



Inter-Regional Championships 2026-27 season

We would like to encourage you to register for the trials for West Midlands squads, which will compete at the Inter-Regional Championships in May 2027. We believe the trials will have plenty of benefits for you, as an opportunity to play alongside young people from other clubs, and train with a different coach, as well as have the opportunity to impress the coaches and gain selection for the tournament in May.

The squad selection will be competitive, and coaches will make decisions about which players to take through to later training sessions after each session. Not every player who attends trials and training will make the final squad, but we know from experience that players who take part, including those who do not make the final squad, gain a lot of valuable volleyball experience.

The final decision of who is in the squad rests with the coaches and will be based on:

- Playing ability and attitude
- Squad composition – an even balance of positions across squads is needed
- Commitment to the West Midlands programme

All players who would like to be considered for selection must register and pay the programme registration fee, regardless of whether they have previously been part of the West Midlands programme.

Should you be selected, the tournament takes place across the three days of the late May bank holiday. The West Midlands Volleyball Association will organise accommodation for one night for selected players.

This tournament is a national event and sees each of the volleyball regions of England and Wales competing in separate competitions as follows:

- U15 Girls (aged under 15 on 1st September 2026, generally those in school year 10 or below)
- U17 Girls (aged under 17 on 1st September 2026, generally those in school year 12 or below)
- U15 Boys (aged under 15 on 1st September 2026, generally those in school year 10 or below)
- U17 Boys (aged under 17 on 1st September 2026, generally those in school year 12 or below)



Trials and training

The dates for trials and training are as follows. The sessions will take place at a range of venues across the region.

U15s boys

Trial - November 28 – 10am – 1pm – AT7 (Coventry)

Session 1 - December 19 – 1pm – 4pm – AT7 (Coventry)

Session 2 - January 23 – Venue and time TBC

Session 3 - February 6 - Venue and time TBC

Session 4 - March 20 - 1pm – 4pm – AT7 (Coventry)

Session 5 - April 17 – 10am – 1pm – AT7 (Coventry)

Session 6 - May 8 – 10am – 1pm – TCAT (Telford)

Session 7 - May 15 - Venue and time TBC

U15 girls

Trial - November 28– 10am – 1pm – AT7 (Coventry)

Session 1 - December 19- 1pm – 4pm – AT7 (Coventry)

Session 2 - January 23 – Venue and time TBC

Session 3 - February 13- 1pm – 4pm – AT7 (Coventry)

Session 4 - March 20 - 1pm – 4pm – AT7 (Coventry)

Session 5 - April 17 – 10am – 1pm – AT7 (Coventry)

Session 6 - May 8 – 10am – 1pm – TCAT (Telford)

Session 7 - May 15 – Venue and time TBC



U17s boys

Trial - January 9 – 1pm – 3pm – AT7 (Coventry) (only two hours but across 2 courts so more ball touches per player)

Session 1 - February 13 – 1pm – 4pm – AT7 (Coventry)

Session 2 - March 13 – 11am – 2pm – TCAT (Telford)

Session 3 - April 17 – 1pm – 4pm – AT7 (Coventry)

Session 4 - May 8 – 1pm – 4pm – TCAT (Telford)

Session 5 - May 15 – Venue and time TBC

U17 girls

Trial - January 16 – 1pm – 4pm – AT7 (Coventry)

Session 1 - February 6 – venue and time TBC

Session 2 - March 13 - 11am – 2pm – TCAT (Telford)

Session 3 - April 17 - 1pm – 4pm – AT7 (Coventry)

Session 4 - 24 April – 10am – 1pm – AT7 (Coventry)

Session 5 - May 15- Venue and time TBC

Fees and other costs

Player Registration: £7 – this will enable your child to be set up as a participant and receive invitations to trials and, if selected to go forward, training sessions.

Training session cost: £6 per training session

Communication and payment

Registration for the programme is via Spond at the link below and must be done by the deadline of 20 November for U15s and 31 December for U17s. All fees are to be paid online on Spond. This is also the platform where we will register players' attendance and where coaches will communicate with their squads so please ask parents / guardians to download the app if possible.

Each final squad will consist of between 10-12 players at the discretion of the coach. We expect players selected to go forwards to attend as many training sessions as possible. If there is a reason you cannot attend a session, please use Spond to let the team managers know.



The West Midlands Volleyball Association funds part of the programme with players being required to pay towards the costs of the Inter-Regional championships – for selected players only, we will aim to keep this cost as low as possible and give you advance notice. It has previously been in the region of £125.

This covers team entry fees, accommodation (bed and breakfast), evening meal and a packed lunch for day 2 of competition. In previous years parents / guardians have also assisted with transport to/from accommodation / venue.

Consent and registering for the West Midlands training programme:

The registration form **MUST** be completed in order to be invited to trials.

<https://club.spond.com/landing/signup/westmidlandsvoll/form/F3EB3884EF7D4A5E952A9C057A274D2B>

Please bear in mind you should:

- Be able to attend all training sessions, and tournament dates (note especially that the tournament is a Bank Holiday weekend)
- Have a positive, cooperative attitude, and are willing to learn and help others

Any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me or members of the WMVA committee.

Regards,

Kara Griffiths - West Midlands Chair