



What are Evaluations?

How Potential builds teams

EVALUATIONS, NOT TRYOUTS

Potential uses evaluations instead of traditional tryouts because our goal is not to cut athletes from the program. In the North, missing out on a club team can mean losing one of the only opportunities to keep playing and developing. If your athlete is registered, they will be placed on a team.

WHAT HAPPENS?

Athletes attend age group evaluation sessions that look a lot like a traditional tryout.

- Players complete skill-based drills and gameplay
- Coaches observe athletes in a variety of situations
- The goal is to understand each athlete's current level and readiness
- Athletes are then placed with teammates of similar skill and development needs

WHAT ARE COACHES LOOKING FOR?

Evaluations look at the whole athlete - not just who hits the hardest or serves the best

- Fundamental volleyball skills and consistency
- Movement, game awareness and decision-making
- Effort, competitiveness and communication
- Coachability and willingness to learn
- Positional needs and overall team fit

HOW ARE TEAMS FORMED?

Athletes are placed onto teams with players of a similar current skill level so practices, coaching and competition can be better matched to their development. Team placement may not be the team an athlete or family hoped for, but placements are made with the athlete's growth and the overall team environment in mind.

WHAT DO TEAM COLOURS MEAN?

FEMALE PINK - Pink teams are our more competitive pathways and are the female teams identified for potential travel opportunities.

FEMALE BLUE & BOYS - Blue teams are development-focused. Our boys' programs are newer, so their team structure is still evolving as participation grows.

THE MOST IMPORTANT THING TO KNOW

Evaluations are about finding the right development environment - not eliminating athletes. A team placement reflects where an athlete is right now, it does not define their future potential. Athletes develop at different rates and their pathway can change as they grow!