

Tryouts can be a very stressful time for players, parents and even coaches. We do our very best to make tryouts as fair, comfortable, fun and productive as possible, while continuing to provide a healthy club/tryout experience with openness, diversity and trust.

## What is NEW

- **Normal Season:** 2022 tryouts and season planning are based on the assumption of a "normal" club season.
- **Open Tryouts:** 2022 tryouts are open to ALL spectators/parents for every age group. This is something new in the 2022 season. We hope that the open tryouts will allow parents to see if our club is the right fit for their daughter. We are confident enough in our coaches and in our philosophy to be transparent in our tryout process. Parents are welcome to stay within the confines of the bleacher area up top, but in no way are they to interrupt the tryout process by yelling or hovering over their kid while the tryouts are in session. Parents WILL NOT be allowed on the courts at any time. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. We also ask that no video recording occur during this time by spectators. Failure to adhere to our requests will result in being asked to leave.
- **Early Tryouts:** Historically club tryouts have been in Oct/Nov. We have decided to hold our tryouts earlier this year in Aug and Oct, (for middle school) as most schools begin their volleyball seasons because,
  - Most leading clubs in the nation have tryouts in the summer before schools start to allow players to focus on their school seasons and not stress about club tryouts
  - It also allows the team, players and coach to begin early workouts and open gyms to create more competitive, cohesive teams and players.
  - To avoid holidays and school functions caused by late tryouts in Nov/Dec.
  - It helps the season planning in terms of tournament registration (opens by Oct 1.), travel reservations (hotels) as well as uniform fitting/ordering.
  - To be in line with leading clubs in other areas of our eastern NC, which have announced early Aug tryouts. This allows players who will try out at these clubs the ability to receive and review their offers during the same time frame.
  - Helps parents by spreading out payments throughout the season.
- **New CR Policy:** Please review the Region's 2022 Tryout Policy [HERE](#), and the Bill of Rights [HERE](#). Significant Changes have been made for 2022 tryouts.
- **Standard Size:** We plan to offer 10-14 teams at a Regional, Semi-National, and National level. We will adjust sizes accordingly.
- **Memberships:** USAV/AAU/JVA membership is NOT required for tryouts. 2022 Tryouts is insured by another insurance provider other than USAV/AAU. Please **DO NOT** register USAV or AAU memberships until AFTER you receive/accept our offer.

## Why Top Caliber?

- **Premium teaching and learning environment** using Gold Medal Squared philosophy
- **Invested Coaching Staff** with many former and current college level players as well as local middle and high school coaches
- **Training** This year our club will offer skill-specific training that is included in the tuition once a week.
- **Competitiveness** We strive to offer the highest level of competitiveness as we grow in our local area!

- **Healthy Club Culture** w/ Openness, Diversity, Trust and FUN! We want the kids to know that no matter what, they are worthy and we want them to enjoy playing volleyball and being a part of a team atmosphere.
- **Facilities** This season we have acquired multiple facilities in accordance with our growth in 2021/2022 season. Providing different locations has many pros including reaching athletes from all over eastern NC.

### Tryout Schedule

[https://cdn2.sportngin.com/attachments/document/c396-2588975/HP\\_Player\\_Age\\_Definitions\\_2022-2023.pdf](https://cdn2.sportngin.com/attachments/document/c396-2588975/HP_Player_Age_Definitions_2022-2023.pdf)- Age Divisions

USAV AGES	TRYOUTS	OPEN GYM (FREE) *No registration required *Waiver needed	OTHER IMPT DATES
11U 12U	Sat. 10/1 Sun. 10/2 Times TBA	TBA	<b>11-13U MS Tryout Prep</b> TBA
13U	Sat. 10/1 Sun. 10/2 Times TBA		<b>Info Sessions</b> TBA  <b>Club Day:</b> TBA
14U	Sat. 10/1 Sun. 10/2 Times TBA	TBA	
15U	Sat. 8/6; 1:00-3:00p Sun. 8/7; 5:30-7:30p Mon. 8/8; 6-8p	Sun. 7/10 3-4:30p Sun. 7/17 3-4:30p Sun. 7/24 3-4:30p Sun. 7/31 3-4:30p	<b>Info Sessions</b> Sun. 7/24; 3-4:30p Sun. 7/31; 3-4:30p
16U	Sat.8/6; 1:00-3:00p Sun. 8/7; 1-3p Mon. 8/8; 6-8p		<b>Signing Day:</b> <b>Sun. 8/14; 3:00p @ AGHS</b>
17U	Sat. 8/6; 11:00-12:30p Sun. 8/7; 3:30-5p Mon. 8/8; 6-8p		<b>Club Day:</b> TBA
18U			

Athletes can attend 1 or BOTH sessions. Separate registration is required for each day. Tryout fees are \$40 for one session or \$60 for both early bird. At the door is \$50 for each session.

## Team Guides

Top Caliber provides the opportunities for a wide range of skills through our teams and programs. These will be posted via the website after our first information session and will include tournament schedule as well as cost for each level.

- **National Teams:** Right now we are looking to hold 3-4 National Level Teams (Black). This will be dependent upon the skill level of participants that attend tryouts. We want to be authentic in choosing these teams and be honest about where we believe their capability lies.

- **Semi National+ Teams:** These teams will have a mix of both in region and out of region tournaments. These are considered our Red Teams.

- Regional Plus Teams: These teams will play within local and out of region tournaments. These will be considered our gray teams.

- **Regional Teams: These teams will strictly play within North Carolina. Most of these tournaments are within daily driving distance, depending on if you are willing to wake up early. Most games begin at 9 am.**

To minimize the interference between high school and club volleyball, our practice schedule is effectively planned as below,

- All 15-18s teams: open gyms will begin in September on Sundays. Regular Practices will begin forming on Sundays in October. This will allow our teams time to form a cohesive bond together with the upcoming holidays. Practices when they begin, will be twice a week with a 30 minute focus before practice on skill development for certain positions. There will be times when our teams combine practices to work on rotations and team development.

- All 11-14s teams: the regular practices will begin the first week in November.

## Tryout Process

### 1. Pre-registration

- Review [USAV Age](#) to make sure you register the players in the right age groups. In general, we encourage players to play with their school grade. If your player's birthdate does NOT coincide with their Grade but they want to play with their grade, please register based on the birthdate first and then contact us ([topcalibervolleyball@gmail.com](mailto:topcalibervolleyball@gmail.com)) to request the movement.

- Please take time to discuss your desires as a family before registering and heading into our tryouts, so that you can have in mind what you would decide once you receive the offer.

- Please review our Team Guide so you are fully aware of the practice schedule, team dues, team coaches, as well as the tournament schedule, which you will be committed to.

- Families completely understand the significant financial commitment of trying out and playing the 2022 season at Top Caliber.

- Families fully understand their commitment to participate in a travel-based season with out-of-state/town and large indoor tournaments

- Families fully understand and support coaches' decisions on "play time" of each team player

## **2. Register Online(required):**

- 11-14's: TBA

- 15-18's: \$40 by 8/5; \$50 from 8/7

- If you try out for more than one age group, additional registration is required. If you will attend the extra makeup session for additional court time, there is no charge for this, but please register online for this.

- Refunds or credits will NOT be issued for tryout fees.

## **3. Attend Tryouts(required)**

- Parents will be allowed to attend tryouts. See above.

- Recommend athletes to attend both sessions (Makeup) if the athlete is wanting extra looks by the coaches.

- Check-in begins 30 min. prior to tryout time. Please arrive early for preparations(Check-in/Tryout #/Photo)

- Always be positive and confident on the courts

## **4. Evaluation & Team Selection**

- We will hold internal discussion with our coaches and management

- We look at: SKILL; ATTITUDE; POTENTIAL

- We determine team selection and make offers by the level of team.

- We do our best to move forward as fast as possible

## **5. Offer Notification**

- We will only make 10 offers per team at a time

- We will contact parents(NOT players) to extend the offer via phone, text messaging, and/or email

- We will update parents via email and club website the status of process and teams

- Our goal is to release all offers by 9P, the day after the makeup session of that age group

- Be patient if you do not receive our offers since there are still opportunities to be a part of the Top Caliber family

## **6. Your Decisions**

- We ask you to notify us of your decision(accept or decline) within **48 hours** of the offer being made so we can move forward for the best interest of most players in the process.

- If you accept our offer verbally or via texting/emails, it becomes a binding commitment

- Once our offer is accepted by you, please notify other clubs and stop attending their tryouts to make their process easier.

- Once you accept the offer from another club, please let us know ([topcalibervolleyball@gmail.com](mailto:topcalibervolleyball@gmail.com) or contact our coaches) and stop attending our tryouts.

### **7. Signing Paperwork**

- Paperwork process(w/o CR Letter of Commitment) begins right after our offer is accepted by you, we expect our signing papers and 1st payment to be completed within **48 hours** of the email being sent.

- As soon as you finish the paperwork online, please complete the uniform fitting during the times allotted on the calendar.

### **8. Club Day**

Club Day, the official celebration will be offered this year(Date/Time: TBD)