

Subject: Important Information for Northern Heat Brainerd VBC Volleyball Tryouts

Dear Parents,

Thank you for having your daughters participate in the Northern Heat Brainerd VBC tryouts! We appreciate your interest and commitment, and we'd like to share some key information to keep in mind:

1. Team Selection Process

While we aim to form competitive teams based on skill and age, not all players will be placed on a team. Please note that being age-eligible does not guarantee a spot. Our affiliation (tournament/insurance) with the Junior Volleyball Association (JVA) requires strict adherence to age cutoffs (July 1) without exceptions. Grade level does not determine team eligibility.

2. Tryout Evaluations

Evaluations are conducted by knowledgeable coaches and staff, considering factors like position, age, athleticism, and attitude. Our goal is to provide a challenging environment where players improve by competing with peers of similar skill levels. Tryouts are open to players from the entire region.

3. Team Placement

Please remember that team placement on a Northern Heat VBC team does not influence in-season team status for the upcoming school year.

4. Notification

Coaches will inform players about their placement on or before November 12th.

5. Payment Options

The participation fee is \$875, with two payment options:

- **Full payment** of \$875 by November 14th.
- **Split payment:** \$475 by November 14th, with the remaining balance of \$400 due by January 15th.

If payments are not completed by these deadlines, players will be ineligible to participate in practices or games.

6. Schedule

The provided schedule is tentative, as it relies on coaches' confirmation and full payment of tournament registration fees. Some tournaments may close quickly, so prompt scheduling is essential. A tentative schedule is attached, and we've done our best to avoid conflicts with school sports.

7. Closed Tryouts

For a focused environment, tryouts will be closed to parents and spectators unless your presence is needed to assist your daughter.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to one of our NH directors:

- Carla Stall – Administrator/Director: carlastall@gmail.com or text 218-232-5308
- Dawn Genz – Director: dgenz5@gmail.com
- Nate Eckman – Director/Website Maintenance: nate@bluewavetech.net

Thank you for your support, and we look forward to a successful tryout experience!

Sincerely,
Northern Heat Brainerd VBC

Available Tournament Dates:

12/13U - born 7/1/2012 or after if 12s team, 7/1/2011 if 13s

Jan 25/26
Feb 1
Feb 8
Mar 2
Mar 8
Mar 8/9
Mar 22
Mar 29
Apr 5
Apr 12

14U – born on or after 7/1/2010

Jan 25/26 or a one-day on 25th or 26th
Feb 1
Feb 8
Feb 9
Mar 1
Mar 2
Mar 8
Mar 9
Mar 22
Mar 29
Apr 5
Apr 12 or 12/13

16-U, born on or after 7/1/2008

Jan 19
Jan 25/26
Feb 1
Feb 2
Feb 9
Feb 22/23
Feb 23
Mar 2
Mar 8
Mar 9
Apr 6
Apr 12/13
Apr 26/27

17-U, born on or after 7/1/2007

Jan 25/26
Feb 15/16
Feb 22/23
Mar 8/9
Mar 9
Apr 5/6
Apr 12/13
Apr 26/27

Each team will have 8 play dates. Two-day tournaments count as 2 play dates. Some age groups have more tournament choices than others.

The final schedule will be determined based on the availability of each team's coaches and whether the tournament is still available when we are able to register.