

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
  + If there are 4 teams in an age group, we will take the top 40 players
  + If there are 5 teams in an age group, we will take the top 50 players
* After you have been selected to play for your age group, player and parent(s) will do the following:
  + Sign letter of commitment
  + Pay non-refundable deposit
  + Fill out all paperwork required (letter of commitment, credit card authorization form, Medical Release Form, etc.)
    - All these documents will be emailed to you. Please print, fill out and bring with you to tryouts.
  + Get fitted for uniforms and apparel
  + Get height, reach and vertical measurements
    - For all 10-14s age groups
      * If you weren’t selected to one of our JO teams, you will be offered a spot for one of our YDT teams
* Players will attend and participate in the next two (2) evaluation practices after tryouts where Vital coaches will be making more evaluations on each player in their age group
  + 11-14s JO Teams – Tuesday October 28th & Thursday October 30th : 5-7:15pm
  + 10-12s YDT Teams – Monday October 27th : 5-7:15pm
  + 15s - Tuesday November 11th & Thursday November 13th : 5-7:30pm
  + 16s - Tuesday November 11th & Thursday November 13th : 7:30-10pm
  + 17/18s – Monday November 10th & Wednesday November 12th :
* Team selections will be announced via email
  + ALL 11-14s Teams – Saturday November 1st
  + 15-18s – Friday November 15th
    - 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. See the calendar and/or TeamSnap for upcoming practice days & times.
* **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 8 hours (or more) to perform rather than just a one day 2-hour session.
    - 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, coach-ability, how they work with others, leadership qualities, etc.
    - Allows coaches to make a collective group effort per age group to view and select all the players chosen.