

## **CLUB REFUND POLICY:**

Our refund policy will be handled on a case-by-case basis. As a rule, the Badger Region membership fees will not be refunded and the cost of equipment such as jerseys, warm-ups, etc.

Refunds for season-ending injuries will be discussed if the athlete decides to stop participating. Our hope as a club is that the athlete would still like to attend practices and tournaments to observe and be a member of the team.

There will not be a refund issued if a player misses tournaments because of illness or other commitments. As a club we do encourage athletes being well-rounded, but also that they make their team and Justagame Volleyball Club a high priority.

If the season is cut short for any reason, Justagame Fieldhouse will prorate your payment. We will refund you a portion of your commitment based on the number of tournaments participated in, the number of practices attended, coaches pay, etc. We will absolutely be as fair as possible. Justagame Fieldhouse has strong community ties and has given to many great charities since opening in 2006.

## **2024-2025 TRYOUT/COMMITMENT DATES:**

The Summer Tryouts have passed, but we have room on all of our teams at all levels.

Fall Tryouts!

10U-14U – October 5-6, 2024 (See Flyer for Age Group Times)

15U-18U – November 16-17, 2024 (See Flyer for Age Group Times)

Players are encouraged to let clubs know of their intentions as soon as the decision has been made – a player does NOT need to wait until the deadline to accept or decline an offer. Individual clubs may choose to extend offer deadlines, at their discretion, or athletes may ask for this extension.

JAG VBC: Expect an offer to be made to the parent/player via phone call from the coach or Coach Schaefer on their behalf. Some offers will be made on Saturday, and some will be extended on Sunday after tryouts. Offers will be initiated by the club, through the member management system (Sports Engine). The athlete will receive an email notifying them of the offer; they may choose to accept or deny the offer directly within the Sports Engine account. The Region will be notified of any athletes who accept more than one offer.

## **2024-2025 AGE DEFINITIONS FOR JAG VBC TEAMS:**

Age definitions are set by the USAV and the Badger Region, our governing bodies. Some athletes may qualify for two different age groups, depending on DOB and grade.

During tryouts, we flag athletes who qualify for multiple age groups so our coaches can place them on the team we think is the best fit. If you have a preference for which age group your daughter plays in, please let us know.

If you're unsure which teams your child qualifies for or which tryout age group to attend, please email [lumpy@justagame.com](mailto:lumpy@justagame.com) and let us know your daughter's DOB and grade.

Age definition chart can be found here:

[https://cdn1.sportngin.com/attachments/document/7446-3175927/2024-25\\_Age\\_Chart.pdf](https://cdn1.sportngin.com/attachments/document/7446-3175927/2024-25_Age_Chart.pdf)

## **2024-2025 TRYOUT REGISTRATION/PAPERWORK:**

Register for JAG VBC tryouts at the link below.

<https://app.squarespacescheduling.com/schedule/677128f5>

Players do not need to attend both tryouts to be considered for a spot on a team. Many players will because our tryouts only cost \$20.00 for each session. Tryouts include a t-shirt.

When purchasing the required USAV membership with Badger Region please go to this link for more information:

<https://badgervolleyball.org/membership-options-as-we-approach-the-start-of-the-2024-25-club-volleyball-season/>

When accepting an offer on Sports Engine the system will ask you to purchase your 2024-2025 membership to the full year for an additional \$55.00. You must have a Badger Region membership to tryout for club volleyball. If you are not sure if you are going to make a team or going to accept a position, please only purchase the tryout membership. You can upgrade later to a full membership.

Required items for tryouts (All items must be completed & paperwork brought to tryouts)

1. **Badger Region Membership** <https://badgervolleyball.org/membership/>
2. **Player Medical Release Form** - <https://badgervolleyball.org/medical-release-form-without-notary/>
3. **Concussion Information and Form (Pages 5-6)** - <https://badgervolleyball.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/ConcussionInfoSigForms.pdf>

4. **2024-2025 Player information for Tryouts** - <https://badgervolleyball.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/2024-25-Player-Information-For-Tryouts.pdf>

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:**

### **REGISTRATION**

#### **How do I know which age group to try out for?**

Age groups are determined by the athlete's date of birth and grade. USAV and the Badger Region have outlined the age classifications. If you are still unsure which age group you qualify for, please email Lumpy at [lumpy@justagame.com](mailto:lumpy@justagame.com).

#### **How do I know whether to try out for a National, Select or Regional team?**

The "National" teams will be the highest commitment level and are geared towards athletes who want to play volleyball at the top level and travel outside of Wisconsin on occasion. The "Select" and "Regional" division teams are a lower commitment level and are a great fit for athletes who don't want to travel as much.

During the tryout registration you select which level you want to be considered for. If you state that you only want to play on a "Select" or "Regional" team, we will not place you on a "National" team.

#### **I play multiple positions, so how do I make that known for tryouts?**

At tryouts you will fill out a sheet and may choose one position, multiple positions, or indicate "unknown" if you are unsure of the position to try out for OR are younger and haven't played a specific position.

#### **Can my daughter tryout if she doesn't have much experience?**

Many times, at the 13U and under age groups volleyball has either not been available in a six-on-six competitive situation or they are having only been playing for a short time. We understand this and encourage all of those that want to work hard, be coachable and are ready to have some fun to give it a try!

#### **Can I "play down" because of the age definitions?**

The age date cut offs were established by USA Volleyball to help eliminate the problem of players being forced to play outside of their normal grade level.

The intent of the rule is to keep most players grouped by grade. It is not the intent of the rule to allow or encourage players to play at a lower age level than their normal grade level would permit.

Generally speaking, most athletes register for the age division in which your daughter meets both the grade and birthday requirements as per the registration page.

### **Can I try out for a higher age level team?**

We encourage all athletes to try out for their proper age division. If coaches believe the athlete can make an impact at a higher age group, they will extend an invite to another age group's tryout.

## **TRYOUT DAY**

### **When and where are tryouts?**

All tryouts are at Justagame Fieldhouse or Justagame Reedsburg.

### **What time should I arrive for tryouts?**

You should arrive between 30-45 minutes before your designated tryout time if possible. This will allow enough time to go through the check-in line, change into the tryout shirt, and get into the gym before we begin. There will be a line, so don't wait until the last minute to arrive!

### **What if I come late or leave early for other club tryouts?**

We understand there are overlaps with other club tryouts in the area. If you are registered for a tryout that overlaps ours, please reach out to [lumpy@justagame.com](mailto:lumpy@justagame.com). Additionally, on the tryout day, let the check-in staff know if you need to leave early and at what time.

### **I am going to be gone on the tryout days. Can I try out at another time?**

Truthfully, it is very difficult to make a team without being there on tryout day. With that said, we have had a few players in the past that have been evaluated at warm-up sessions and have made a team. If you absolutely cannot attend tryouts, please reach out to Lumpy at [lumpy@justagame.com](mailto:lumpy@justagame.com) to discuss your evaluation. On occasion we have had a second tryout the following week to give those players that missed a chance to participate or for those that did not make a team a chance to show their abilities again.

### **Does JAG VBC have retention offers already out?**

No, JAG VBC has decided not to use the retention offer option.

### **With the returning players from last year, is there really room for me?**

Every year, approximately 15-25% of the players are brand new to the club. These new players can be found across all age divisions and team types.

### **Do my parents need to be at the entire tryout?**

No, but we do recommend parents are there with 14 and under players to ensure the check-in process goes smoothly and the athlete has all required items. Parents are not allowed in the gym during tryouts.

### **What paperwork is needed at the tryout?**

Required items for tryouts (All items must be completed & paperwork brought to tryouts)

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### **What should I wear to tryouts?**

Everyone will receive a t-shirt when they check in at tryouts. In addition to the tryout t-shirt, you should come dressed in whatever athletic apparel you feel most comfortable playing in. This may or may not include spandex shorts, kneepads, crew socks, ankle supports, etc.

### **How will I be evaluated at tryouts?**

During tryouts, we will not be teaching skills. We are evaluating skills, general athletic ability, attitude, as well as the potential to be a good teammate. Near the end of tryouts, we may place athletes on a court together for more match-like situations. Athletes may be grouped together for a variety of reasons, not limited to strictly volleyball skills. These groups are not necessarily an indication of who will receive offers to join the club.

### **How do I know if I made a team?**

When the tryout has concluded, coaches of that age division work together to form teams. Within a couple of hours, coaches start making calls to extend offers to athletes. The

offers will be for a specific team and might not come until Sunday because of tryouts being at night on Saturday and due to the fact that we have more than one day of tryouts.

Upon accepting the initial verbal or written offer, an invitation will be sent via Sports Engine in which the player must accept. Please note that coaches are only allowed an initial and one follow up contact. Players or parents do not have a limit on the number of times they can contact the coach or club director.

### **When do I have to let JAG VBC know I accept the offer?**

We recommend discussing possibilities of various offers with your parents before tryouts, so that a decision can be made when the coach calls. If the athlete is undecided, they can put the offer on hold. Players have until August 1<sup>st</sup> to accept an offer.

### **Does everyone make a team?**

No, unfortunately, everyone does not make a team. For our 10-16-year-olds players in the area, there will be an opportunity to participating in a program called JAG VBC Train & Play that will start in January and will run for about 10 weeks. This program has approximately two practices per week with 2-3 dates of competition for those that did not make a JAG VBC club team or did not tryout.

JAG VBC does its absolute best to try to find a home for those players that want to learn, work hard and improve in the sport of volleyball. Factors include the number of coaches and the number of girls that try out.

For our 13U and under age groups many of our teams are coached by a parent of one of the players. If you know of anybody or you are interested in becoming a coach, please email [lumpy@justagame.com](mailto:lumpy@justagame.com).

### **Is there a chance of moving up to a "higher" team than the team I was offered at tryouts?**

Yes. Typically, movements occur when players choose to not accept an offer for a higher team. When this happens, we begin pulling people up to fill the open spots. When, and if, a spot becomes available we will reach out as soon as possible to begin the movement process. For our age levels that offer two National teams we may tell a player that they have made a team, but will evaluate for approximately one month and then let the player know if they made the Red or Black team.

### **When will we know who our coach is?**

Most times for the 14U-18U teams we have the coaches put in place before tryouts begin. For the 13U and younger age groups sometimes the coach will not be established until after the teams are set because of not knowing what team the player will be on. It is a balancing act on

offering a position to each player based on skill, and finding a coach for each team that has enough girls to play.

## **GENERAL QUESTIONS**

### **How many players will be on a team?**

We attempt to have 10-12 players on each team. Most “National” teams will have between 10-11, with “Select” and “Regional” teams having 11-12 player on each team.

### **How often and when do the teams practice?**

All teams practice twice a week. Additionally, free “Specialty” sessions are offered about twice per week during December, January, February and March. Most other clubs do not offer these types of sessions for free. National teams will also have a third optional practice a week (50 percent attendance is expected however) that will focus on jump training, footwork development and movement and general volleyball skill development while conditioning. All practices start after 6:00 p.m. to allow for other activities by our athletes.

### **I am a multiple-sport athlete. Can I still play for JAG VBC?**

Many of our athletes are committed to additional sports and have found a way to successfully participate on our teams. Playing for JAG VBC requires athletes to commit and work hard throughout the entire club season. Missing excessive practices/tournaments is difficult on the team and the athlete’s development as a player. We do understand and support prioritizing high school sports over club, but do expect that your commitment with JAG VBC balances your commitment with other activities.

### **How much are your dues?**

Dues and other team information can be found at the link below:

<https://www.justagamefieldhouse.com/jvc-club.php>

### **What do my dues get me?**

Your dues get you two jerseys, two practice t-shirts, one backpack, one volleyball, one additional apparel item, at least two practices per week, multiple free specialty sessions for players 16U and younger and registration for dates of competition (tournaments). Dues also cover coaches’ salary, coaches’ memberships and background checks, coaches’ hotel rooms, coaches’ parking and tolls, coaches’ travel (for national teams), current and new equipment,

volleyballs and other miscellaneous club expenses. This fee does not cover player and family travel, hotels or tournament fees for spectators.