

Illini Elite 14 Black
3rd place - 2015 AAU's
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Illini Elite 13 Cardinal
5th place - 2017 AAU's
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The 2017-18 Illini Elite Junior High Elite Team Training Program (ETTP)

Tryouts: SUNDAY, AUGUST 27th (all 7th and 8th grade players are welcome to tryout)

Time: 3:00 PM Check-in (must register online PRIOR to attending tryouts)
3:30 PM - 6:30 PM Tryouts

Register online at www.illinielite.com

Please read the description/information below. Call the Illini Elite office at 309-829-3671 with any questions.

The Illini Elite Junior High Elite Team Training Program (ETTP) returns for 2017-2018! The ETTP is to prepare selected 7th and 8th graders to tryout for one of the 2018 Spring Youth Elite teams which will be traveling to the 2018 AAU National Championship in Orlando, Florida in June. The 2017 summer was the fourth time we sent our Junior High Elite teams to AAU's and in those four years, Illini Elite Spring Youth Elite teams have already brought home a medal.

In most areas of the country, junior high volleyball players play their school season in the fall at the same time as the high school players. As a result, most clubs are able to start their junior high club seasons in December. Due to the IESA Junior High girls' volleyball season being in the winter, our club teams cannot start until the spring. The ETTP helps prepare our Junior High Elite team players/teams for the intensity and competition of a National event like the AAU National Championships which we would not otherwise get with the short Spring club season. The ETTP not only helps prepare our players for an expanded Spring season, but also helps them in their own junior high seasons without interfering with the players' school teams and practices. Participation in this training program does not guarantee a spot on one of the 2018 Spring Youth Elite teams (players will still need to tryout for the Spring program), but it will certainly improve their chances because of the individual skill training they will receive. The IESA changed the rules a couple of years ago so players are now allowed to be on non-school teams/programs during their school season in the same sport provided the individual schools do not have a policy against it.

Program Highlights:

- ⇒ ≈40 hours of advanced training, practice, competition from September to December for those players who would like to be on one of the 2018 Spring Youth Elite teams who will compete at the 2018 AAU National Championship in Orlando, FL in June.
- ⇒ Practice once per week: Most Sundays from 3:00-6:00 PM from September 10th to December 3rd (13 practices). *A list of the Sunday dates/times will be posted on our Practice page as there are a couple Sundays that will have adjusted times (we may need to practice later or on a Saturday once or twice). After December 3rd, we may try to have one or two practice sessions if the gym schedule allows with our HS programs starting and the IESA season getting underway.*
- ⇒ No fee to tryout. Players who are accepted into the program will receive a payment/accounting sheet after tryouts on August 27th. The payment sheets will be turned in at the first practice Sunday, September 10th. No players will be allowed to participate in the program if the payment is not received on the first practice date.
- ⇒ Cost: \$375.00 (includes all training sessions and coaching fees)



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