

USYVL Instructional Summary - Spring 2026

Santa Monica

Disclaimer: this Instructional Schedule summary is still under development and is provided for informational purposes only. The schedule summaries here may vary from the official practice schedules in the red USYVL coaches handbook. As development of the summary continues it should improve significantly.

Day 1: Sat 2026-04-18: Practice at Grant Elementary School from 9:00 am to 11:00 am

Check-in prior to start with Site Director and Clinician!

Set-up Net!

Verify players against Team Roster!

Age Group	Net Height	Pin Numbers
7-8	5ft 0in	1A
9-10	5ft 6in	1B
11-12	6ft 4in	2A
13-15	6ft 8in	2B

5 minutes: **Name Game**

5 minutes: Skill Warm-up

10 minutes: Introduce **Statue Spiking** (7-8 and 9-10 year olds, move onto Fountain Spiking after one contact)

Introduce **Fountain Spiking** (11-12 and 13-15 year olds)

10 minutes: Introduce **Arch Spiking**

2 minutes: Water Break

25 minutes: Introduce **Serving** (Underhand, Overhand, Sky Ball and Jump Serve)

3 minutes: Cool-down, select team name and report name to Site Director

*** All players should help gather balls during and after every practice/game.

Day 2: Sat 2026-04-25: Practice at El Marino Park from 9:00 am to 11:00 am

Check-in prior to start with Site Director and Clinician!

Set-up Net!

Verify players against Team Roster!

Age Group	Net Height	Pin Numbers
7-8	5ft 0in	1A
9-10	5ft 6in	1B
11-12	6ft 4in	2A
13-15	6ft 8in	2B

5 minutes: Skill Warm-up

10 minutes: Demo Game

5 minutes: Review **Fountain Spiking**

10 minutes: Review **Arch Spiking**

2 minutes: Water Break

10 minutes: Review **Serving** (Underhand, Overhand, Sky Ball and Jump Serve)

10 minutes: Introduce **Superman Setting**

5 minutes: **Set and Spike Combination**

3 minutes: Cool-down and Announcements

Day 3: Sat 2026-05-02: Intersite Game Day

Away Game vs. Culver City & El Segundo

At El Marino Park from 9:00 am to 11:00 am

Day 4: Sat 2026-05-09: Intersite Game Day

Away Game vs. Culver City & El Segundo

At El Marino Park from 9:00 am to 11:00 am

Day 5: Sat 2026-05-16: Intersite Game Day

Away Game vs. Culver City

At El Marino Park from 9:00 am to 11:00 am

Day 6 of handbook skipped/missed (possibly for holiday, or some scheduling issue)

Day 7: Sat 2026-05-30: Practice at El Marino Park from 9:00 am to 11:00 am

5 minutes: Skill Warm-up

10 minutes: Introduce **Back Setting**

15 minutes: **Back Set and Spike Combination**

2 minutes: Water Break

5 minutes: **Passing a ball out of the net**

5 minutes: **Setting a ball passed at the net**

10 minutes: **Dig/Set/Spike Combination**

3 minutes: Cool-down and Announcements

Age Group	Net Height	Pin Numbers
7-8	6ft 0in	1C
9-10	6ft 4in	2A
11-12	7ft 0in	2C
13-15	7ft 4in	3A

Dig/Set/Spike Combination: Set up one player in the passing, setting and spiking positions. The coach will hit or throw the ball in a downward motion from across the net to the digger. The digger will dig to the setter. The setter will set to the spiker. The spiker will spike the ball over the net. Rotate players after every ball tossed.

Day 8 of handbook skipped/missed (possibly for holiday, or some scheduling issue)

Day 9: Sat 2026-06-06: Practice at El Marino Park from 9:00 am to 11:00 am

5 minutes: Skill Warm-up

5 minutes: Review **Back Setting**

15 minutes: **Setting Drill***

5 minutes: **Serving**

2 minutes: Water Break

10 minutes: Introduce **Blocking**

15 minutes: **Team Defense***

3 minutes: Cool-down and Announcements

Age Group	Net Height	Pin Numbers
7-8	6ft 0in	1C
9-10	6ft 4in	2A
11-12	7ft 0in	2C
13-15	7ft 4in	3A

Setting Drill: Coach tosses the ball from various positions in the back court to the setter, who will set a hitting line. One player will set until all players have hit; then a new player will rotate into the setter's position. Be sure to challenge (but not over challenge) the setter with the tosses.

Team Defense: Clinician will demonstrate the proper positioning of players on the court, during game play.