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## **Try-Out Policy**

We are committed to ensuring that every Northern Chill Volleyball Club athlete has a positive experience that fuels their love of volleyball and competition. We focus on the process over outcomes and developing a growth mindset; in other words, our top priority is always giving each athlete the opportunity to learn the tools to play at the highest level possible and striving to improve.

The purpose of this try-out policy is to describe the steps required to register and try-out for the Northern Chill Volleyball Club. Additional information is provided to help clarify trying out for teams outside your age division.

## **Try-Out Procedure**

1. All athletes are encouraged to pre-register with Northern Chill Volleyball Club. The contact information supplied will be used to communicate try-out information. For the younger age divisions, it is recommended that the parent's contact information is supplied.
2. Athletes are required to register in the Ontario Volleyball Association (OVA) Membership Registration System (MRS) as a "try-out player" (\$0 cost) before they can participate in try-outs.
3. Athletes must complete all waivers (COVID, etc.) before they can try-out.
4. Athletes are required to try-out for their birth age division or for the team they played for the previous season (see "procedure to request playing outside age division" below).
5. Athletes can try-out for one age division.
6. Try-out information (dates, times, locations, waivers, etc.) will be emailed to the contact information supplied and posted on the Northern Chill Website.
7. Each coach will determine the minimum number of try-outs that athletes must participate in to be considered for a position on the team (minimum one try-out).



8. Due to potential COVID facility limitations, multiple try-out dates/times may be required for the coaching staff to see all athletes. All athletes may not be at all try-out dates/times.
9. There will be a minimum of two try-out dates for each age division. Coaches may schedule additional try-outs date/times if required to make a proper evaluation of the athletes prior to selecting their teams.
10. Coaches and the Technical Team reserve the right to move athletes onto teams that match the athlete's volleyball experience and skill set provided the athlete remains within the OVA's age eligibility requirements.

### **Procedure to request playing outside your age division**

Athletes are required to try out in the age division associated with their birth year; any exceptions will be made by the Technical Director in consultation with the Coaches affected and the Technical Team. Decisions will be made in the best interest of the athlete and not the impact to any individual team.

### **Pre-Approved Exception**

All athletes who played outside their age bracket in the previous year will have the option to try-out for the team previously played on without pre-approval from the Technical Director.

1. Athlete/Parent must be in contact with the Technical Director (tech.director@northernchillvolleyball.com) to make the request for an athlete to play outside their age bracket. Athletes can request to play above their age bracket or play down if they qualify through the 16-month rule.
2. The request must be accompanied by an explanation as to why the athlete should be moved, (development, conflicts, peers, etc.).
3. The request will be reviewed by the Technical Director and they may consult with the appropriate coaches and/or the Technical team.
4. All approvals will be on a case by case basis, approvals will be based on the best interest of the athlete. The best interest of individual teams will not be a factor.
5. Decision (and try-out plan) will be communicated to all involved by the Technical Director.