



# 2017-2018 Club Tryouts

All tryouts will be held at:  
Greenway High School  
3930 W. Greenway Rd.  
Phoenix, AZ 85053

	Date	Registration Time	Tryout Time	Make-Up Tryout Time
14s and Under	11/11	7:30 am	8-11 am	1 pm
15's and 16's	11/18	7:30 am	8-11 am	1 pm
17's and 18's	11/18	8:30 am	9-11 am	1 pm

## Expectations:

- As with previous years, AZ Desert Sky plans to offer and sign all players on the day of tryouts
- Once you accept a roster spot, it is yours
- Some rosters may need to be finalized after the makeup tryout session
- We will do our best to communicate what is happening throughout the entire tryout process
- If we have any remaining roster spots available after tryouts they will be posted on our website

## Important Facts and Suggestions:

- Do some research before you decide which club you would like to play for. Clubs will hold Open Gyms/Clinics and usually have an opportunity for you to meet coaches. We also recommend visiting their website – check out their philosophy and see what they will do for you. You may even want to contact the club director to ensure a good fit.
- It is illegal for a club to offer you a spot on any team before tryouts, so do not feel pressured to play for them. The AZ Region may sanction the club and you.
- Once an offer is accepted, that player is committed to the club for the remainder of the season, including post-season play. You cannot attend another club's tryouts or practices. The club is not required to grant you a release.
- Most clubs will post their fees on their websites. Be sure to read the fine print. Be aware that some clubs will not include post-season play, travel expenses for out of state tournaments. Some clubs allocate fees for a 12-man roster so prices could increase. We recommend creating a spreadsheet and comparing number of tournaments, what all is included in fees, if there are any hidden fees, etc.
- We have no hidden fees at AZ Desert Sky and you can find a detailed list of what is included [here](#).
- If you compete on our National/Travel teams there will be extra purchases for the season. Parents will need to purchase the athlete's flights to out of state tournaments. Our National/Travel teams attend 2 National Qualifiers a year, and a post-season tournament in Orlando.

Our 17s and 18s National/Travel teams also attend the Las Vegas Classic due to the high number of attending college coaches and the close vicinity of Las Vegas. Parents have the option of driving or flying to the Las Vegas tournament. For those teams attending Colorado Crossroads (17s and 18s), parents are also required to purchase their hotel room and travel with their athlete. Athletes are also required to bring \$30 for out of state tournaments to purchase food for a team cooler. They will also need money to cover dinner expenses while traveling.

- Our teams will travel together and room as a team, with the exception of Colorado Crossroads. We cover transportation at the tournaments, and stay at a hotel that includes a hot breakfast. Our coaches are in charge of our teams, leaving parents to enjoy the tournament and their “vacation” if they choose to attend.

## Before Tryouts:

Before tryouts please complete the following steps:

### **Step 1: Register with USA Volleyball as an AZ Region Member**

- For renewing members, log on to this [Webpoint Log-In Site](#)
- For new members, registering for the first time, log on to this [Webpoint Registration Site](#)
- Request Arizona Desert Sky as your Club of choice
- There is a \$55 fee payable directly to the Arizona Region
- Once completed, please print your membership card and bring it with you to tryouts

### **Step 2: Register with AAU Volleyball as a Member**

- For renewing members, log on to your [Account](#)
- For new members, registering for the first time, log on to this [Membership Application](#)
- Request Arizona Desert Sky as your Club of choice; Use code: WYWEC8
- There is a \$14 fee payable directly to AAU
- Once completed, please print your membership card and bring it with you to tryouts

**Step 3: Please print and complete 3 copies of each of the following 2017-2018 forms. These must be turned in prior to tryouts.**

- [Concussion Acknowledgement Form](#)
  - [SafeSport Form](#)
  - [Medical Release Form](#)
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## Tryout Checklist

**You must bring the following with you in order to tryout:**

- USAV/ AZ Region Membership Card
  - AAU Membership Card
  - 3 copies of each:
    - [Concussion Acknowledgement Form](#)
    - [SafeSport Form](#)
    - [Medical Release Form](#)
  - A copy of your athlete's Birth Certificate (only required if you are new to the AZ Region)
  - \$35 tryout fee - Cash, charge card (3% additional processing charge - AZ Desert Sky does not receive any part of this fee), or check made payable to AZ Desert Sky
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## Age Determination

**Not sure what age group to try out for? Use the link [here](#) and enter your date of birth.**

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## FAQs

**Do I need volleyball experience to tryout for the club?**

**A:** You do not need volleyball experience to tryout for the club (especially at younger ages), though it helps.

## **How are players selected during tryouts?**

**A:** It is our goal to offer each player a position on a team at tryouts. There are many factors that contribute to a player's placement: position, current level of play, age, desire to play on a Travel vs Non-travel team, number of athletes attending try-outs at any given age, etc. Coaches will be evaluating players for their team based on: athletic ability, positive attitudes, coachability, communication, talent, etc. Travel teams will be selected first.

## **What is the tryout fee for?**

**A:** A tryout fee of \$35 is required and it is non-refundable. This covers the cost of the facility and administrative fees associated with tryouts.

## **If the athlete makes the team, what are the next steps?**

**A:** If an athlete is offered a position on a team, she and her parents must sign a commitment agreement and must pay the deposit to guarantee her spot. Please note an athlete is committing to the entire season once this step is completed. Commitment to the club includes the entire season and the entire team fees. The AZ Region mandates that athletes may only play for one club/team in a given season, lasting through early July. The deposit is applied to the total fees for the season. There is a club-wide parent orientation the day after tryouts.

## **What if the athlete doesn't make a team?**

**A:** While the majority, if not all, of athletes who tryout at AZ Desert Sky receive an offer to play on a team, there have been years where we were unable to accommodate everyone. This truly saddens us, as we desire to work with and develop every athlete that chooses us. There are many clubs that offer tryouts throughout the day and just like us, some clubs offer a make-up tryout.