

# 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 **\$50 tryout fee**. If necessary, you can visit the website and pay by credit or with debit card at the check-in desk computer AFTER tryouts begin but BEFORE they are over.
4. Verify your IREVA membership. Let the Check-In table know that you have registered and paid your full IREVA membership or just a tryout membership. IREVA membership is mandatory for tryouts as per IREVA and USA Volleyball. Have a copy of your IREVA membership card available.
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. 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 would like to be seen at a position other than the one you indicated during tryout registration.
7. Notify Check in Staff if you are attending other Club tryouts as it may create overlaps with tryout dates and delay accepting roster spots.

## 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 to the bleachers and put your gear on to play.

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. Introduce yourself to someone if you do not have a warm-up partner.

## What will I be doing at the tryouts?

After the athlete check-in, they can head to the court area to begin warm-up with a partner. Play on the court and locations directed by coaches. If the staff feels a player REALLY belongs at a level above that which she had signed up at, we may try to call the parent during the tryout to discuss. Players will be asked to warm up on one of 2 courts 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. 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 TCVB 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 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 TCVB 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 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 TCVB roster will be emailed an invitation following the last tryout. 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 asap. 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 1 team available and say... 20 players trying out for those spots... only 1-2 players can take Libero/DS spots, only 1-2 setter spots, 3 – 5 pin hitters, 2-4 Middles can be chosen, etc. We do identify alternate players in the case of players not committing to a roster, injuries, and unforeseen circumstances. Alternate players will be notified in an email of their status and may be able to practice with the team during the season as a practice player depending on situation. We do expect each player at tryouts to accept the spot offered to them along with the commitment to attend practices and all tournaments.