



2025/2026 TRYOUT/ SEASON INFO

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. Please see our website for the USAV Age Chart.

NOTE: Some players in the 12-14U Pool may be invited to participate in the 15-17U Tryouts Nov 9th. For those players there will be no additional tryout fee.

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, no preference is given to local players.

3. Notification

ALL PLAYERS will be informed via email and the Teamsnap App push notifications regarding selection results. ALL Players will be given one of two selection statuses.

1. **Team Selection** – The player has made a team and will be required to register and pay the down payment for that team.
2. **Alternate Selection** – The player has NOT made a team. The player will be placed on a waiting list, and should a spot open we will contact the player.

NOTE: **ALL GIRLS team selections will occur on Nov 10th.** DO NOT contact us asking if you made a team, you will be notified by the end of the day Nov 10th.

5. Payment Options

The participation fee is \$875 - \$1200, with two payment options:

- **Full payment** of \$875 - \$1200 by November 10th.
- **Split payment:** \$600 by November 10th, with the remaining balance due by January 1st 2026.

Fees are an estimated range based on our costs. If you need alternative payment arrangements, please contact us. If we have younger teams (12s), they may have less tourneys and have a lower fee.

If payments are not completed by these deadlines, players will be ineligible to participate in practices or games, and their roster spot will be offered to an alternate player.

Some upper teams (17-1 and 16-1) may have less than 12 players, this will cause those teams to have a larger player fee at the top of our estimated range, since the costs are not split among 12 players. No team will have more than 12 players.

6. Schedule

A Tentative Tournament Schedule is posted on our website under each team page. Please review each team for conflicts. Keep in mind that players may end up playing on an older team, so look at each teams page.

7. Closed Tryouts

For a focused environment, tryouts will be closed to parents and spectators unless your presence is needed to assist your daughter. This must be cleared with Northern Heat directors.

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
- Janelle Menzel – Director: janellemenzel@gmail.com
- Dawn Genz – Director: dgenz5@gmail.com
- Nate Eckman – Director: nate@bluewavetech.net

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

Sincerely,

Northern Heat Brainerd VBC