



Tryout FAQ

The information provided is general in nature. Check our website frequently for updated information, tryout dates and times, along with other pertinent information for the upcoming season.

What age group or team level do I try out for? Refer to the USAV Age Group Guidelines for your age level. The program descriptions will guide you toward the appropriate team level based on skill, experience and commitment requirements.

Do I need to be present for all try out dates? Yes, all players should attend all try out sessions to ensure consistent coach evaluations. If you have a conflict, contact the club immediately to determine whether there is an alternate option.

How many clubs can I try out for? There is no limit to how many clubs you can try out for. Competing clubs schedule tryouts at the same time as other clubs, making it difficult to schedule multiple tryouts. Club tryouts may be a one or two day process. It is common for a club to start offering spots after their 1st tryout and often fill a team (10-12 players) before the next scheduled tryout so plan carefully. Allow yourself the opportunity to tryout with as many clubs as you are comfortable with. How the club runs tryouts is a good indicator of how the club is run through the playing season.

TIP: Plan ahead to ensure you can make tryouts for all clubs you are considering. There are strict guidelines for parents, players and clubs. The rules can be reviewed at:
https://www.palmettoregionvb.org/page/show/3638494-multiple-club-tryout-faq?_ga=2.157768568.315608652.1569846919-1687264506.1565108295

How do I register for Tryouts? Complete the necessary forms and register for tryouts online through our website. You will also be required to register for or renew USAV/Palmetto Region membership. Please check our Tryout page for detailed information.

What do I need to bring to tryouts? If tryout registration was completed online, you will need to bring copies of all paperwork listed on the tryout page. As well as a water bottle to tryouts. Also, be prepared to work hard, wearing shorts/spandex, a t-shirt and athletic shoes. Tryout numbers will be provided.

How many teams will you have? Team decisions are based on player interest, coaching availability, and gym space. The anticipated # of teams for this season is posted on our website. In general, if we have enough qualified players to make a team and a qualified coach available, we field a team in that age group.

How many players make the team?

Most travel teams will have 10 players. In some instances, a team may be fielded with as many as 11 or as few as 9 players.

How are tryouts conducted?

Players are grouped by age and experience. All players go through several rounds of athletic skills testing (vertical jump, 10-yard dash, etc.) conducted by coaches during one session of tryouts. General volleyball skills evaluations follow with stations in passing, setting, attacking, and serving. Players are evaluated based on their primary position, as well as drills and games.

Evaluations are made by qualified PSVC and outside coaches. All players with a tryout number receive evaluations. Players' attitudes, willingness to work hard, communication, ability to adapt to new drills/situations, general athletic ability, willingness to learn, and primary position are all considered. Teams are based not only talent but also players' positions (teams can't be formed with 5 setters and 5 libero/DS). Generally there are 2-3 players per position on each team.

What happens if I make a team? After the tryout, you will be notified (typically within 4-6 hours) if you are offered a place on a team. You should state in writing whether you accept or decline the offer as soon as you have made a decision. If you decline, PSVC is able to present an offer to an alternate player. If you do not respond prior to the deadline PSVC can rescind the offer and present an offer to another player. Once you've accepted an offer, you cannot change your mind and accept an offer at another club without prior written approval from the club director of the first club.

Do I need to sign a contract? Yes. The contract is between the player and the club with terms affecting the parent, player and club. Read the contract carefully to be fully aware of the club policies, as players and parents are held accountable during the season. Contract terms are based on one club season. You are free to join another club after the season concludes.

Do I need to sign with the first club that offers me a spot? You DO NOT have to sign if offered, but the club may withdraw the offer if you do not sign before the REGIONS stated deadline. If you have offers from multiple clubs, you will have a limited amount of time to decide (as noted in the regions tryout policy). This can be very stressful. If the club wants you, they will want to lock you in ASAP, so you don't leave and sign somewhere else. Don't feel pressured. *Important:* Players cannot be pressured into signing prior to the commitment deadlines stated. Clubs cannot make special promises for the purpose of persuading a player to sign early.

Tryouts are extremely competitive and specific rules related to offers and decision deadlines govern Charleston area clubs. For full info: <https://www.palmettoregionvb.org/tryout-policy>

How much does it cost to play for PSVC and are there fundraising options? All financial information can be found on our Fees and Fundraising page. Please review this information carefully before tryouts. If you have any additional fundraising suggestions, please feel free to contact us.

What should not happen during tryouts?

- Not allowed to leave the gym without committing to a team (prohibiting other tryouts)
- Being promised a spot and then not given one
- Delayed in leaving to attend another tryout
- Being poorly treated

The best way to deal with the situation is to take your business elsewhere. You can also contact the Palmetto Volleyball Association and express your concerns.

Does a club ever just take returning players or pre-select their teams? Most clubs do not fill a team before tryouts and no position is filled until tryouts. The Region does not recognize official rosters until after certain dates and anyone promised a spot before then has no guarantee the club(s) will honor that promise. Most clubs have open tryouts and take the best players they can. That said preferential treatment may be given to returning players who have been loyal to the club, or to players who are not attending multiple tryouts.