

VOLLEYBALL OPPORTUNITIES
CLUB VOLLEYBALL
(Middle School & Younger)
2023-2024

This document outlines information regarding club volleyball tryouts for middle school and younger players for the upcoming club season. This information is for players who have not already committed to a team or club.

Information is available regarding club volleyball on the website for Ohio Valley Region (www.ovr.com) of USA Volleyball under the "Juniors" section of the website. Before you tryout with a club team, you will need to register with USA Volleyball and print off a membership card. There will be a \$10 tryout membership fee for new players. This fee will allow you to go to unlimited tryouts. For USAV registration information go to <https://www.ovr.org/register/index.php>.

Club teams in the OVR are classified as National, American, and Regional (includes Elite Regional). Some clubs offer Winter only and Spring only Regional teams. The tryouts for all seasons are at the same time. National teams and some American teams travel to out of state tournaments and involve a greater commitment of time and money than Regional teams.

The USAV playing age is the player's age as of July 1. For Regional, Elite and American teams, the OVR also permits grade level teams. For example, in the OVR, 7th graders can play on American, Elite and Regional U13 teams even if the player's USAV playing age otherwise would be U14. Teams that play at the National level or in USAV tournaments, however, are based solely on the USAV playing age. (For 12U, the player must be born on or after September 1, 2011; for 13U, the player must be born on or after September 1, 2010; and for 14U, the player must be born on or after September 1, 2009.) Please see <https://www.ovr.org/juniors/divisions.php> for more information.

Please go to the club websites listed below or on ovr.org for more information, including dates and times for information meetings and pre-tryout open gyms and/or skill training sessions. I highly recommend attending the information meetings and for the player to go to a pre-tryout training session and/or open gym to see if you and the player like the club.

I also recommend that players tryout for more than one club, if possible, even if it means doing two tryouts on the same day. Club teams may not have more than 3 players from the same school on a team. Also, sometimes teams may be looking to fill specific positions or may not notice a great player at a crowded tryout.

Participating in tryouts is a great opportunity to practice skills and a good learning experience. At the very least, most clubs include a t-shirt as part of the registration. Tell your player to be positive, listen, show enthusiasm, and above all, have fun!

2023-2024 Clubs Posting Tryouts as of October 16, 2023

(Information from OVR and/or Club websites)

(Please confirm tryouts times-dates/times may change)

(Clubs listed alphabetically)

Advancement Academy (A²)

www.advancementacademy.org

Shaun Servick - shaunservick@gmail.com

459 Orange Point Drive, Lewis Center - Near SkyZone

Buckeye Volleyball Club - Westerville

www.buckeyevolleyballclub.com

Lauren Kundla - 614-891-4022 – lauren@BuckeyeVolleyballClub.com

6810 Oak Creek Drive, Columbus, OH 23229 (near Schrock & Cleveland Ave.)

Eastside Volleyball Club

<http://www.eastsidevbc.com/>

Michelle Hampton – 614-586-2660 - eastside.vbc@aol.com

11435 Lithopolis Rd., Lithopolis, OH 43136

New Wave

<http://newwavevbc.com>

Jeri Hefler – jerihelfer@gmail.com

Licking Co. YMCA

Please see <https://www.ovr.org/juniors/tryouts/index.php>- for additional and/or new clubs tryouts

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

- Check the OVR.org website and club websites for beach volleyball opportunities.
- Check club websites for camps, clinics, and beach volleyball opportunities.
- Check college websites for camps and clinics (Otterbein, Capital, and OSU have day camps and overnight summer camps).

For Middle School and Elementary Players

- Check club websites for winter training, in-house (no tryout) programs, and programs for elementary school players.
- Check the local high schools' summer camps on their athletic department pages.
- Check with LHYA and YMCA for youth leagues and classes.
- Check club websites for summer leagues, fall leagues, camps, clinics, and beach volleyball opportunities.