

PREPARE

We recommend athletes prepare by playing as much volleyball as they can leading up to tryouts, especially if new to the sport. This includes playing for your school program, or exploring Encore's programs!

Encore's Girls Programs

- Sports Performance
- Camps, Clinics, Leagues

If you are not able to play ahead of time, no problem! We welcome and accept athletes on teams without playing experience, and while having a basic volleyball background is recommended, it is not required.

REGISTER

Check your age group in the current season's **Age Definition Chart**.

Please plan on coming to all scheduled tryout days / times listed.

Age Group Note:

Is your athlete young for their grade and can play "down" a year? Please note we highly encourage all athletes to play with their grade level when possible :)

ATTEND

Have fun and do your best! Our tryout process is fair and thorough. All athletes are evaluated across a variety of skill sets and are among their age group's peers throughout the process.

Families are welcome to attend and watch the tryout process!

CONTACT US

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TRYOUT RESULTS

Encore's staff works as quickly as possible to offer athletes spaces on teams.

No need to check in with us via phone or email about your status - we will contact you!

If you make an Encore Team:

- You will receive a phone call and/or email from one of our coaches extending a team placement offer.
- If you are contacted via phone during the tryout weekend about an offer - please be ready to give a clear yes or no answer :)
- If you accept an offer to join an Encore team, we are committed to you and vice versa (no need to attend any other tryouts elsewhere at that point).
- If you are extended a team offer and you are not sure yet, please note we may not be able to hold the space as we need to help many families that are interested in a team.
- If offered, please note we only extend an offer to join 1 team. You cannot choose your team.

If you do not make an Encore Team:

- While we wish we had space to accommodate all interested athletes, there may not be a spot for everyone who tries out for a Encore team (please read our FAQ).
- Athletes that do not receive an offer to join a team will receive an email letting them know if there is unfortunately not a spot for them (this is communicated typically by the Monday following the tryout weekend).
- We encourage athletes that are not selected to continue to improve their skills in one of our Encore Programs (i.e Winter or Fall League).

JOIN THE TEAM - COMMITMENT

Our commitment process is paperless and virtual! All families committed to a team will receive emailed instructions for completion.

The commitment process is FAST! Please note committed families need to complete all paperwork by the stated deadline. We understand it is a quick turn around, but **we need all items completed by the stated deadline** to finalize your spot on the team. We will also host an in-person Commitment Night on a select date so teams are able to come together and meet Encore staff and their teams.

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TRYOUT FAQ

Read on to find answers to our frequently asked tryout questions!

WHAT IS THE SEASON COST? WHAT IS THE PRACTICE & TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE?

Encore strives to present consistent practice schedules as we know families are busy with other commitments. All detailed information is clearly presented over the tryout weekend via our team flier. We do not release this ahead of time as we want the most accurate information given to all interested athletes at the same time :)

HOW MUCH OF A TIME COMMITMENT IS THE CLUB SEASON?

Power Teams - Practice Commitment: For our 11-17u Power teams, teams will generally practice 2-3x per week.

Power Teams - Tournament Commitment: For our 11-17u Power teams, teams will play in tournaments 1-2 weekends per month. These teams will also go to National Qualifier tournaments (1-3 of these tournaments depending on the team, 3 days each). Select 12 and older teams end their season in late June/early July with a final 4-5 day Junior National tournament.

Premier Teams: For our 11U-16U Premier Teams: During the competitive season, teams will practice 2x per week and will play in local tournaments in NCVA's Premier League 1-2 weekends per month (1 day tournaments). These teams will end their season with a 2-3 day local tournament in late May. All teams will participate in the NCVA League (ncva.com).

CAN I PICK MY TEAM?

No, the tryout process entails an assessment and fair placement conducted by our expert coaches and directors. Players are placed on the most appropriate level team available.

HOW MANY TEAMS DO YOU TAKE?

Our team numbers / age group vary, with changes dependent on the number of registered and interested athletes.

HOW DO I MEET THE COACH?

Feel free to have your athlete introduce yourself during your age group's timeslot to say hi! Many of our age group coaches also coach camps or offer private lessons (email Encore Leadership to arrange times).