

**1. Do I need to have prior experience playing volleyball to try out or go to open gyms?**

No prior experience is required for either tryouts or open gym. However, most players that make our teams did play club or varsity volleyball in high school. I suggest coming to our open gyms to gauge how your skill level could fit into our club. If you feel that club isn't for you, then we highly encourage joining an Intramural team through Rec Sports!

**2. Do I need to go to Open gym to try out?**

No, open gym is meant to be stress-free opportunity to play volleyball and shake off any rust before trying out. No coaches will be present at our open gyms, so there is no impact whether attending or not on making any teams. Officers will be present to conduct open gym, but our coaches make the decisions on who makes each team.

**3. How many teams do you have?**

We have an Orange (A) and a White team (B). Both teams play at a competitive level at travel tournaments to other universities in Texas, such as Baylor, A&M, TCU, Texas State, etc. In total, we usually take 24-28 players after tryouts.

**4. Do returners have a guaranteed spot? Will returning players impact my ability to make the team?**

Everyone must try out each semester, and no spots are reserved for returning players. Our coaches aim to be as unbiased as possible in the tryout selection process, and overall are trying to select the best girls for each team based on performance at tryouts.

**5. I want to play, but not travel to tournaments. Can I be a practice player?**

Whether our club accepts practice players is determined by the coaches/officers after each season's tryouts. Our coach's time is valuable, and we'd rather offer a spot to a player who'd contribute to our club at tournaments. One of our main goals is to compete and place at the tournaments we travel to! We recommend joining an Intramural Team through Rec Sports for a lesser time commitment.

**6. When are practices?**

Our practices are every Monday and Wednesday from 7-10 PM. Monday's consist of 1 hour of jump work/conditioning and 2 hours of volleyball practice. Wednesday's consist of 1 hour of weight room and 2 hours of volleyball. Practices normally start the week after tryouts, and the season ends after our last tournament.

**7. If I don't make the team or miss the tryout date, what now?**

We host tryouts at the beginning of every semester. Unfortunately, we can't always take everyone who comes to tryouts, but we encourage everyone to keep playing volleyball and come back for the next season's tryouts. If you'd like to try out the following semester, we recommend following our Instagram @texaswvc and waiting until we announce the next tryout. We also do NOT have makeup tryout dates if you cannot attend the initial date.

**8. What is the cost of joining if I make the team?**

Dues vary each semester depending on travel, tournament fees, coaching costs, equipment, and how much we've fundraised previously. We try to keep dues as low as possible, and our latest dues (Fall 2023) were \$250 for the season. Spring dues are higher (\$350-\$400) because of higher entry fees and Nationals at the end of the season. We do have payment plans to make sure everyone can be a part of our club!

**9. I am also in Greek life or other clubs with some time conflicts. Would I not be able to join club?**

As students, we understand how demanding college can be. Most of our players are in other clubs, sororities, or jobs and we will work with you on a case-by-case basis for scheduling conflicts. We ask that you present major conflicts (tournaments) ahead of time. However, regularly missing practices and/or tournaments is not allowed and will likely result in less playing time or release from our club.