

Technical Description

What Is Club Volleyball?

Virginia Tech Women's Club Volleyball is made up of two different teams that compete year round in many different tournaments. Club Volleyball is separate from varsity level sports and therefore runs quite differently. Virginia Tech Women's Club Volleyball is currently a member of the Carolina Women's Club Volleyball League. Club Volleyball here at Virginia Tech is a great opportunity to get involved with a group of girls that love the same sport as you do. Even though it isn't the varsity level sport this team still requires hard work and dedication to fulfill our goals and win tournaments. Club Volleyball is a great option for those that are in love with the sport and are dedicated but may not have as great of talents to play on the Virginia Tech varsity level team.

The Team

The two different teams are assigned based on skill levels and tryouts to become a part of the team take place twice a year. The tryouts occur at the beginning of both the fall and spring semesters here at Virginia Tech. At tryouts many different drills and full games will be used to assess the players different skills and abilities. Individuals will be asked to tryout in a specific position including the options of, middle, outside and right side hitter or as a libero or setter. Time and hard work are still major aspects for Club Volleyball due to the many practices and tournaments individuals must participate in. Practices are held Monday through Thursday in an on campus gym found in War Memorial Hall. Practice time is scheduled for 4pm to 6pm and all players are asked to schedule classes and other activities around these two hours, as best as possible. Open gyms are also available throughout the year but aren't mandatory. Open gyms are a good way to get to know some of the current players for those not already on the team. Other ways to get involved with club volleyball here at Virginia Tech include holding different office positions. As a club we vote and elect positions like Club President, Vice President, Treasurer and a few others. Some of the key tournaments our Club takes part in include the Nationals tournament and even our very own locally hosted tournaments.

The Expenses

Since club volleyball isn't on the Varsity level at Virginia Tech all participants must pay for many expenses. Some of the expenses that must be paid include gas and hotel and food money when the team travels to different tournaments. Each tournament also charges a fee to play and these fees are split up between the players. The tournament we host here at Virginia Tech is used as a fundraiser that helps the team pay for some of the expenses throughout the year. The team also takes part in other fundraisers throughout the year to help cover some of the expenses. Placing in tournaments can also result in winning

large sums of money that are distributed among the players.

Who to Contact?

For further information about Virginia Tech Club Volleyball please contact our current Club President Erin Fitzgerald. Her contact information can be found on the club's website or you can email her at erin92@vt.edu. On the club's website you can also access a calendar to find a calendar of all upcoming dates such as open gyms or tryouts.



Glossary

Libero: A defensive specialist known for passing well that can only play the three positions found on the back row away from the net.

Middle Hitter: Typically the tallest player on the court that plays closest to the net hitting balls on the opposing side to score points.

Nationals: A tournament held in a large city somewhere within the United States where Club Volleyball teams from all around the nation compete.

Outside Hitter: A player who hits the ball on the front row from the left side in attempt to score points.

Right Side Hitter: A player who plays opposite of the setter and hits the ball to the opposing team to score points.

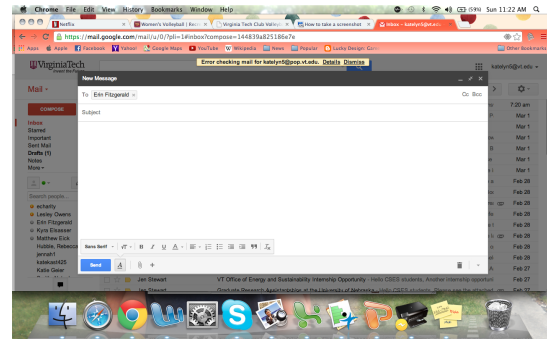
Setter: A specialist player on the court known for running the offense and passing the ball to hitters in order to score points.

Tournament: A series of games played between many different teams who are all competing for an overall prize or award.

Instructions

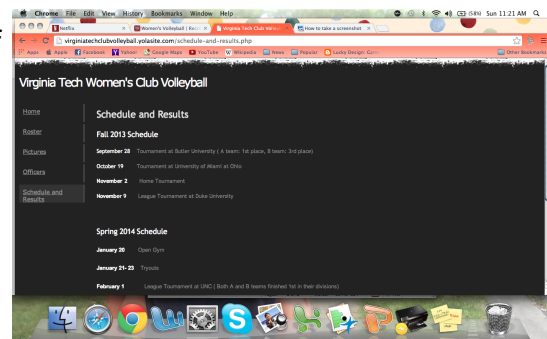
How to join the Virginia Tech Women's Club Volleyball Team:

1. Contact the club president Erin Fitzgerald by email at erinfc92@vt.edu providing your name, contact info, class at Virginia Tech and what position you are interested in playing.



Source: Gmail, February 2014 <<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/?pli=1#inbox?compose=new>>

2. Check the club website to find a schedule of any upcoming open gyms prior to tryouts.



Source: VT Club Volleyball Site, February 2014 <<http://virginiatechclubvolleyball.yolasite.com/>>

3. Attend as many open gyms as possible.
4. Find out the date for your appropriate tryout either via the website or through the club president.
5. Attend the Virginia Tech Women's Club Volleyball tryout.



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