

# PLAYERS (ON TRYOUT DAY)



## What do I do when I walk in the door?

Check in at the table in the lobby. You will be required to:

1. State your first and last name (You might need to spell your last)
2. Verify that you are on the tryout registration list and all the blanks are filled in.
  - a. If you are not on the list you must submit the basic info needed and have your parent complete the online registration for both parent and player on a smart phone or a computer in the lobby.
3. Verify your payment of the **\$40 tryout fee**. If necessary, you can visit the website and pay by credit or debit card at the check-in desk computer AFTER tryouts begin but BEFORE they are over.
4. Verify your **WEVA membership**. Let the Check-In table know that you have registered and paid your full WEVA membership or just a tryout membership. WEVA membership is mandatory for tryouts as per WEVA and USA Volleyball. Have a copy of your WEVA membership card available if you registered for or played for another club last season.
5. Check-In Staff will record and give you a tryout number corresponding to your age and level of Commitment (Travel or Local). Place the number on your lower back using the pins provided.  
NOTE: If this is the second tryout you are attending... You will be given the SAME number assigned at the previous tryout.
6. If you are interested in being considered for a spot on the top Travel team, You DO NOT need a wristband. If your **MAXIMUM TEAM LEVEL** or **COMMITMENT LEVEL** is **LOCAL** (White, Green, Black or Purple) put a wristband on your **RIGHT** wrist.
7. Be sure to inform the staff at the check-in desk if you missed or will miss one of the tryout dates. Let COURT COACHES know if you'd like to be seen at a position other than the one you indicated during tryout registration.

Wristbands prevent players from advancing onto a court that puts them at a level they have not selected. If the staff feels a player REALLY belongs at a level above that which she had indicated, we may try to call the parent during the tryout to discuss.

## What do I do AFTER I finish at Check-In table?

After the athletes get their number and put it on their back, they can bring all bags, gear and equipment up to the balcony and place it on the shelves.

Parents are not allowed to view any part of the tryout and will not be allowed in court area or in the balcony in order to minimize distractions.

Players can then enter the court area and begin warming up and peppering as long as the previous tryout is complete. Introduce yourself to someone if you don't have a warm-up partner.

## What will I be doing at the tryouts?

After the athletes check-in, they can head to the court area to begin warm-up with a partner provided the courts are clear from the previous tryout.

There may be a brief informational parents meeting in the lobby at the start of the tryout as well as a Q & A session for the parents.

Players will be asked to warm up on courts coinciding with the club team they played on last season. Former Navy and Red team players start on Courts 1 and 2, former White/Green on court 3, former Black/Purple players on Court 4 and new club members on courts 5 and 6... OR AS DIRECTED by tryout coordinators based on player numbers.

Athletes will be taken through three phases during the tryout:

- 1) Drills to determine basic athletic ability and ball control
- 2) Drills to evaluate individual skills in the position they are trying out for
- 3) Game simulation drills where we will be looking at team leadership, court awareness and overall game play.

As players are moved from court to court for evaluation their wristband will prevent coaches from advancing a player into a group and/or onto a court that puts them at a level they have not selected. If the staff feels a player REALLY belongs at a level above that which she had indicated, we will try to call the parent during the tryout to discuss.

At the end of the tryout players will line up at the end of the court they finished on to get a photo taken and then asked to remove their tryout numbers. The court you end on DOES NOT indicate the team you have made. They will then be informed of the next tryout or the posting of rosters.

## **How does NFVB select players?**

While natural ability is a plus, what we really look for in our athletes is coachability, attitude, commitment and athleticism. We want to see the drive in each player to become better every day. We also use coach evaluations from last year's club performance as well as any available input from the recent school season. Unfortunately, we DO have to make cuts. We want to make sure that our rosters are competitive and hold at least 10 players for each travel Navy and Red team and up to 9 players for each Local team. Individual coaches of each team will NOT be picking "THEIR PLAYERS." Team coaches only offer input to members of the Selection Committee. The Selection Committee and NFVB staff believes that coaches, will be prepared and able to coach whatever group of players is presented to them regardless of previous team participation, age, position, skill, height, etc. There will be many players not be placed on teams as per coach, player or parent assumptions. Our coaching staff is working to create a different, better and more productive culture within our club. The Committee reserves the right to move players between age divisions as per USA Volleyball guidelines.

## **When will I know if I made a team?**

Players selected to a NFVB roster will be posted on the web under the main menu Tryout tab the week following the last tryout. Team groups may be posted on the web site but then split onto their respective teams after a few practices. *It is possible that a select number of players will be given a verbal notification during the tryout regarding their position on one of the rosters in order to facilitate alternate or additional selections.* Players selected to a roster are expected to accept their position and may be asked to pay a deposit by a certain date. If a player cannot make the commitment to the team, she must notify the director the day after rosters are posted. Any positions not accepted, for whatever reason, will be offered to players chosen by the selection committee as alternates.

## **Things to keep in mind?**

Players tend to get themselves too "worked up" about the tryout process. We need to remind them that the more relaxed they are the better they will perform, however, players and parents need to accept and understand the reality of any volleyball club tryout process. At an age group with only 2 teams available and say... 40 players trying out for those spots... only 2 or 4 players can take Libero/Defensive spots, only 2 or 4 setter spots can be chosen, etc. If there are 12 or 15 players trying out for 2 or 4 spots... then, 8 to 11 players will be cut.

We do identify alternate players in the case of players not committing to a roster, injuries, and unforeseen circumstances. Alternate player names will not be posted on the web site.

We do expect each player at tryouts to accept the spot offered to them along with the commitment to attend practices and all tournaments.