

DELTA REGION HIGH PERFORMANCE

LAST TRYOUT FOR 2018
DELTA REGION HP CAMP
SET FOR FRIDAY,
APRIL 6, 2018

Registration Extended to
Wednesday, April 4 until 10am.

Joanie Williams

2018



Participants of
the 2017
Delta Region
High
Performance
Camp



GROWING THE GAME TOGETHER

LAST TRYOUT THIS FRIDAY

Friday, April 6th is the last day of tryouts for the 2018 Delta Region HP Camp. Those interested in trying out must register by 10am on Wednesday, April 4th to be eligible to attend the tryout (this is an extended deadline date). If interested in attending the tryout follow these instructions:

- Log into Webpoint (our membership database) at <https://webpoint.usavolleyball.org/>
- Type in Username and password
- Under Region Clinics, click on Region HP Tryouts
- Follow on-screen prompts and then REGISTER for the desired tryout.
- You will need to pay the \$25 (non-refundable) tryout fee with a MasterCard or Visa at time of registration
- A confirmation email will be sent to you immediately after registering.

The 2018 Delta Region High Performance 2-day Camp will be held at the ALL NEW Batesville Community Center in Batesville, Arkansas on Saturday, May 26 thru Sunday, May 27, 2018.

In order to be considered for the 2018 Delta Region HP Camp, candidates must attend a Delta Region HP Tryout. Not all who tryout will be selected for the camp. Only the top 80 athletes *from all of the tryouts* will be selected to attend the camp. **Note:** Players will receive limited coaching at the HP tryout >coaches are there for evaluating only!

CAMP SELECTION WILL BE POSTED TO THE DELTA REGION WEBSITE

Camp selection will be posted on the Delta Region website at www.deltavolleyball.net under the JUNIORS HP tab **on Saturday, April 21** (no decisions will be made until all tryouts are completed). It is the responsibility of the athlete to check the Delta Region website to determine if an invitation to attend the camp has been made. The athlete will have until **April 28 at 4:00PM** to accept the invitation and submit the \$230 camp fee. If the invitation is not accepted by the deadline, the athlete will lose their spot for the camp and the invitation will be issued to another athlete. There will be no refunds issued after the April 28th deadline. As such, these invitations are extremely time-sensitive – YOU WILL ONLY HAVE UNTIL 4:00PM on April 28 to REGISTER BEFORE YOUR SPOT IS GIVEN AWAY TO ANOTHER ATHLETE.

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PROGRAM OVERVIEW AND PROJECTED FINANCIAL COMMITMENT

The 2018 Delta Region High Performance 2-day Camp will be held at the ALL NEW Batesville Community Center in Batesville, Arkansas on Saturday, May 26 thru Sunday, May 27, 2018. Yes, I know this is Memorial Weekend---but, due to the restrictions of our D1 coaches during their dead period---this was the only date we could schedule in order to allow them to attend. Registration fee for the camp is \$230 which must be paid at time of registration. A registration link for the camp will be provided at time of selection. Participants are responsible for their own travel and accommodations.

Delta Region High Performance Director & Lead Coaches Announced



MELISSA WOLTER NAMED CAMP DIRECTOR

University of West Florida head coach **MELISSA WOLTER** has been named as the 2018 Delta Region High Performance Camp Director. Wolter will be in charge of scheduling and overseeing player development. "We are very excited to get someone with Coach Wolter's coaching experience with USA Volleyball and the National High Performance program to oversee our camp this year" states Joe Williams, Delta Region Commissioner.

During the summer of 2012, Wolter put in her 10th year of service with USA Volleyball, coaching in their national High Performance pipeline. She served as an assistant coach with the United States Girls' Youth Team under head coach Jim Stone, helping guide the team to a gold medal at the NORCECA Girls' Youth Continental Championship in Guatemala City, Guatemala. This

was the 3rd gold medal in the NORCECA Girl's Youth Continental Championships for Coach Wolter, as she was part of the 2008 and 2004 teams that earned that top honor. Wolter has served an assistant coach in three separate Federation Internationale de Volleyball World Championships. In 2005, the team placed fourth, which was the second highest in the history of any United State Girls' Youth Team.

Coach Wolter has been the architect of the University of West Florida's volleyball teams climb to the position of perennial powerhouse in the south region. She is a four-time GSC Coach of the Year and an AVCA All-Region Coach of the year. During her time at UWF, Wolter has coached 10 AVCA All-Americans, 14 AVCA All-Region players, 11 D2CCA All-Region players, 16 NCAA Division II All-South Region Tournament players, three GSC All-Decade Team members, five GSC Players of the Year and 57 All-GSC Team selections.

As head coach Wolter has led the Argos to 13 seasons with 20 or more wins and 11 consecutive NCAA tournament appearances. Wolter has led the Argos to nine GSC tournament championship appearances and won six GSC championships (2008-2013). Wolter has a career GSC regular season record of 168-24 (.875) and has a 20-8 (.714) record in the conference tournament.



DAVID REHR TO LEAD YOUTH DIVISION

Returning in his 5th year as Lead Coach for the Youth Division of the Delta Region High Performance Camp is **DAVID REHR**. Two-time Sun Belt Conference Coach of the Year David Rehr entered his sixth season as head coach of the A-State volleyball squad and 18th season overall as a head coach in 2017. Rehr has compiled an overall record of 501-117 (.811) over his time as a head coach, which included stints at Blinn College and Frank Phillips College before being named the seventh head coach in A-State volleyball history. He's registered a 108-54 (.667) record through his first five seasons at Arkansas State.

Rehr was named the 2015 SBC Coach the Year and also took home the American Volleyball Coaches Association Southwest Region Coach of the Year. Additionally, he helped A-State's Carlisa May to the AVCA All-American Honorable Mention Team, which was the team's second All-American in school history with Markie Schaedig in 2014.

During his career, Rehr has helped lead teams to 10 conference championships, 10 NJCAA regional championships and nine NJCAA tournament appearances. He has coached 14 NJCAA All-Americans, 12 AVCA All-Americans, 10 NJCAA Academic All-Americans, 56 all-region players and 48 all-conference players.



JASON WATSON TO LEAD SELECT DIVISION

Returning in his 2nd year as Lead Coach for the Select Division of the Delta Region High Performance Camp is **JASON WATSON**. Jason Watson, a successful and nationally respected coach with a history of making the NCAA Tournament, is the head volleyball coach at the University of Arkansas. Watson has served as a head coach for the past 12 seasons, including the past eight seasons at Arizona State University (ASU). In 2015, he led the Sun Devils to the NCAA

Tournament for the fourth consecutive season. In his 12 years combined as a head coach at BYU and ASU, Watson has earned 200 wins and led his teams to seven NCAA Tournament berths. In June 2015, Watson was selected by USA Volleyball to serve as the head coach of the U.S. Collegiate National Team on a six-match tour of China. Watson had an All-American playing career at BYU from 1990-1994, where he was a four-year starter and two-time captain.

Prior to his head-coaching debut, Watson had amassed 11 years as an assistant coach at four universities. After an All-American playing career at BYU, Watson coached for two years under his former coach, Carl McGown, before beginning his career in women's volleyball with extremely successful stints at Kansas State, Arkansas State, and Montana State.



JUSTIN DEE TO LEAD FUTURE SELECT

Anyone that has been around the Delta Region HP Camp is familiar with our Lead Coach of the Future Select Division, **JUSTIN DEE**. Returning by popular demand, Coach Dee enters his 9th year as the Lead Coach for our younger, up-in-coming athletes. Coach Dee is in his third season as Head Volleyball coach at Belhaven University in Jackson, MS.

Over his first two seasons, Dee has rebuilt the Blazers squad and accumulated 21 victories, improving each season. Dee spent the 2012 season at Buchholz High School in Gainesville, Florida where his team was a semifinalist in the 7A Florida playoffs. Prior to arriving at Buchholz High School, Dee coached at Briarwood Christian School in Birmingham, Ala, leading the team to second and third place finishes in the state playoffs. Dee was named the 2009 Birmingham News Coach of the Year. Dee is no stranger to the collegiate game or the NAIA, having spent time at Lyon College (AR) and Simpson College (CA). Dee coached at Lyon from 2004 through the 2007 and led the Scots to their first ever NAIA Regional Tournament berth. During his stint at Simpson, Dee was twice named NCCAA West Region Coach of the Year and posted third and fifth place finishes in the NCCAA Nationals. Always a camp favorite, Coach Dee brings a wealth of volleyball knowledge as well as energy to our camp. We are thrilled to have him back as a Lead Coach!

ADDITIONAL COACHES FOR THE DELTA REGION HP CAMP

Coaches selected to work the Delta Region High Performance camp include current college and top club coaches from across the nation. All Delta Region HP coaches are experienced, knowledgeable, and highly-trained teachers of the game of volleyball. Already committed to being at the camp are coaches from Arkansas State, University of Arkansas, University of Memphis, Belhaven University, Henderson State, Mississippi State, University of Central Arkansas, Missouri Southern, Arkansas Tech, Lyon College, Hendrix University, Bethel University, UA-Monticello, UA-Fort Smith, Jackson State, Cowley County Community College-Kansas, Millsap College, Newberry College, Crowley Ridge College & John Brown University...just to name a few. Outstanding Club coaches also joining the coaching staff are Margie McGee (Arkansas Juniors Storm & head coach at Valley View High School~won the most state championships in the state of Arkansas; Craig Cummings, head coach of Jonesboro High School~ won 8 state high school championships; Tara Gilmore, Fatchmo Volley-in her 5th year with the Future Select Camp program; Phylis Anyango, (Jackson Juniors) former Kenya National Team-always a camp favorite; Samantha Wolinski, former Eastern Illinois University head coach and

PURPOSE AND MISSION OF THE DELTA REGION HIGH PERFORMANCE PROGRAM

The Delta Region High Performance Program is designed for players who have been identified as having the potential to travel up the USA Volleyball Athlete Pipeline as their careers progress and is a regional branch of USA Volleyball's National HP Program. The Delta Region HP Camp is operated to provide junior athletes with high-level training and skill development with some of the top coaches in the country and region. The Delta Region HP Camp is a 2-day training camp that includes sustained athlete training that is consistent with USAV National criteria and standards.

WHY ARE OLDER PLAYERS NOT INVITED TO THE CAMP?

Through much discussion, it has been decided to only offer the camp to athletes up to the age of 16 (and/or that are in the 10th grade and below). It was determined that the older athletes (juniors and seniors) have many more opportunities for training. Plus, focusing on our younger athletes will not only strengthen their personal skill level, but will also increase the level of play within the Delta Region for years to come.

DECISION PRIORITY

At times, athletes or their families believe that the athlete should have been invited to attend the Delta Region HP Camp. Please remember that there are multiple evaluators at Delta Region HP tryouts, which means that HP Directors received feedback from a number of coaches on each athlete in order to determine program placement. Tryout evaluations are combined from all tryouts from each age group and then players are ranked based on overall skill, positional skill, athleticism, and potential. Delta Region HP evaluators typically work tryouts at a number of locations across the region and are experts at volleyball evaluation. Many athletes who try out for the Delta Region High Performance Program are all-stars on their school teams, the top player on their club teams, and top point scorers on any team on which they play – High Performance is competitive, which is one of the things that make the program so special.

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ALTERNATE INVITATIONS

At times, someone issued an invitation does not accept. In this case an alternate athlete will be contacted to fill the open spot. Alternate athletes who are issued an invitation will need to register online for their spot **within 48 hours**. It is essential that anyone who is notified of being an alternate attend to the posted deadlines so as not to lose an opportunity. In addition, all invitations from the alternate list are made by e-mail only, so be sure to check the email posted to your member account.

NO INVITATION TO THE DELTA REGION HP CAMP?

Delta Region High Performance works to advance volleyball talent and build a broad and strong pipeline of athlete and coaches for our USA Olympic Teams. While Delta Region HP strives to allow as many athletes the opportunity to participate as possible, unfortunately not every athlete will be afforded an opportunity for that particular year.

Understand that athletes who attend Delta Region High Performance tryouts are, on the whole, a more advanced group of volleyball players than one finds at junior high, high school, or club volleyball tryouts. Most athletes who try out for Delta Region HP are seasoned club players; every player has made the decision to take the time to try out; and most all have made the decision that the opportunity to play volleyball at a higher level is something that they desire. Delta Region High Performance Programs showcase the most competitive volleyball in the region, and unfortunately not every athlete will have the opportunity to play in a given year.

Athletes who do not make a program should not be discouraged. Delta Region HP values highly hard work, determination, and improvement over time. Every year is a new tryout year and Delta Region HP looks forward to athletes trying out in the following year and working to make a program.

In the meantime, athletes who do not make Delta Region HP Program should contact their club for camps local to their geographical area. There are excellent camps being operated in all parts of the country – your club director can help with identifying a great place to train over the summer.