

Player/Team Selection Process (all age groups)

* The day of tryouts, Vital will select the top kids from each age group
  + If there is 1 team in an age group, we will take the top 10 players
  + If there are 2 teams in an age group, we will take the top 20 players
  + If there are 3 teams in an age group, we will take the top 30 players
* After you have been selected to play for your age group, player and parent will do the following :
  + Sign letter of commitment
  + Pay non-refundable deposit
  + Fill out all paperwork required (letter of commitment, credit card authorization form, USAV Membership Form, Medical Release Form, etc.)
  + Get fitted for uniforms and apparel
* Attend mandatory parent/player meeting at Champions Hall from 6:30-8:30pm
  + 12-14s teams – Tuesday November 1st (after practice)
  + 15-18s teams – Monday November 14th
* Players will attend and participate in the next two practices the week after tryouts where Vital coaches will be making more evaluations on each player in their age group
  + 12-14s teams – Tuesday November 1st and Thursday November 3rd : 5-7pm
  + 15-16s teams – Wednesday November 16th and Friday November 18th : 5-7pm
  + 17-18s team – Wednesday November 16th and Friday November 18th : 7-9pm
* After the two evaluation practices have been completed, Vital coaches will meet on the first Saturday following the two evaluation practices to select teams for their age groups : “Selection Saturday”
  + 12-14s teams – Saturday November 5th
  + 15-18s teams – Saturday November 19th
* Teams will be announced via email the next day
  + 12-14s teams – Sunday November 6th
  + 15-18s teams – Sunday November 20th
    - Financial agreements will be included in the email and that document is to be filled out and returned to Vital at the next practice
    - A “Team by Team Contact Sheet” will also be included in the email
  + The first practice after teams have been announced, you will be practicing with your assigned team, teammates, and assigned coaches for the team you have been selected for
* Reasons Behind Using This Process
  + One reason only – **to do what is in the best interest for the players**
    - Some girls have bad tryouts : Some girls have great tryouts
      * We can get more information on each player to make sure they are placed on the proper team
      * They will have a total of 6 hours to perform rather than 2
    - Allows coaches to make better decisions with bubble kids
      * For a 10 person roster, to make sure players #8-12 are evaluated more precisely and placed on the team that will best fit their needs
      * To avoid putting a kid(s) on a 1s team who shouldn’t have been placed there and would have been better off on the 2s team
        + And vice versa
    - Allows coaches to not have to rush into decisions within a 2 hour time frame, which could lead to making a wrong decision
    - Allows coaches to evaluate other attributes rather than just overall volleyball skills
      * i.e. listening, attitude, effort, communication, coachability, how they work with others, etc.
    - Allows coaches to make a collective group effort per age group to view and select all the players chosen