

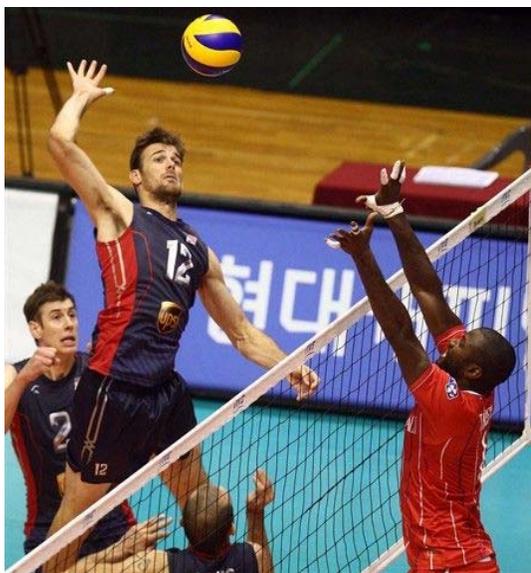
# AURORA'S GREAT LAKES VOLLEYBALL INC BOASTS TWELVE SPACIOUS COURTS

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Great Lakes Volleyball, founded in 1990, originally located in West Chicago, was the first volleyball facility in the US built from the ground up. Its four courts covered approximately 20,000 square feet and was expanded four years later to add an additional 11,000 square feet and two more courts. In 2003, GLV purchased acreage in Aurora, Illinois and a new 60,000 square foot state of the art facility was constructed which included eight spacious courts sitting on three layers of plywood and 36,000 pieces of rubber to provide one of the softest playing surfaces available anywhere in the world. In 2012, five more acres for four additional courts were added which brought about the Great Lakes Center Youth Academy dedicated to the development of the youth volleyball athlete and teaches over 1,000 athletes each year.

The Center includes a full time retail store with a wide variety of apparel, team wear, accessories and educational videos; a full service weight training facility and training room; a large concession area; a viewing mezzanine overseeing the courts; and parking for five hundred plus vehicles.

GLV offers a wide spectrum of services which include America's largest camp and clinic program that served over 3000 participants 2018; home of the Sports Performance Volleyball Club (with over 500 boys and girls ages 3-18 as members); The Youth Volleyball Academy which serves over 1000 participants a year and special programs to expose the sport to three to ten year olds; home of the Power League, one of the strongest junior leagues in the US and numerous tournaments throughout the year for students of all levels and ages; help for athletes pursuing college scholarships; and consultation to assist other volleyball organizations for development and growth.



Programs stress success through hard work, dedication, sacrifice and commitment. High quality training is given in an atmosphere that stresses attention to detail. The staff at GLV consists of specialists for Youth, Jr and Senior High School and Elite level athletes that provide the finest coaching and training for athletes regardless of age or ability. The Sports Performance program is completely dedicated to offering athletes the technical, tactical and physical training to reach their highest possible potential.

For younger players, a solid base of fundamental skills as well as a passion for the sport is provided. Each athlete is expected to test their own limitations, the true measure that separates greatness from mediocrity. Each athlete is taught to understand the term "Commitment to Excellence" and what that stands for and what it means to be a teammate, those who share a common goal and are willing to help make that goal a reality. In other words, more than volleyball is at stake. This philosophy, begun at an early age, carries through to the older students.

A list of Sports Performance accomplishments is large for both male and female athletes.

A summer camp schedule, for boys and girls, grades eighth through college, takes place at Benedictine University in Lisle (during July & August); a schedule for athletes as young as three through grade twelve takes place at the Great Lakes Center at 579 Oakhurst Drive in Aurora (from June through August). For the camps, athletes can either live on campus or commute. A maximum number of campers are allowed at each level, so early registration is recommended.

Twenty Nine Camps (on various dates) take place in Aurora including VolleyTots (grades K-2), FUNdamentals (3-5), All Skills (6-8), First Contact – Pass, Dig & Serve (7-12), Setting School (3-6), Attack, Block & Pass (7-12), Boys High School Elite (9-12), Girls Training Clinic (6-9 & 10-12) and Junior High Setting (6-8).

Private lessons are available for all ages and skill levels (either private lessons or with two or more athletes working on the same skill). Numerous clinics, workshops and tournaments are held throughout the year as well.