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Dear Players and Families,

We can't wait to RISE together with you this season! As we approach the RISE Volleyball Club's 2025-2026 Season, we want to take this opportunity to share some important details and expectations regarding tryouts.

2025-2026 RISE TEAMS

The table below represents the number of Teams by age division and level that RISE will be rostering this season. For questions on the differences, please visit our [matrix](#).

	12u	14u	15u	16u	17u	18u
LOCAL	1 Team	2-3 Teams	1 Team (15-18 combined HS)			
REGIONAL		1 Team	1 Team	1 Team		1 Team
NATIONAL OR FLAGSHIP				1 Team	1 Team	
TOTALS	1 Team	3-4 Teams	2 Teams	3 Teams	2 Teams	2 Teams

Each RISE Team will carry a maximum of 12 (twelve) Players on the roster. Both the number and level of Teams is subject to change depending upon the outcome of tryouts.

TRYOUT TIME

Please pay particular attention to the Tryout Times listed below. We will be splitting this year's tryout into 2 (two) Sessions:

SESSION 1 - LOCAL TEAM TRYOUTS - Local

SESSION 2 - TRAVEL TEAM TRYOUTS - Regional, National, Flagship

- Players registered to try out specifically for a Local Team need only to attend SESSION 1.
- Players registered to try out specifically for a Travel Team need only to attend SESSION 2.
- Players registered to try out for either a Local or a Travel Team need to attend both SESSION 1 and SESSION 2.

	12u/14u TRYOUT	16u/18u TRYOUT
DATE	Sunday, November 9, 2026	Sunday, November 16, 2026
LOCATION	Oakdale Middle School	Oakdale Middle School
TIMES	SESSION 1	SESSION 1

	LOCAL TEAM TRYOUTS 8:00 am – 9:00 am * Registration begins at 7:30 am	LOCAL TEAM TRYOUTS 8:00 am – 9:00 am * Registration begins at 7:30 am
	SESSION 2 TRAVEL TEAM TRYOUTS 9:00 am – 11:30 am * Registration begins at 8:30 am	SESSION 2 TRAVEL TEAM TRYOUTS 9:00 am – 11:30 am * Registration begins at 8:30 am

HOSPITALITY AREA

A hospitality area will be set up for Parents during tryouts. Once your daughter is checked in, and for the duration of the skill evaluation portion of tryouts, we ask Parents to remain in the hospitality area until asked to join their player for offers and commitments.

PLAYER PREPARATION

The on-court portion of tryouts will begin promptly at the designated time. Please help us to ensure that Players...

- Put on court shoes, knee pads, etc.
- Use the restroom
- Have hair pulled back in a ponytail, braids, etc.
- Remove earrings that are larger than studs or hoops big enough for one finger to fit inside of
- Fill up water bottle and keep it near the court
- Take care of anything else needed to be ready to play
- PUT PHONES IN BAG OR LEAVE WITH PARENT

TRYOUT FORMAT

At the beginning of each Session, the following will occur:

- Brief introductions and opening comments
- Warm-ups
- Ball Handling
- Skill specific drills
- Competitions (3 v 3, 6 v 6, etc.)

We will be sure to include adequate water breaks throughout each tryout session.

12u LOCAL TEAM DECISIONS & OFFERS

Toward the end of Session 1, selected Players will be asked to gather and will be offered a spot on the RISE 12 Local Team.

14u LOCAL TEAM DECISIONS & OFFERS

At the 14U Age Division, Players will not be assigned to a specific Local Team on the day of tryouts. Instead, Players will be notified if they have been selected to compete at the Local level

with RISE this season. Final Team rosters will be determined after additional skill evaluations during our open gyms, which will be held throughout December. Based on our seven years of experience, attempting to roster multiple Local Teams on tryout day can be challenging. We want to make sure every Athlete receives ample evaluation to assess her strengths, potential position (setter, libero, middle blocker, etc.), and overall fit on the court. This careful approach allows us to build balanced Teams, ensuring each Local Team has the right number of Players for each position and the best chance for success.

LOCAL LEVEL COMMITMENTS

Once an entire Team has been selected, the Players and their Families will be asked to gather in the East Gym to complete the following as a part of the commitment process:

- **Pay Deposit**
 - *Online only*
 - *Deposit will be ½ of Team Dues*
 - *Local Team Dues: \$1,450 - Deposit: \$725*
- **Sign/Complete Required Documents**
 - **Waivers & Releases**
 - **Player & Parent Agreement**
 - **Financial Agreement**
 - **Gear Order Form**
 - *We will have some samples available for players to try on*
 - *No separate payment required*
 - **CEVA Letter of Commitment**
 - *Should already be completed at time of acceptance*

All components of registration will be completed by scanning a QR Code. Once each step has been completed Players are free to leave the Tryout Session.

TRAVEL TEAM PLAYER OFFERS

Travel Team Player offers will be made throughout the tryout. When a Player receives an offer, the following will occur:

- The Player will be asked to leave the court
- The Player's Parents will be asked to join her
- A RISE Designee will make the roster offer to the Player and will provide her with the CEVA (Columbia Empire Volleyball Association) Letter of Commitment (attached)
- From the time the offer is made, the Player will have 20 (twenty) minutes to either "accept" or "decline"

OFFER ACCEPTED

- When the Player chooses to "Accept" the offer, she will be asked to sign the CEVA Letter of Commitment
- Once the CEVA Letter of Commitment is signed, the Player will be asked to return to the court

OFFER DECLINED

- When the Player chooses to "Decline" the offer, she may leave the tryout session at this time

As it relates to the offer process, we understand that the 20 (twenty) minute offer consideration period is not a lot of time. To manage this short timeframe, we have a couple of suggestions that we feel will greatly reduce the stress of the offer process for Players and Families:

1. **ASK QUESTIONS IN ADVANCE:** Prior to the day of tryouts, do your best to learn all there is to know about the various RISE Travel Teams. If you cannot find the answer you are looking for in our posts, emails, etc., please reach out to us at any time.
2. **DISCUSS POTENTIAL OUTCOMES:** We highly encourage Players and Families to discuss potential offer decisions BEFORE the day of tryouts. For example, if a Player is hoping to make a specific RISE Travel Team such as the 16u National Team, is an offer for this Team the only offer the Player will accept, or would she also accept an offer to compete on the 16u Regional Team? While each Player and Family must answer these or similar questions on an individual basis, the suggestion for all is simply that these discussions take place in advance of the tryout itself.

TRAVEL TEAM COMMITMENTS

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- **Pay Deposit**
 - *Online only*
 - *Deposit will be ½ of Team Dues*
 - *Regional Team Dues: \$3,850 - Deposit: \$1,925*
 - *National Team Dues: \$5,250 - Deposit: \$2,625*
 - *Flagship Team Dues: \$5,850 - Deposit: \$2,925*
- **Sign/Complete Required Documents**
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PLAYER SPECIFIC QUESTIONS

We ask that Players and Families refrain from discussing Player-specific offers or Team placement during tryout sessions. If you have questions about a specific Player, please wait 24 hours before reaching out to RISE personnel.

This "24-hour rule" allows us to ensure that these conversations are productive, focused, and given the attention they deserve. Following this guideline helps us maintain a smooth tryout process and provides the best experience for all Athletes.

PRE-TRYOUT QUESTIONS

If you have any questions, please visit our resources at www.risevball.com/parentportal or text us at 541-622-3177

FINANCIAL QUESTIONS

For questions regarding financial expectations and assistance, please visit our Parent Portal (linked above) or email cj@risevball.com or text 541-622-3177. Please make sure you have read over the financial commitment on the Parent Portal.

CONCLUSION

Details aside, we are SO excited!

We hope that this email has helped to shed light on RISE's Tryout Process for the 2025-2026 club season. Should you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at any time.

We look forward to seeing you at tryouts and hope that you have a wonderful rest of your week!