



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Why is Blaze offering summer and fall tryouts for high school athletes (15s-18s)?

Offering high school tryouts in both summer and fall provides us with more opportunities to evaluate players. Finalizing teams and schedules earlier also helps families plan. Offering high school summer tryouts provides peace of mind for athletes by knowing they have a position on a team prior to the start of the high school season.

Why is Blaze only offering fall tryouts for 11s-14s athletes?

By offering tryouts in the fall for the 11s-14s athletes, it provides these athletes with more time to get involved in volleyball through their school before making a commitment to club volleyball. Since we do retention offers in the summer, we will know for fall tryouts which positions are available on every team.

Should I try out for a specific position or show up regardless if I know what position I should try out for?

When you check in, there will be a form to note your preferred position. We will take that into consideration, but we will use the tryout as an overall evaluation of all your abilities. Once the season starts, you will play based on your strengths and what is best for you and the team.

When do you begin picking teams?

The team selection process begins immediately after tryouts. Our coaching staff begins reviewing evaluations and forming teams that day. Phone calls to players begin as soon as possible. Because so many calls need to be made, some athletes may get a phone call right after tryouts, while others may get a phone call later. If you do not hear from us on the day of tryouts, this DOES NOT mean you will not be offered a spot on our teams. Even if others have received a call. Please be patient as we get through calls.

When are practices?

Teams practice 2 nights per week for 90 minutes. Practices will be on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Thursdays at 4:30pm - 6pm, 6pm - 7:30pm or 7:30pm - 9pm at Blaze Sports & Fitness or the Champion Center.

Did you do retention offers?

Wisconsin Blaze participated in a limited capacity in the retention period. We offered a small amount of retention offers. Almost all positions are open on all of our teams.

How many players are on a team?

Regional & Midwest teams will consist of 11-12 players and National teams will consist of a minimum of 10 players.

What can be expected in terms of playing time?

Coaches are expected to only make offers to players that they intend to give playing time to. Although we cannot guarantee "equal" playing time among all players, we can guarantee "fair."

What tournaments will be played?

Our teams compete in a variety of tournaments depending on their level. Our Regional teams will play in more local, one day tournaments and Badger Region Championships. Our Midwest teams will play in tournaments in Wisconsin but more two day tournaments like Prep Dig, JVA, Badger Region Championships. Our National teams will play in more competitive two day tournaments in Wisconsin and out of state including Prep Dig, JVA, 1-2 qualifier(s) and a national tournament (USAV or AAU).