



2019 Delta High Performance Newsletter

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“Top athletes from the Delta Region are brought together for a two-day training camp”

TRYOUT DATES FOR THE DELTA HP PROGRAM

**Friday, March 1
Southaven, MS**

**Sunday, March 3
Columbus, MS**

**Friday, March 8
Jonesboro, AR**

**Friday, March 15
Little Rock, AR**

**Friday, March 29
Fayetteville, AR**

**Friday, April 26
Fort Smith, AR**

Pre-registration is required to attend a tryout. A \$25 tryout fee is due at the time of registration and is non-refundable. Please note: Registration closure dates are one week prior to tryout. Due to the amount of paper work required for each tryout, walk-ups are not accepted.

WHAT IS THE DELTA HIGH PERFORMANCE PROGRAM?

The Delta Region High Performance Program is designed for players who have been identified as having the potential to travel up the USA Volleyball Athlete Pipeline as their careers progress. The program is a regional branch of USA Volleyball’s National HP Program.

Each year around 80 of the top athletes from the Delta Region are brought together for a two-day training camp that includes sustained athlete training that is consistent with USAV National criteria and standards. The Delta Region HP Camp is operated to provide junior athletes with high-level training and skill development with some of the top coaches in the region and country.

Throughout the season, athletes are given an opportunity to try-out for one of the 80+ spots offered for the invitation-only camp. Only those that receive invitations through the tryout process may attend the camp. The region strives to keep the number of athletes on a court to a minimum. The number chosen per age group will be determined by the quality and quantity of the athletes trying out. Until the tryout process is completed we are not sure of the exact number for each age group. Last year’s camp included 90 athletes plus 33 college and elite-level coaches working the camp. That’s a pretty good ratio; player versus coach!

The 2019 Delta HP Camp will be held in Batesville, Arkansas on Saturday June 1- Sunday June 2. This date is a week later than we usually have the camp due to the quiet period for D1 college coaches. Registration fee to attend the camp, if selected, is \$235 and must be paid at time of acceptance. A registration link for the camp will be provided at time of selection in May. Participants are responsible for their own travel and accommodations.

The HP age cut-off is different than that of club dates. The Delta Region HP Program includes players in three age groups that are based on the birth year of the athlete. Those eligible to try out for the Delta HP Camp are participants born in 2002 or 2003-Youth Division (*with an exception-all sophomores, regardless of birth year may try out*); born in 2004, 2005-Select Division; and born in 2006, 2007 or later-Future Select Division. These age groups are determined by an athlete’s year of birth using mandatory international criteria. Athletes may only try out and play in their own age group—there is no “playing up.” Through much discussion, it has been decided to only offer the camp to athletes through the 10th grade in school. It was determined that the older athletes (juniors & seniors) have many more opportunities for training. Focusing on our younger athletes will not only strengthen their personal skill level, but will also increase the level of play within the Delta Region for years to come. Please note: Boys are allowed to try out for the Future Select Division only. Future Select participants will be expected to tryout using a regular ball (not a volley-lite), the net will be higher than they play on during the regular season-7’4 1/8”. Plus, they will not be able to step-in to serve---as according to the National HP standards.

CAMP SELECTION WILL BE ANNOUNCED THE FIRST WEEK OF MAY ON THE DELTA REGION WEBSITE. Those chosen will have one week to register for the camp; after the deadline invites will go out to alternates.

TO REGISTER FOR A DELTA HP TRYOUT FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Log into your Member Account at <https://webpoint.usavolleyball.org/>
2. Type in Username and password
3. Under Region Clinics, click on Region HP Tryouts
4. Follow on-screen prompts and then REGISTER for the desired tryout.
5. You will need to pay the \$25 tryout fee with an American Express, MasterCard or Visa at time of registration.
6. A confirmation email will be sent to you immediately after registering.

NO REFUNDS WILL BE ISSUED.

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JUSTIN DEE NAMED HP DIRECTOR

As the Delta Region High Performance Program enters its 15th year, a new HP Director has been announced. *"I am pleased to announce that Justin Dee, head coach for Belhaven University in Jackson, MS, has been selected as the Delta Region High Performance Director for 2019,"* states Joe Williams, Delta Region Commissioner. *"Coach Dee has been an integral part of the success of the Delta Region HP program since its beginning in 2004. His knowledge and expertise will bring a new level of excitement for the program."*



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WOLTER RETURNS TO THE DELTA REGION AS CAMP DIRECTOR



We are excited to announce that 2018's Camp Director, Melissa Wolter has agreed to come back to run the HP Camp again this year. Regarded as one of the BEST camp's we have ever hosted, Coach Wolter's volleyball knowledge along with her organization and communication skills were a major part of the camp's success.

As head coach of the University of West Florida, Coach Wolter has been the architect for the volleyball team's climb to the position of perennial powerhouse in the South Region. She is a four-time GSC Coach of the Year and AVCA All-Region Coach of the Year. During her time at UWF, Coach Wolter has coached 12 AVCA All-Americans, 13 ACVA All-Region players, 15 D2CCA All-Region players, 16 NCAA Division II All-South Region Tournament players, three GSC All-Decade Team Members, five GSC Players of the Year, a GSC Freshman of the Year and 61 All-GSC Team selections. *Whew...she can teach the game!*

Coach Wolter has led the UWF to 13 seasons with 20 or more wins and 11 consecutive NCAA tournament appearances.

Coach Wolter has led the team to nine GSC tournament championships appearances and won six GSC championships (2008-2013).

Coaching 10 years with USA Volleyball National High Performance pipeline, she served as an assistant coach with the US Girl's Youth Team under coach Jim Stone, helping guide the team to a gold medal at the NORCEA Girl's Youth Championships in Guatemala City, Guatemala. This was the 3rd gold medal in the Norceca for Coach Wolter, as she was part of the 2008 and 2004 teams that earned that top honor.

I could go on and on with her accomplishments ~but I think you get it --she is an excellent coach and we are excited about getting her back to the Delta Region for our 2019 Delta High Performance Camp!