

DELTA REGION HIGH PERFORMANCE NEWS: 2018 TRYOUT SCHEDULE NOW POSTED

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.

Each year 80 of the top athletes from the Delta Region will be considered for the camp. Participants born in 2002 or 2003 (Youth Division); born in 2004, 2005 (Select Division); and born in 2006, 2007 or later (Future Select Division) are chosen to attend a two-day training camp that includes sustained athlete training that is consistent with USAV National criteria and standards. 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 region and country.

Throughout the season, athletes are given an opportunity to try-out for one of the 80 spots offered for the invitation-only camp. Only those that receive invitations through the tryout process may attend the camp. The region strives to keep the number of athletes on one court to a minimum. The number chosen per age group will be determined by the quality and quantity of the athletes trying out. Until the tryout process is completed we are not sure of the exact number for each age group. Last year's camp included 82 athletes plus 32 college and elite-level coaches working the camp. That's a pretty good ratio; player versus coach!

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. Registration fee to attend the camp, if selected, is \$230 and must be paid at time of acceptance. A registration link for the camp will be provided at time of selection on April 21. Participants are responsible for their own travel and accommodations.

CAMP SELECTION WILL BE ANNOUNCED APRIL 21st ON THE DELTA REGION WEBSITE. Those chosen will have one week to register for the camp; after April 28th deadline, invites will go out to alternates.

*****T

The four HP Tryout dates are listed below. Pre-registration is required to attend a tryout. A \$25 tryout fee is due at the time of registration and is non-refundable.

Please note registration closure dates. Due to the amount of paper work required for each tryout, walk-ups are not accepted.

Below are the tryout dates. Registration is now open for all tryout dates.

March 2: Southaven, MS-registration closes on February 28th at 4:00pm

March 16: Little Rock, AR-registration closes March 13th at 11:30pm

March 30: Fayetteville, AR-registration closes March 27th at 11:30pm

April 6: Hot Springs, AR-registration closes April 3rd at 9:00am

Age group classifications for High Performance are as follows:

- Born in 2002 or 2003 (Youth Division)
- Born in 2004, 2005 (Select Division)
- Born in 2006, 2007 or later (Future Select Division) *Boys are invited to try out for the Future Select division only. Future Select participants will be expected to tryout using a *regular volleyball* (not a volley-lite), the net will be higher than they play on in the regular season – 7'4 1/8", and they *will not be allowed to step in to serve*.

Note: HP age cut-off is different than that of club dates. The Delta Region HP Program includes players in three age groups that are based on the birth year of the athlete. These age groups are determined by an athlete's year of birth using mandatory international criteria. Athletes may only try out and play in their own age group—there is no “playing up.” Through much discussion, it has been decided to only offer the camp to athletes born on/after year 2002. It was determined that the older athletes have many more opportunities for training. 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.

TO REGISTER FOR A HIGH PERFORMANCE 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 tryout fee with a MasterCard or Visa at time of registration
- A confirmation email will be sent to you immediately after registering.
- Print and fill out a Medical Release form to bring with you to tryout

TENTATIVE TIMES FOR EACH TRYOUT (subject to change dependent on the number of participants in each age division):

- **FUTURE SELECT: 5:00-6:30**
- **SELECT: 6:00-7:30**
- **YOUTH: 7:00-9:30**

DELTA HIGH PERFORMANCE COACHES ... just to name a few...

Colleges that have already committed to coming to the 2018 Delta Region HP Camp in May:

Arkansas State University; University of Arkansas; University of Central Arkansas; Mississippi State; University of Memphis; John Brown University; Missouri Southern University; Lyon College; Bethel University; Belhaven University; Arkansas Tech; Crowley Ridge College; Cowley University; Henderson State University ...*more to come.....*