



## Basic Tryout Information

**Tryouts Process:** Players will check-in and be given a penny to be worn over their shirt. The penny will allow us to quickly identify them throughout the tryout session. Players will be evaluated on their current skill level. Coaches do not give technical instructions throughout the session, as this is a tryout. At the conclusion of court time there will be a break before final decisions are made and posted to our website. At least one parent must be present for the post tryout meeting to complete paperwork, deposit, and have a very brief age group meeting.

**Results:** Our tryouts results are posted under our website Tryout Results TAB:

<https://www.texasfuryvolleyballclub.com/tryout-results>

Age group results will NOT reflect as live until the results are posted.

**Evaluation Process:** To accurately evaluate players, we will assess the following: a basic overall skill assessment, attack and block touch measurements, timed shuttle run, scored serve receive, scored serving, and scored hitting, evaluation within positional drills and within game like drills. In addition to skills, we will assess their game speed, court awareness, knowledge of court responsibilities, willingness to be vocal, aggressiveness, and other intangible qualities. We have multiple evaluators dedicated solely to scoring and watching the players. We include our directors and a tryout committee of coaches to finalize placements.

**Tryout Positions:** Players select a primary and secondary position upon registering for tryouts. We will evaluate every player (11s-13s) at all skills to see what position we feel they are best fit for. Players that would like to be evaluated for multiple positions will be responsible for moving within positions as tryouts progress. Players are welcome to move into different positions throughout tryouts (except during the all skills testing...since all players will do all skill stations regardless of position). If we feel a player is best suited at a different position, we will place them within that position, specifically if it results in a higher-level team.

**Team Make-up:** We will select 10 to 12 players for each team (although we try to keep exactly 10). Teams are usually comprised of 2 setters, 2 Libero/DS, and 6 Hitters. This allows us to run a high-level line-up throughout the season, while being conscious of playing time for all players.

**Tryouts Pennies:** Pennies are assigned to each player randomly based on their position and order of registration. Assignments are not based on rank. These pennies will be used to post tryout results, so be sure you know your child's number & color when posting approaches.

**Total # of Teams:** We will form up to 6 teams in each age division. The total number of teams will be based on positions and the number of players we have trying out for each age division. These decisions are often not finalized until the day of tryouts. If teams are incomplete at tryouts there will be supplemental tryouts to fill those positions.

**Team Levels:** Our teams are named “Legacy”, “Impact”, “Unite”, “Fusion”, “Inspire”, and ranked in that order. We are a competitive club, and we want all our teams to have the opportunity to experience success. Tournament schedules are made accordingly with our top teams often traveling more often and playing a more competitive schedule.

**Coach Assignments:** Most Coaches will be pre-assigned to a team at tryouts. In some cases, Coaches will not be assigned at the time of tryouts. We have several factors that can affect coach placement (such as coach schedules, UIL rules, and our own club rules), so in some cases we must wait before locking in placements. Our goal is to provide each team with 2 quality coaches. All teams will meet their Coach in depth at the Club Wide Kick-Off Meeting in October.

**Contracts and Deposits:** At the end of tryouts teams will be formed and we will need immediate acceptance. We will have a brief team meeting to complete contracts & discuss details of the season. Deposits are due at this time and are required to hold your players’ spot on the team. All deposits are collected **ONLINE only through the website registration** specific for their assigned team. It can be found at the bottom of the results page. After Contracts and Deposits are complete, your player is expected to refrain from attending any other club tryouts. This is to protect the commitments of the other players on the team and the club.

**Uniform Fittings:** If your child makes a team, they will need to complete uniform fittings.

*\*specific fitting timeslots (20 minutes) will be assigned and shared with teams after tryouts are completed\**

*Tryouts are a difficult and tedious process. It is arguably the toughest part of our job. We take the upmost care in making this process as smooth as possible for all. We thank you for choosing Texas Fury Volleyball Club and look forward to having you join our Fury family!*