



## 2023-2024 TRYOUT PACKET

- Please remember to submit registration form located on our website to be included on our tryout list
- Forms will be available at tryouts for late registration
- Please do not arrive more than 30 minutes before your scheduled tryout.
- Please be sure to check your USAV Age to make sure that you are attending the correct age division. USAV age division chart is posted on CI website.
- Tryout packets can be mailed to Carolina Islanders, 614 Santee Drive, Santee, SC 29142
- Please feel free to call me at 843-367-5830 or email [pjcenkner@msn.com](mailto:pjcenkner@msn.com) should you need further assistance.

### ***Tryout Checklist (Please double check before your scheduled tryout time!!)***

- ☐ ***Signed Tryout Information Form***
- ☐ ***Video/Photo Release***
- ☐ ***Tournament Schedule Commitment Form***
- ☐ ***Signed Player/Parent Contract Form***
- ☐ ***Financial Commitment Form***
- ☐ ***Copy of Player's Birth Certificate***
- ☐ ***\$50 tryout fee non-refundable (checks payable to Carolina Islanders)***
- ☐ ***Register with USAV and pay \$15 for tryout fee with Palmetto Region.***



Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Multiple tryouts? YES NO (Circle One) if yes, which clubs?  
\_\_\_\_\_

**PARENT & PLAYER INFORMATION (please print clearly)**

Player's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Player's Home # \_\_\_\_\_ Player's Cell # \_\_\_\_\_ Player's Email \_\_\_\_\_

School Attended/Coach \_\_\_\_\_ Height \_\_\_\_\_ Right/Left \_\_\_\_\_

How many years have you played volleyball? \_\_\_\_\_

How many years have you played club volleyball? \_\_\_\_\_

Level you played this year? 5<sup>th</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> JV Varsity (Circle One)

Other sports that you are committed to during this club season? \_\_\_\_\_

**PARENT INFORMATION**

Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Home # \_\_\_\_\_ Work # \_\_\_\_\_ Cell # \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Home # \_\_\_\_\_ Work # \_\_\_\_\_ Cell # \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred email contact: Mother\_Father\_\_\_\_Both\_\_\_\_

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**Player Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Parent/Guardian Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**





## **2023-2024 Carolina Islanders Player/Parent Contract**

**Parents and players must sign this agreement that they have read the rules and agree to them, sign, and remit prior to tryouts.**

**Our goal is to have a positive season and be free from any incidents that may cause problems. So, the best way for us to accomplish this is to have it in writing. Hopefully this contract will answer potential questions or concerns that may come up over the course of the season. It is imperative that you read this contract in its entirety and agree to all terms prior to participating in tryouts.**

### **Players**

- I understand that Carolina Islanders is for the serious athlete! If you are looking for laid back practices, practices that you can come to occasionally, then we ask that you look elsewhere. We believe that our training will make you better, increase your knowledge of the game and improve your skill level. We want players to reach their potential, from the beginner to the elite athlete.
- I understand that Carolina Islanders is an excellent program and that I have made a commitment to the club and my team for the entire season.
- I understand that I am not an expert in volleyball and that I am here to learn how to become a better player. I realize that my coach knows more than I do about the game and that he or she will attempt to teach and coach me in whatever way they feel will be most beneficial to me without being harmful. I will, to the best of my ability always to have a coachable and approachable spirit and an open mind to new drills, methods and to be willing to play any position needed on the team.
- I understand that I will be asked to be involved in physical training through running, proper nutrition, and adequate rest. As an CI athlete, I realize that taking care of my body is an ongoing, year-round process, and that drugs, alcohol, or tobacco have no place in the life of an athlete.
- I understand that I am expected to always support my teammates and that there is no place in the framework of a team for negative comments regarding coaches, teammates, officials, or parents. I also expect the same professional behavior in return. It is important that you as a player understand the importance of being part of a "team". Selfish acts will be grounds for dismissal from your team and club. Disrespect will not be tolerated.



# Tryout Process

Tryouts can be stressful for many, and at the end of the day, you must TRUST our system and our coaches to make the correct decisions. Any player can play up, but not down. Please note USAV Age Definitions posted on website to ensure that you are trying out in the proper age groups. If you played up last year, you still have to try out with your age division. Absolutely, no exceptions, so please don't ask!! All tryout sessions offered are recommended for the best evaluation of you. At Carolina Islanders, we know we will get asked about leaving early to get to another tryout, if we are your FIRST Club Choice, then we recommend staying at our tryout the longest to get the fairest evaluation, if not then feel free to leave when you feel necessary to get to your club of choice. Please understand, we are not looking to just fill a roster, we are looking for serious athletes who are committed, want to work hard and to take their game to another level. We also do not drag out offers. Offers could be given before your daughter leaves the tryout. There is something to be said about knowing exactly who is on your team when getting an offer and to ask the coach any questions you want before leaving the tryout.

- Tryout dates and times and other specifics will be posted on the Carolina Islanders website prior to tryouts. We will not offer Parent/Player discussions of the team placement of other players.
- To review entire rules on the tryout policy that we will be following, please visit Carolina Islanders website. Please note by signing this contract you are complying with the tryout policy guidelines.

## Parent Requirements

- We realize that Carolina Islanders is a program that seeks excellence in its players and coaches and we are committing our financial support for the entire season; even if our daughter chooses to leave the program at any time. Exceptions of refundable fees will only be granted by a written request to the Club Director, accompanied by a physician's report if applicable. Exceptions would be for a serious season ending injury, illness, death in a family or relocation out of the area due to an unaware job transfer.
- We realize that Carolina Islanders has a "ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY" for under-age drinking, under-age tobacco use, and drug use. Our child's use of such could result in their dismissal from the Carolina Islanders Volleyball Program.
- As parents we will be positive and refrain from any public outburst that could be detrimental to the Carolina Islanders Volleyball Program, our daughter, any teammates, other players, parents, spectators, coaches, and our community. We will handle all complaints in a professional manner and at no time will a coach be verbally attacked.
- As parents, we realize we are not to "COACH" our child/children during tournaments. Your child needs to be focused on what their coaches are telling them and not comments coming from the sidelines. We ask that parents please try to find seating away from the team bench.
- We must all realize that as Carolina Islanders parents we must appreciate that only the Head Coach or team captain may question an official.
- We understand that all out of town travel will be done either by parents driving or different family members or maybe a parental substitute. If I allow my child to ride with another parent, I am doing so at my own risk. We also know that it is our responsibility to get our child to their tournaments on time and that we will not allow them to drive themselves

- I understand that if I am going to be late or absent from practices or tournaments, I must contact my coach and explain why. If I do not inform them, I may receive little to no playing time at the next tournament. I also understand that I may have consequences for practices that are missed without a valid reason.
- I understand that I must abide by the rules established for practices, scrimmages, and tournament facilities, both locally and in other cities.
- I understand that I must report all physical injuries or illnesses to my coach immediately, so that they may talk to my parents and decide whether I can continue with practice or tournament play.
- I understand that for a team to grow and prosper, individuals must give more than they take. I will make a commitment to be a giver of my time and talents to help the team and thereby help myself.
- I understand that at Carolina Islanders and sports in general there is no place for racial slurs or thoughts. I will treat my teammates and opposing team players with the respect and kindness that I would desire in return.
- I will not wear jewelry or excessive make up to practices or tournaments as I am here to learn volleyball and not to impress other players, coaches, or spectators.
- Your involvement with Carolina Islanders may enhance your possibilities of attaining a college scholarship. However, no guarantees are made regarding college scholarships. If you have a desire to play at a college level, then it is your responsibility to inform your coach; so, we at Carolina Islanders can assist you as best we can.
- I understand that schoolwork should be my priority, so I should manage my time wisely. We are looking for players who are committed to reaching their full potential and who are willing to work hard to achieve academic and player goals. I realize that all teams at Carolina Islanders are for the serious athlete! You or your parents will be paying good money for this training and experience. We take it seriously and we expect the same from you! Missing practice to get school projects done because you did not manage your time wisely will not be tolerated.
- I understand that when I step on the court, it is all business. Remember, if you are looking for laid back practices, then we suggest you look elsewhere.
- Carolina Islanders has a "ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY" for under-age drinking, under-age tobacco use, and drug use at any practices or tournaments. Violation of this policy could be grounds for dismissal.



- We understand that all out of town travel will be done either by parents driving or different family members or maybe a parental substitute. If I allow my child to ride with another parent, I am doing so at my own risk. We also know that it is our responsibility to get our child to their tournaments on time and that we will not allow them to drive themselves unless you are with them.
- We must also understand that if you do not agree with the coaching methods or style of coaching at Carolina Islanders, then you may withdraw your daughter at any time. No fees will be refunded, and you will still be responsible for the remaining balance of dues for the season.
- We also must remember that Carolina Islanders parents will become your extended family and we must all work together to have continued success.

## Practice/Tournament Requirements

**Understand that practice and training is where you receive the most instruction and experience. Tournament play is only a supplement to participating in Club.**

- All practices and tournaments are mandatory unless my child plays another high school sport. I realize that playing another high school sport could lessen my child's playing time severely if practices or tournaments are missed and could have a direct impact on team selection at try-outs.
- We understand that due to various factors in competition such as game situations, excessive missed practices, missed tournaments, illness, etc. that all players might not receive the same amount of playing time in tournaments.
- We understand that playing time complaints to the coach **will not be tolerated**. If a coach is confronted directly during a tournament about playing time, your child could be benched for the remainder of that tournament. Repeated offenses could result in your child's dismissal from the Carolina Islanders Program. We as parents will encourage our children to talk to the coach about playing time issues.
- Understand we will offer fair (not equal) playing time to each player. Based on abilities, fair could be defined as playing an average of 2 or 3 rotations (front or back row) per match. Fair is not based on time, playing a specific requested position, or being able to serve.
- Understand that if a practice must be missed, you must inform your coach 24 hours in advance so that the coach may plan practice accordingly. Three weeks advance notice is required if you can't attend a tournament. Missing practices and or tournaments could result in one or two games or playing time loss in the next tournament.
- Practice schedules will be available at least 1-2 weeks prior to practice. Tentative Tournament schedules will be provided at tryouts and posted for review. We request that Carolina Islanders be a priority! If you decide that your schedule has too many conflicts, then you should seriously consider whether you would have time to dedicate to one of our Travel teams. We are looking for the player who is committed to reaching their potential and who is willing to work hard to achieve that.
- We expect our players to arrive at least 30 minutes early to be warmed up prior to the beginning of practice.



- We expect all of our players to bring all required uniform items to ALL tournaments. For the purposes of showing Carolina Islanders support, athletes are to wear Carolina Islanders attire from the time they arrive at a tournament until the time the tournament is over. NO EXCEPTIONS!!
- When your team has referee duties, the ENTIRE team must stay and work until the match is completed, this includes the last officiating duty.

## **Carolina Islanders Grievance Procedure**

The following grievance procedure is designed to restore sanity to the sometimes-insane world of youth sports and allow our coaches to work with athletes while respecting the wishes of their parents. Families who are not comfortable with the below procedure should consider joining another volleyball program. Painful conflicts occur when a temperamental parent approaches a coach immediately following the end of a tough match, typically a loss, and absolutely nothing positive was accomplished. Therefore, Carolina Islanders will not allow ANY contact/discussion to a coach until 48 hours after the final match of a tournament. Please realize that parents who demonstrate a negative and argumentative type attitude towards a coach and or club needs to realize that you could be tagged as a difficult family to deal with, and the reality is that this could follow your child's volleyball experience to future coaches/clubs and COLLEGES will certainly take this into consideration.

**Please follow the below procedures as a parent, or athlete if you have concerns about Carolina Islanders Policies:**

- 1) The athlete should talk to the coach first and foremost!
- 2) If the matter remains unsolved or if the athlete has reasonable concern that speaking to the coach will not resolve the matter, then parents should first email the coach and copy the club director on the email.
- 3) If the matter remains an issue, then the parent should email the Club Director and they will set up a time for a meeting with the player, parent, coach and club director. Meetings will not be during or at a tournament.

**Please understand that we will not discuss coaching decisions or personalities as well as specific match decisions on who played when and who was subbed out and when, rotation and line-ups, etc. The coach determines the amount of time a player is on the court, and it is based on the athlete's ability, potential, attitude, position, team's need at the moment and the team's need in the future. The coach will not be required to defend their thought process in determining any of these conclusions and it is improper for a parent to request it.**

**We also instruct our coaches not to discuss other athletes with parents, the action of another Carolina Islanders Coach or the comparison of one coach to another. If you have legitimate concerns about a coach, please contact the Club Director with your concerns.**

**Remember grievances should always be handled between the parties involved and the decision makers in the situation, not other parents, or players from the team. Repetitive complaining by athlete(s) or third parties that interfere with the Club's efforts to pursue its grievance policy and purpose may be asked by the Club Director to leave.**

**Should a player wish to obtain a release from Carolina Islanders, please note all fees must be paid in full before request is considered.**

# Our Team Commitments

**If you are chosen to play on one of our teams, you must commit to some additional commitments.**

- You must be clear and inform us at tryouts of any conflict dates for tournaments on your Tournament Schedule form. After tryouts is too late and unacceptable
- Other sports, school activities, weddings, etc. are not acceptable excuses to miss these tournaments. It is the responsibility of the members to check the spring and summer schedules before scheduling family vacation or trips.
- If a player was on a certain level team last year, this doesn't guarantee they will be on the same team again this year. Talent from year-to-year changes, so that's why we have tryouts and a system to give every player a fair evaluation



# **2023-2024 Financial Obligation Commitment Form**

Parents of Carolina Islanders players are committing their financial support for the entire season and are responsible for all club fees, even if players miss practice or a tournament, or chooses to leave the program before the end of the season. Carolina Islanders fees cover coaching, gym rental, team equipment, tournament entries and a gear package. The gear package for **traveling** teams includes: 2 Pairs of Mizuno Spandex, 3 Practice T-shirts, a Islanders Hoodie or Crew Sweat Shirt. Fees **do not** include (2) personalized sublimated jerseys, travel, lodging or food for players and their families. Other gear that will be available to purchase: additional Sweatshirts (hoodies and crews), Back Packs, Mizuno Joggers, etc. Accounts more than 10 days past due will be assessed a \$50 late fee and the player will not be allowed to participate in any practices or tournaments until fees are brought current. Any previous season's accounts with other clubs must be paid in full before tryouts. Please know that any past due accounts will prevent your player from participating in tryouts for any club in the region not just Carolina Islanders. If a check is returned for insufficient funds, a \$50 fee will be charged to the players account and all future payments must be made by a cashier's check or a money order or through Zelle or cash app.

Due Date	12s	13-18s
1 <sup>st</sup> Payment Due at Commitment Oct/Nov	\$600	\$800
December 1st	\$500	\$500
January 1st	\$300	\$500
February 1st	\$260	\$450
TOTALS	\$1850	\$2250

## **Refunds**

Fees paid to Carolina Islanders are non-refundable once a player has accepted a position on a team or officially joined our club. The reason that fees cannot be refunded is that once a player commits to the program, the club spends a big portion of the team's budget in the first few weeks to cover gym expenses, tournament entry fees, equipment purchases, gear, etc. There will be no credits or refunds for players who are unable to attend tournaments or practices, including postseason regardless of prior notification. For pro-rated refunds, the start date of the season will be at each age division's first practice.

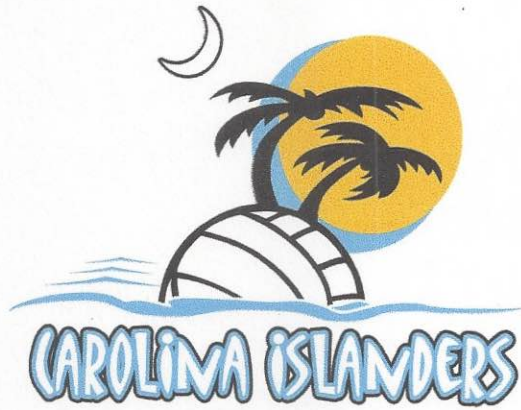
### **PRO-RATED REFUNDS**

If a serious injury/illness occurs or a team is not able to complete it's entire schedule, the below percentages apply based on total season fees. For injuries/illnesses Carolina Islanders must have a written statement from a physician that states the player cannot participate in volleyball and for how long the recovery time could be. Should a situation arise and a team has less than 6 players, there are three options the team will be given. 1) Possible movement of player to another CI team roster 2) Possibly adding additional team members 3) Decline the options to end the season, in this case the below percentages apply.

*Refunds, if granted, will be given within 30 days of which notice was given to the Club Director in the following amounts.*

- 1. Week 1-3 will be 65% of total season fees.*
- 2. Week 4-6 will be 50% of the total season fees.*
- 3. Week 7 will be 25% of the total season fees*
- 4. After week 8, no refund will be given.*

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Dated \_\_\_\_\_



## **2023-2024 Carolina Islanders Photo & Video Release**

I hereby authorize Carolina Islanders to photograph and/or publish photographs and videos taken of the undersigned minor child, and name, for use in Carolina Islanders printed publications, website, social media sites, and training purposes.

I release Carolina Islanders from any expectation of confidentiality for the undersigned minor child and attest that I am the parent or legal guardian of the child listed below and that I have the authority to authorize the C. I. to use their photographs, videos, and names.

I acknowledge that since participation in publications and websites produced by Carolina Islanders is voluntary, neither the minor child nor I will receive financial compensation.

I further agree that participation in any publication and website produced by Carolina Islanders confers no rights of ownership whatsoever. I release Carolina Islanders, its contractors, and its employees from liability for any claims by me or any third party in connection with my participation or the participation of the undersigned minor child.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Player's Printed name**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Player's Age**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date Signed**

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**Mother's Printed Name**

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**Mother's Signature**

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**Date Signed**

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Date Signed

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**Father's Printed Name**

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**Father's Signature**





## **2023-2024 Carolina Islanders Contract Remittal Form**

**We certify that ALL parties have read ALL sections of the Player/Parent Contract. Upon accepting a spot on a Carolina Islanders team and committing to Carolina Islanders for the 2023-2024 Season, we agree to abide by the rules, guidelines and commitments set forth in this contract.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Father's Printed Name**

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**Father's Signature**

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**Date Signed**

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**Mother's Printed Name**

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**Mother's Signature**

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**Date Signed**

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**Player's Printed Name**

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**Player's Signature**

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**Date Signed**