**Premier Volleyball of Delaware**

**FAQs for Tryouts and Programs**

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**Tryouts**

**What does my child need to attend all of tryouts for the age group?**

We have multiple tryouts times for different age group and divisions. Players are required to attend one tryout time but if they do not receive an offer at the first tryout time, we encourage them attend the additional tryout times.  This gives the opportunity to be seen multiple times, especially if they did receive an offer at the first tryout. There is only one tryout fee of $25.

**What if my child wants to be considered for older age group team?**

If you are interested in playing in an older age group, you must attend tryout for your age as well as the older age group tryout. Please select BOTH tryout times on your registration signup. Make notes in the comment section too.

**What if my child is interested in playing any one of your three divisions?**

If they are interested in playing in multiple divisions, we would like to attend a tryout in both divisions. For example if you want to play either pink or black division, you should attend a tryout in both divisions. Please select BOTH Tryouts times on your registration sign up but indicate the first choice on the tryout form. Please use the comment section to give any additional information that you feel we need to know about your preferences.

**Is there a separate tryout for EDGE and Select teams?**

No, our tryouts are divided up by Division and Age. All evaluations for EDGE teams will be take place during their respective age group during the Pink Division tryout times. This gives coaches the opportunity to evaluate all players side by side for both EDGE and Select teams in the Pink Division. To be considered for EDGE team, please indicate that on your tryout registration. This will also allow us to know that your daughter wants to be considered for an EDGE team. We will flag those players at tryouts. If your daughter is not selected for EDGE team, they will be considered for a Select team during their tryout so there is no need to attend a separate tryout.

**Is there an advantage to attending the first tryout if there are multiple tryout dates?**

Yes and No. We do anticipate making offers on the first day of tryouts for each age group. We will look at the list of players signed up for the next tryout date and decide how many offers we will make but there is a strong possibility that we could make all 10 offers at the first tryout date.

**Are there openings available for all of your teams?**

Yes, they are openings for all teams. In fact, there are very few pre-offer intention given prior to the actual tryouts for any of our teams. No official offers are given out prior to the open tryout period. Coaches may be talking to the players and expressing their interest in making an offer to them once the open tryout period begins in November this age group. Again, no offers are given prior to the open tryout period.

**When will my daughter know if she has made a team?**

Our goal is to give out decisions as players exit the gyms from tryouts via our registration system. What does this mean? Towards the end of the tryout or as players are exiting the gyms, we will be sending out offers via our registrations system to the team we are making the offer for the team. There may be sometimes when the tryout is large, we may not be in position to do that. In those cases, you will receive an email either that evening or first thing the following morning. If an offer is not made at the time of the tryout, the player will receive an email advising that they are on our waiting list.

**How do I accept an offer or decline an offer?**

To accept, your offer you will register online to join the team. We also ask that you email your decision (accept or decline) to (premiervbde@gmail.com. No verbal accepts or declines will be accepted.

**Is it possible if my daughter does not get an offer initially, she can still make a team with Premier?**

Absolutely!! After we make the initial offers players will decline then we will make more offers as slots become available. We will not over-offer a team. This is a bad business practice. So we appreciate your patience as the process works itself out during the open tryout period. If you are on our waiting list, we will let you know when the team is set. We encourage if you are placed on waiting list, you will attend any additional tryouts so coaches can continue to evaluate you. This is also show that you are interested in playing at Premier

**How does your tryout by appointment only work and why do you have it?**

Our tryout by appointment after our initial round of tryouts sometime we try last year. It was very successful. It serves several purposes: 1) Opportunity for players to tryout that could not make our initial tryout for whatever reason, 2) Opportunity for our coaches to take a 2nd look at players for open slots and 3) Opportunity for players who didn’t originally tryout at Premier, but did not make another club team to try out for our teams.. Please remember this tryout is for OPEN slots only so we encourage players to attend another tryout to give them better opportunity to make one of our teams. We recognize that there will be a few cases where attending the original tryout is not feasible. In those situations, please reach out to us at premiervbde@gmail.com to discuss.

**When does my child have to communicate a decision about an offer she receives?**

Per the CHRVA region rules, players have until the end of the open tryout period to accept or decline their offers.

So for 13 and under, that is November 8th at 11pm and for 14 and up, that is November 15th at 11pm. We encourage everyone to make and communicate their decisions a soon as you know as other players are waiting on spots as well as accepted players may need to know if there is enough players for the team.

**Is there a possibility that you would offer for a team and then not have enough players for the team?**

Yes, always. However, at Premier, we pride ourselves in communicating well with our customers. We will monitor the situation very closely and if there are any concerns, we will let you know. We do not want any players to be without a team. We will do our best to make that team and even work with other clubs in the areas if necessary as we have done in the past.

**My daughter is still on a high school team that is participating in the tournament play. Can she tryout out?**

No, she cannot participate in any drills at tryouts. At Premier, we have many high school coaches in our team and we believe that players should be fully committed is to their current team first. We do not want them to risk injury or impact by participating in a tryout. For those limited number of players, please register for tryouts as normal at this time and email us before the tryout date if they are still participating in the high school play. We will ask those players to attend a tryout but do not participate in the tryouts. Coaches of those teams will either see those players at their playoff if they have not already in the season or watch film from their match so they can decide if they want to make an offer. But, they must register and make every attempt to attend the tryout but not participate.

**General Questions**

**Will you have multiple teams in an age group?**

Yes possibly. We will have many teams as we have qualified coaches and practice spaces. We can up to 18 teams in pink division, 10 teams in black division, and 4 team white division. Our teams we have depend on the players we have at tryouts. However, we will not have team unless we have a qualified coach and the practice gym.

**What is tournament and practice schedules available for each team?**

Our website has a list of what is offered for each team at each age group and division. It gives a list of tournaments that will be selected from. Go to premiervbde.com, programs, then 2018 program and then the appropriate program (EDGE, Pink Select, Black Select or White Select) for this information. We have started to map out that already for each team based on coaches’ preferences. We hope to share a tentative tournament plan for each team in mid-October. Single day tournament dates are not available yet. In addition, a team may not get into tournament they want or we may change the tournament plan after the team is selected based on player’s availability and team’s strength. We stress once that schedule comes out that it is very tentative and there is a good possibility if it will change. In addition, practice schedules and locations are in the works, but again if may change after teams are selected.

**Where are the practice locations?**

We have secured a lot of different gyms for practices this year.

In Pink Division, we have practice slots at Christiana High School, Padua Academy, McKean High School, Skyline Middle School, Newark Charter School and Glasgow High School. We may not use all of the locations depending on what our needs are after teams are formed. We hope to start putting practice times and locations by coach in mid-October. We have to stress that this is tentative plan and could change after teams are formed. However, we believe we should be able to give a good idea.

**How many players are on team?**

Ten. A few exceptions may include only nine but it only if no players are available for that team. We will not take more than 10 unless there is a special situation where a player may not be able to partipcate for the entire team

**Can the coach change for a team?**

Yes, our coaching staff listed is tentative based on what we know. However, after we begin selecting teams and have understanding the players we have, it may be necessary to re-arrange coaches based on the different factors. We will communicate any changes as soon as they happen. We try to avoid this as much as possible. This may happen because of DIAA out of season rules or we change the make up of the teams we are having. For example, if we were only planning for 2 14s select teams but then we have 3 14s select teams, we may shift some coaches around to make the better fit for all of the teams involved.

**Do you have practice players?**

Practice players are at the discretion of the coach of that team. Please email premiervbde@gmail.com if you are interested in being practice player.