

# WHAT IS THE SMBC WAY?

aka The Positive Environment and Winning Culture at SMBC



SMBC Volleyball Club for Boys has earned more than fifty medals in national competitions since its inception in 1982, marking it as one of the oldest and most decorated clubs in the country. In the past few years alone, SMBC has won multiple gold, silver, and bronze medals at national tournaments, including the USAV Junior National Championships.

## SMBC = PASSIONATE PEOPLE

At SMBC, we are successful because we combine the best of all possible worlds: while we have the stability, backing, and access to the significant resources of the larger SMBC organization, each SMBC location is a place where coaches and players know each other well and support each other well, a place players and parents alike can call home. We have coaches who are committed to teaching and guiding young people as much as they are committed to training and developing athletes. We have a history of success that breeds competitors with the determination and drive to succeed again and again and again. Finally, and most importantly, we have passionate people who care deeply about what they do. It is a group of incredible, wonderful people who form the foundation of SMBC.

## SMBC = AMAZING RESOURCES

As part of the larger entity known as the Los Angeles Volleyball Academy—one of the largest club volleyball organizations west of the Rockies—SMBC reaps the benefit of significant resources: organizational stability, as befits a large club that has been around a long time; top-tier administrative support, with the best communication system in the business; extensive travel resources, including a full-time travel coordinator; aggressive need-based financial aid; an excellent internet presence; and a hands-on volleyball recruiting team to assist with college recruiting.

## SMBC = THE BEST TRAINING & COMPETITION

It is one thing to say you are a *premier volleyball club*—many clubs make that claim. It is another thing entirely to prove it time and again, and put together a history of success laid out over a series of years in which the overarching theme is sustained excellence against tough regional and national competition.

SMBC has put together this history as evidenced by multiple years of top finishes, bids earned to Nationals, and medals won in national competition. Our top teams have performed and performed and performed again, bringing home lots of regional achievements and national tournament medals—see our Training Philosophy of SMBC for more insight on how we train our athletes to prepare for such success.

## SMBC = A POSITIVE, WINNING CULTURE

Winning is, at its purest and most exemplary form, the sought-after by-product of a successful club culture. Any club can try to put together a one-off team that finds success in a given year, but to have sustained and significant success across multiple age levels over multiple years there must be a club culture that values competition and winning—but winning as result of hard work, top training, commitment, and team chemistry—that is bolstered by an overall club environment that proves itself dedicated to its people. Our athletes return to us year after year because they get top training and an awesome experience, and because they realize that while we talk a great deal about the medals we have won and the bids we have earned, and the successes of our Adidas-level teams, at our fundamental core we have a driving desire to see all of our athletes succeed in their own personal ways, regardless the team or level. We strive to help all of our athletes achieve their goals and stoke their passion for volleyball.

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SMBC currently operates out of five affiliate locations: SMBC South, based in Encino; SMBC West, based in Thousand Oaks; SMBC VC, based in Camarillo; SMBC Shack, based in West Los Angeles; and SMBC North, based in Santa Clarita.

