

2024-2025 REPORT

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Fairbanks Volleyball Association

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STATE OF THE ORGANIZATION

Website Improvements, Venmo, & FVA Store

The FVA website continues to receive nothing but praise, <u>www.volleyballfairbanks.com</u>. Stay tuned for the potential addition of the Youth Division Page and links to SafeSport. If you're looking for something in particular in the FVA Store, let Mark know. He might be able to add it. 5% of every store purchase goes back to the FVA.

Venmo was set up and made available at all of our open gyms this past year. It has been well received and is working great.

Spring League Registration Available Online

Starting 4 years ago, our primary method of registration is via our online portal hosted by Sports Engine. Since its inception, most teams have transitioned to the online portal for team registration. Starting for the 2026 season, it is the **mandatory** method for team registration. You do NOT have to pay the registration fee online. However, doing so locks in your team's registration and your grandfather rights. Your charge can be refunded once you have turned in your sponsor check. Please note, SportsEngine will charge an online convenience fee not charged/collected by the FVA. Sponsor checks may be delivered directly to the FVA between 6:00-8:00 pm on Friday nights during January at Randy Smith, Ryan, or Tanana Middle School.

Watch for the online registration to go live through the website and/or Facebook. Then visit our FVA website and click the button to register. The button will be live on January 1, 2026.

FVA membership fees may also be paid anytime online by clicking the button on our website.

New Insurance Carrier & Concussion Protocol

Insurance rates continue to increase and may require a fee hike in the upcoming years. The underwriter requires each member/player to sign an insurance waiver form which is automatically



completed when registering online or which must be completed when becoming a member at the gym. Our mandatory concussion protocol policy is still in effect at all our venues.

Gym Rental Changes

Gym rentals provided a few more changes this year. We were able to maintain our 3-hour/night gym rentals at Ryan and Tanana. However, due to the custodial contracting change with the FNSBSD, the rentals fees increased to \$30/hour.

As most of you know, last year we lost the Randy Smith venue on Wednesday nights after being their for over 30 years. We then found and upgraded the Joy Community Center gym for our mid-week Maka' Ala Open gym play. This spring, FNSB decided to close Joy during rounds of budget cuts. Surprisingly, we were able to get Randy Smith back for 2 hours each Wednesday night. We now have a complete net/pole system including pads that is not being used.

Tanana Sponsorship

It came to the attention of the Executive Leadership Team this spring that Tanana was doing fundraising to purchase new volleyball systems for use at the school. They had raised about half the funds they need to purchase poles, nets, and pads. In the spirit of the FVA, we decided to come alongside them and helped purchase a new system using the contacts made when purchasing everything for Joy.

Maka' Ala Report

The Division is going strong. Seventy-five players have attended at least one Maka' Ala open gym and several have purchased their season passes. The move back to Wednesday @ Randy Smith has been met with tepid enthusiasm as the numbers have been down. Kama has done a GREAT job leading Maka' Ala this past year.

Sand Division Report

This year was the first year with our new Sand Division. It was a busy year overall with 2 open sessions per week from May 20th until September 15th. Additionally, they hosted a tournament on



June 22nd that saw 24 players & 12 teams battling it out for the final victory. All expenses were paid out of pocket, and all income was redistributed as prizes. None are reportable expenses under FVA. As a whole, the Division is financially table, with no outstanding liabilities and no financial obligations incurred by the division.

Bylaw Updates

This year's bylaw updates are primarily focused around the inclusion of the Youth Division to the FVA. Other updates include new USAV ball handling guidelines and a change to the Championship Match format for the end of season tournaments.

UAF Collaboration

This year marked our second (hopefully annual) UAF/FVA Volleyball camp that was greatly received by the membership and lauded as a big success by all who attended. It was taught by the coach and players at UAF.

In addition to the camp, we split the cost of championship t-shirts that were awarded to all the champion players from the Spring League. The shirts combined our FVA logo with the UAF logo. It is a privilege and honor to collaborate with the Nanooks.

Thoughts of the President

Thanks to the hard work of many people, the Association had a great season in 2025. Many new faces and happy players have enjoyed each of our venues. Wrist band memberships and our online presence have been well received. We continue to try to better support you, the member, without increasing the administrative burden upon the volunteers of the Association.

We still need more people to step up and help us with the management of our venues and leagues. If you can volunteer any amount of time in support of the FVA, please contact the Executive Board.

As many of you know, Jo and I were unpleasantly surprised when she went into the Providence hospital and with subsequent treatments, we were out from the middle of September through almost



the end of October. I am SO appreciative for Kama, Bridie, Bill Favitta, and many others that started the open gym season and continue to cover for us as Jo continues treatments.

It has been a privilege working with the Executive Board, League Representatives, Referees, and you this past year and look forward to hopefully continuing.

Mark Howdeshell

FVA President

Fairbanks Volleyball Association



FINANCIAL SUMMARY

FY 2025

Fairbanks Volleyball Association Balance Sheet As of May 31, 2025			
May 31, 25	May 31, 24		
17,817.85	24,085.09		
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Fairbanks Volleyball Association Profit & Loss

June 2024 through May 2025

	Jun '24 - May 25	Jun '23 - May 24
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Program Fees	30,710.55	33,590.34
Total Income	30,710.55	33,590.34
Gross Profit	30,710.55	33,590.34
Expense		
Advertising	391.04	0.00
Awards	2,668.40	2,817.35
Bank Service Charges	135.25	121.99
Building Rental	8,121.40	9,593.00
Customer Appreciation	242.00	250.00
Donation	6,159.65	500.00
Equipment	581.80	2,191.00
Liability Insurance	2,966.09	2,396.20
Licenses and Permits	52.50	0.00
Office Supplies	166.75	0.00
Postage and Delivery Professional Fees	480.00	336.60
Accounting	1,806.00	1,187.50
Total Professional Fees	1,806.00	1,187.50
Referee Labor	10,398.00	9,095.00
Vendor Appreciation	444.03	0.00
Volunteer Appreciation	844.03	543.83
Total Expense	35,456.94	29,032.47
Net Ordinary Income	-4,746.39	4,557.87
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