



## EVJ VOLLEYBALL 2018-19 TRYOUT EXPECTATIONS

- EVJ intends to **offer and sign the majority of its players on the day of tryouts.**
- As in the past years, due to the number of roster spots being filled, certain team rosters may need to be finalized after the tryout for optimal placement.
- After tryouts, we will evaluate new attendees for open roster spots only or for a waiting list. Once you accept a roster spot it is yours.
- We will do our best to be fair to each player and communicate what is happening during the tryout process. If you are asked to come back, we will explain why before you leave the gym.
- We will post open positions on our website after tryouts for those still looking for a club team opportunity.

## IMPORTANT FACTS AND SUGGESTIONS TO CONSIDER BEFORE TRYING OUT FOR A CLUB TEAM

- **DO YOUR HOMEWORK.** Most clubs hold summer, fall and pre-tryout camps, clinics and open gyms. Attend the ones for the clubs you are considering and get to know the coaches and administration. Biographies are typically posted on the websites of the established clubs.
- **DO NOT** feel pressured by clubs "requiring" you to "commit now" (BEFORE TRYOUTS) in order to get a guaranteed spot. This practice is actually contrary to the Arizona Region of USA Volleyball policy and sanctions may be applied to the club and player. **CLICK HERE** to review the AZ Region FAQ's.
- Contact the Club Director. Understand the Club's Philosophy, History and Mission to ensure the Club is a strong cultural fit for you and your daughter. There are many options and the strongest programs field the strongest coaches.
- Remember, if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is. **VERIFY THE FACTS.**
- In the past there was a perceived 72-Hour rule where a committed player had the option to change her mind and break her contract. This provision is not valid; you do **NOT** have 72-hours to reconsider once you have signed a contract with a club. Make sure you are 100% committed when making your choice.
- The AZ Region considers a player committed to a club for the season once an offer is accepted, noted by the signing of a commitment letter or the payment of the commitment fee on or after the initial tryout day. Once committed, players are not eligible to tryout or practice with another club until the end of Nationals (early July 2018) or until being granted a release by the club. Clubs are not obligated to give a player a release.
- Most established Clubs post their fees or provide them upon request. Be aware, if you are considering a travel team, some Clubs **DO NOT** include/disclose their travel fees or additional post season fees up front. Make sure you are comparing apples to apples when comparing club fees, length of season, number of practices, number of tournaments, number of players, etc. An itemized list of what you are paying for should be expected.
- **At EVJ, we pride ourselves on disclosing your entire cost for the season up front.** If you are playing on a team that is committed to post season any additional cost will be disclosed up front and is due at a designated time. If you decide to play on a team where post season play is optional; the cost to play post season will be computed at the time the team opts in and will be communicated to you for team approval before a commitment is made to play and the non-refundable tournament fees are paid.
- **At EVJ, for travel teams, we handle all travel accommodations,** including air and ground

transportation, lodging and supervision. A certified chaperone accompanies each travel team to ensure their safety; to ensure the players are rested, hydrated and fed for game time; and to make downtime arrangements for the players to have some fun. EVJ is a pioneer and remains one of the few clubs that is all-inclusive when it comes to travel arrangement and payment. **Alternate plans are allowed by EVJ (i.e. arrange your own airfare) if discussed in advance.**

## EVJ VOLLEYBALL TRYOUT FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### **Q: Do I need volleyball experience to try out for the club?**

**A:** You do not need volleyball experience to try out for the club (especially at the younger ages), but it definitely helps. Athletic ability and height are a plus.

### **Q: What do I need to do to register for tryouts?**

**A:** We require ON-LINE PRE-REGISTRATION (coming soon) prior to attending tryouts. Follow the Tryout Checklist found on our website, [CLICK HERE](#).

### **Q: What age division am I in?**

**A:** Go to [USA Volleyball Junior Age Definitions](#) to determine your age eligibility.

### **Q: There are two EVJ locations, one in Tempe and the other in Gilbert. Which tryout do I attend?**

**A:** For tryout purposes you **MUST** attend the tryout at the location you wish to be placed at. There may be an exception if one of the location facilities is not available on tryout day. Teams will be selected based on who tries out at each individual location. Both location Directors will be in close contact throughout the tryout. If there are any players who may not have a team we will do our best to explore options at the other location if that is an option for you.

### **Q: What is the on court tryout procedure?**

**A:** EVJ Tryouts are organized and fast paced. However, there will be downtime for coaches to huddle up and assess players and team build. The girls should prepare to work hard but also spend some time breaking while coaches gather. Here is a summary of how the tryout will flow:

- The athlete will warm-up and the coaches will evaluate the various volleyball skills for each participant: serving, passing, setting, and hitting.
- Depending on the age group, some physical and coordination drills will also be completed along with some positional evaluation.
- The athletes will be put into scrimmage-type situations with other girls to demonstrate their game talents.
- EVJ Volleyball believes in the worth of open tryouts. That is, each athlete must earn her spot on the team at that day's tryout.
- EVJ Volleyball does not pick the teams beforehand and then provide a mock tryout. Each athlete has a chance to make the best team she can.

### **Q: How are the players selected for a team?**

**A:** Player selection is, by far, the most difficult thing that we do at EVJ. Ultimately, we do our very best, but it is an imperfect process. At tryouts, we attempt to analyze an athlete's acquired skill/talent and their future potential. We also pick teams in the hopes to create sufficient depth at all the necessary positions.

### **Q: How many teams will be formed?**

**A:** In 2018-19, we are planning for 38 girl's teams. [CLICK HERE](#) for a list of our coaches and projected teams for each location.

### **Q: What are the tryout fees for?**

**A:** A tryout fee of \$30 is required (\$45 if not pre-registered by 5pm day before tryouts) to tryout and it is non-refundable. The fee is collected to cover facility and administrative costs associated with tryouts. The fee is a one-time non-refundable tryout fee and also includes a tryout t-shirt to be worn at the tryout.

### **Q: Are parents/guardians required to stay for the whole tryout?**

**A:** See below:

- At least one parent must be at the tryout at the beginning for registration/check-in purposes and to attend a brief meeting that will be held prior to starting.
- We will also need at least one parent there at the end of the tryout to complete the team selection process.
- Parents **need not** be present the entire tryout process. Due to the number of tryout participants and gym space available, parents are not permitted to stay in the gym once the tryout begins.
- While the tryout might be scheduled to end at a certain time, additional time may be needed to finalize the placement and commitment process. Please be patient. We will work as efficiently as possible and work our hardest to make sure the lines of communication are open and optimal placements are made.

**Q: If the athlete makes the team, what are the next steps?**

**A:** See below:

- A player offered a position must sign a commitment (**EVJ Club Participation Agreement**) and must pay her **NON-REFUNDABLE** commitment fee to guarantee her spot. We accept cash or check and there will be an online option to pay by credit card via an online link on our website.
- **If a player is new to the AZ Region this year**, a copy of the Player's birth certificate will also be required. The BC will be submitted to the Region by the club.
- Please note that you are committing to an entire season. Participation in the club requires commitment to the entire club season and the entire season's fees.
- Players are permitted to commit and play for one club/team in a given club season per the AZ Region of USA Volleyball. A club season is defined as ending at the end of the USAV Nationals Tournament in early July 2019.
- The commitment fee will be applied to the total season fees.

**Q: What if the athlete does not make a team?**

**A:** While the majority of athletes who tryout with EVJ receive an offer to play on a team, there have been years when we were not able to accommodate all athletes who tried out. While it is our desire to offer an opportunity to all athletes who want to be trained by us to improve their volleyball game, we are limited by the number of coaches we have, in addition to gym space. We will provide you with information to access lists of other clubs in the area. Smaller clubs tend to hold tryouts after the bigger clubs, providing some who did not make a team an opportunity to attend an additional tryout.