



**2025-2026**

**Season**

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# OUR MISSION

Be the premier girls volleyball club in New York State by providing the best service, coaching, training and overall volleyball product, both on and off the court. Enhance the student-athlete's life skills through:

- The teaching of Athletes' Ethics - be fair, respectable, responsible, and hard working.
  - Providing solid athletic development through strength, conditioning and on-court teaching.
  - Allowing for personal development and growth into their next endeavor, either their next grade or college.
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## OUR FAMILY

Our player base includes the top athletes from all over the greater Rochester area and beyond. Athletes choose to join the VolleyFX family to experience the dedication and passion shared by our current players, parents, and coaches. Our athletes vary in age, skill, and recognition, but they all share a commitment to physical, mental, and skill development.

We take pride in our coach retention, development, and improvement. All of our coaches are IMPACT certified, with many also holding CAP I certification. Our head coaches each have over 10 years of playing and/or coaching experience, bringing their extensive knowledge to the training environment.

Each year, we foster a family atmosphere for our players, parents, and coaches. We support one another across teams through all successes and challenges, just like a family. This unique environment is a hallmark of VolleyFX, and we are proud to call it our own.

## OUR PHILOSOPHY

At VFX, our training philosophy centers around four key elements: mindset, dedication, strength, and knowledge. We use these pillars to train dedicated and caring young women, emphasizing their physical well-being. Hard work is ingrained in every aspect of our training, as we integrate it into our teaching of the sport.

Our approach combines athletic training, team skills development, life lessons, the importance of family, and the cultivation of lasting friendships. We also emphasize dedication to academics, helping our athletes understand the broader benefits of hard work.

We strive to instill confidence and presence in our athletes, encouraging them to play big, play aggressively, and play together. While we teach a variety of techniques, we always reinforce the

principles of controlling our bodies, the ball, and the game. Our practice and teaching progression moves from mastering basic skills to developing aggressive skills and finally, to implementing advanced strategies.

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## VolleyFX Tryouts 2025-2026

### Tryout Details

Location: Main Street Armory  
900 E Main St, Rochester, NY 14605

*18U*  
Sunday August 3rd, 8:30 am - 10:30 am  
Sunday August 10th, 8:30 am - 10:30 am

*17U*  
Sunday August 3rd, 8:30 am - 10:30 am  
Sunday August 10th, 8:30 am - 10:30 am

*16U*  
Sunday August 3rd, 11:30 am - 1:30 pm  
Sunday August 10th, 11:30 am - 1:30 pm

*15U*  
Sunday August 3rd, 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm  
Sunday August 10th, 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm

*14U*  
Sunday August 3rd, 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm  
Sunday August 10th, 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm

*13u,*  
Dates: October 12th and 19th  
Times: 10 am - 12 pm

*12u, 11u, 10u Tryouts*  
Dates: October 12th and 19th  
Times: 12:30 pm - 2:30 pm

### Registration Information

WEVA Membership: All players must be WEVA members before participating in tryouts. To register, visit [www.sportsengine.com](http://www.sportsengine.com) and purchase the "TRYOUT MEMBERSHIP" for \$15.00. Print your registration card or proof of registration and bring it to tryouts. You will not be able to participate in try-outs if you do not have a valid membership. This membership is valid for any USAV club tryout in the region.

VFX Tryout Fee: There is a \$50.00 tryout fee per player. All walk-ins will need to register and pay online.

## Team Selection Process

- Each player will be assigned a tryout number.
  - When an athlete is offered a spot, they may commit immediately. Athletes can discuss the offer with their parents, and parents are allowed to ask coaches questions before accepting. Coaches may direct questions to the directors to continue the selection process smoothly.
  - If an athlete does not accept the offer by the end of the try-out in which they are offered, VolleyFX may extend their decision time (up to 24 hours) or move on to the next alternate on a case-by-case basis.
  - Once players have accepted the offer, they will proceed to uniform sizing and complete the required form. They can then return to the tryout.
  - Before leaving the tryouts, they will be required to meet with the coaches.
  - All athletes, whether offered a spot or not will be sized for uniforms. Parents should plan to be part of the sizing process. The given sizes at this time will be what is ordered for uniforms and any changes once uniforms are received will be at the cost of the families.
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## Training Partnerships

We're excited to announce that we're finalizing some amazing training partnerships! Stay tuned for updates, which will be posted on our VFX Sports Performance page on our website. Great opportunities are on the way!

[VFX Sports Performance Page](#)

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## Recruitment

### **Derryk Williams, Recruitment Coordinator**

With extensive experience in collegiate athletics, including roles at Ithaca College, Colgate University, Hamilton College, William Smith, and Syracuse University, Derryk brings a deep understanding of the recruitment landscape.

### **Role of the Recruitment Coordinator**

As our Recruitment Coordinator, Derryk plays a pivotal role in assisting our athletes in their college recruitment journeys. His responsibilities include:

- **Guiding Athletes:** Providing support and advice to athletes on how to navigate the college recruitment process.
- **Building Connections:** Leveraging his network to connect athletes with college coaches.
- **Organizing Collegiate Camps and Clinics:** Coordinating our events and showcases where athletes can demonstrate their talents to potential college recruiters.
- **Navigating Eligibility:** Assisting athletes in understanding and meeting the eligibility requirements for collegiate sports.

## 2025-2026 Teams

### 18-1 Magic

Coaches: Nicksen Sivongsa, Matt Glover, Kayla Anstett

Practices: Tues/Thurs 5:00-7:00

### 18-2 Mystery

Coaches: Tara Jehlen, Katie Mazerski

Practices: Tues/Thurs 5:00-7:00

### 18-3 Majestic (17-3 Trance)

Coaches: Maddie Farnsworth, Noel Nieves

Practices: Tues/Thurs 7:00-9:00

### 17-1 Rapture

Coaches: Lindsey Debonis, David Cerqua

Practices: Tues/Thurs 5:00-7:00

### 17-2 Illusion

Coaches: Andy Braun, Shelby Budnick

Practices: Tues/Thurs 5:00-7:00

### 16-1 Mantra

Coaches: Eddie Daoreung, Taylor Higgins, Ron Cappelino

Practices: Tues/Thurs 5:00-7:00

### 16-2 Charm

Coaches: Jon Stenman, Laura Amaya

Practices: Tues/Thurs 5:00-7:00

### 16-3 Mirage

Coaches: Kaycee Henneki, Zofia Keogh

Practices: Tues/Thurs 7:00-9:00

### 15-1 Chant

Coaches: Laura Thiele, Jeff Kotalik, Matt Schofield

Practices: Tues/Thurs 7:00-9:00

### 15-2 Summon

Coaches: Andy Guthrie, Tiffany Ross

Practices: Tues/Thurs 7:00-9:00

### 14-1 Conjure

Coaches: Chris Parks, TBA

Practices: Mon/Wed 6:30-8:30

### 14-2 Spell

Coaches: Abby Spector, Jenna Matteson

Practices: Mon/Wed 6:30-8:30

### 14-3 Presto

Coaches: Matt Schofield, Estie Proano

Practices: Mon/Wed 6:30-8:30

### 13-1 Mystic

Coaches: TBA, TBA

Practices: Mon/Wed 6:30-8:30

### 13-2 Luck

Coaches: Erin Schneider, Doug Schneider, Cassara Jones

Practices: Mon/Wed 6:30-8:30

### 13-3 Trick

Coaches: Jessica Kelly, Alexandra Lakeman

Practices: Mon/Wed 6:30-8:30

## Tournament Schedules

All tournament schedules are available via the attached link. Please note that the schedules are tentative and depend on acceptance into the desired tournaments. If any changes occur, tournaments will be replaced with others of similar cost to ensure dues remain consistent. Please refer to individual teams from the teams page.

[Team Pages](#)

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## Financials

Team #	Team Name	Cost <small>*not including travel cost or Nationals if qualified</small>
18-1	Magic	\$3,400-\$3,600
18-2	Mystery	\$3,150-\$3,350
18-3	Majestic	\$2,500-\$2,700
17-1	Rapture	\$3,600-\$3,800
17-2	Illusion	\$3,250-\$3,450
16-1	Mantra	\$3,600-\$3,800
16-2	Charm	\$3,100-\$3,300
16-3	Mirage	\$2,100-\$2,300

Team #	Team Name	Cost <small>*not including travel cost or Nationals if qualified</small>
15-1	Chant	\$3,300-\$3,500
15-2	Summon	\$3,000-\$3,200
14-1	Conjure	\$3,150-\$3,350
14-2	Spell	\$2,700-\$2,900
14-3	Presto	\$2,300-\$2,500
13-1	Mystic	\$2,450-\$2,650
13-2	Luck	\$2,350-\$2,550
13-3	Trick	\$2,150-\$2,350

\*\*The cost of family hotel rooms, travel, etc is NOT included in the estimated cost. Families are responsible for their own travel expenses. Teams that qualify for Nationals will have an additional cost. The estimated cost is a range because tournaments are different costs and depending on which tournaments and how many a team enters cost can fluctuate.

## Payments Due:

1st Payment Due: November 1st, 2025

2nd Payment Due: February 9th, 2026

Nationals: Qualifying teams will have a 3rd payment for Nationals that will be due prior to leaving for Nationals.

### **Nationals Estimated cost:**

*3rd Payment:* \$400-\$500

*Hotel:* \$200-\$300 per night. Nationals is 4 days

*Travel:* Airfare may be required. Families discretion how they get to tournaments

## Travel Expectations:

Hotel, airfare, and other travel expenses are not included in club fees and are the family's responsibility. Travel events are expected to include at least one team dinner for a two-day event, and a dinner plus a team activity for a three-day event. Athletes are required to participate in all team activities and spend most of their time with the team at the convention center. Players will be released to parents by the coaches at the end of their scheduled play and work time. While parent involvement is welcome, it is not required.

Each travel team will have a parent representative who helps coordinate team events and communicate details with other parents. If you are looking for a way to get involved, serving as a parent rep is a great opportunity. Every team will need one. The parent rep works closely with coaches to organize team dinners, activities, and other logistics during travel events.

## Hotel Bookings:

Most travel tournaments are "Stay to Play," meaning teams are required to use a designated block of hotel rooms in order to be eligible to compete. These blocks are provided by the tournament, often at a discounted rate, and are arranged through a travel company. The hotel committee will email families a link to book rooms within the assigned block. **These links have expiration dates, so it is important to book within the given time frame.** If you miss the deadline, it becomes your responsibility to secure a hotel room on your own. The committee is not responsible for booking rooms for families who do not reserve in time. While we may not always receive a wide range of options, the committee works hard to secure the best possible locations and accommodations for our club.