

NEW TO CLUB VOLLEYBALL?

WHAT TO DO BEFORE JULY 11

STEP 1: **Identify which clubs you are interested in.** Some options to consider: cost, practice location, coach's experience, level of play, amount of travel, mission, are they open to multi-sport athletes, etc. Many clubs have seasonal offerings and off-season training, which are a great way to get to know a club and be seen by their coaches before tryouts.

There are multiple clubs in the Wichita area, including: 316 VBC, Alpha Volleyball Academy, Dynasty, Greater 316, Kansas Rise, KNVBC, ONE Volleyball Academy, Shockwave, Showtime, Wichita Aces, Wichita Ignite and Wichita Legacy.

STEP 2: **Purchase a summer membership** from Heart of America, the region's governing body. Go to HOAvb.org, under the memberships tab, choose Junior Volleyball Members. Select the HOA-S3 Summer Junior Player \$15. If your player should make a team, the membership can be upgraded for the full year, after Sept. 1.

STEP 3: **Find tryout times and locations.** Even though practices do not begin until after Nov. 1, tryouts can begin the second Saturday of July (for girls). Many clubs attempt to work around other clubs' tryout times, but there may be some overlap or direct conflicts. Clubs are aware of this issue, and are generally accepting of players coming late and leaving early. Clubs may hold secondary tryouts, and/or fall tryouts if spots exist.

Tryout times and locations can be found on their individual websites and social media pages, in addition to the Heart of America listing at HOAvb.org, under Juniors, then Tryouts. They are listed alphabetically.

Each club will have some sort of registration. Pre-registrating will save you time and stress the day of tryouts. Tryouts cannot cost more than \$15.

STEP 4: **Understand the rules.** Clubs may offer spots to their own players as soon as their own season ends (after their last tournament). These are verbal discussions about which players they'd like to return, try out or not come back. Each club has their own philosophy on how, when and who they offer.

Clubs may officially offer any player (including who played with other teams the year before) beginning on the tryout day. Clubs may offer during the tryout, or text, call or email afterwards to offer spots. Each team has a certain amount of open spots, and that amount of players is offered. If a player is not interested in the offer, declining as soon as possible is best practice. Once a player declines, the club can offer the next player in line. Players on the "wait list" are eagerly awaiting possible offers.

Each offer must be "unconditionally available for acceptance" through 8:00 am on the Wednesday following tryouts. After that Wednesday, offers will expire in 24 hours after being made. All rules can be found at hoavb.org/rules-regulations.

Players cannot officially accept an offer (electronically) until 8:00 am on the following Tuesday after tryouts. The club will send an email with a link to the VSTAR recruiting system. Acceptance of the offer is binding, and may not be rescinded without written approval from the club.

AT WICHITA LEGACY, LLC:

Check out our website WichitaLegacy.com for our mission statement, past tournament schedules, coaches' bios, what to expect for fees (under Resources) and tryout times. All players will receive a tryout card during tryouts that will give an offer, or ask them to wait on future communication. This card will include phone number and email, and mission statement.

We do offer some of our previous players offers before tryouts. We typically do not have spots available for fall tryouts. After acceptance, a \$300 deposit is due in August at the parent meeting.