels. And so, Carolina Union Volleyball Club was born.

Club Philosophy

If the goal of CUVC were to be summed up in one sentence, it would be the following: We exist to provide volleyball players at varying ages and abilities the opportunity to reach their full potential.

What that means for you, the player and/or parent, is that whether you are a great player already, or a good player that wants to develop into a great player, we want to help you get better every day you step foot on the court.

National and Regional Teams

In concert with our philosophy, CUVC will offer both National and Regional teams from teams of 13 and under to 18 and under (players younger than 13 that are capable of playing at that level are welcome to try out).

Those who want to play on a **National** team should expect the following:

- A minimum of 2 National bid tournaments;
- Competition at the highest level offered in the region (**Platinum**);
- Several tournaments outside of the Carolina region;
- An extended length of season (through the end of June).

Ladies playing on a **Regional** team should expect the following:

- Majority of tournaments within the Carolina Region;
- Season that ends in mid-April;
- Competition at the level deemed appropriate for that particular team.

Everyone, regardless of team, can expect the following:

- High quality practices that will focus on both team development as well as individual skill development;
- Volleyball specific Speed and Agility training on a weekly basis;
- A uniform system according to which all of our coaches closely adhere in order to enhance player development at all levels.

Cost

The cost to play covers all tournaments, two jerseys, two pair of spandex, t-shirt, warm-ups, travel bag, and administrative fees. All tournaments will be determined in advance of the season by club directors. The cost *does not include* USA Volleyball membership fees, travel expenses, or the cost of any additional tournaments teams decide to attend that are not on the original schedule.

Initial Regional player fees will be kept under \$1000.

Initial National player fees will range from \$950 to \$1400.

Practices

13U and 14U teams will practice for 2 hours, 2-3 times per week. 15U-18U teams will practice for 2 and a half hours, 2-3 times per week.

Beginning in January, practices will be limited to 2 times per week with optional clinics open to club players only on Sunday nights for an additional \$10 per clinic. Clinics each week will focus on different skills and will be a chance for an individual to get more extensive work at her position.

In order to help defray the cost of most clubs, Carolina UVC will utilize the use of Weddington High School Gymnasium. Teams will take turns rotating through practicing at Weddington High School on a weekly basis. Carolina Courts will be the main practice facility for Carolina UVC.

