



2019-20 CLUB TRYOUTS



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Please read all announcements

If you were not chosen for a team your **\$150 deposit check will be destroyed.**
If you paid online, by cash, or with one check for tryout fee and deposit it will take approx. two weeks for the refund to be mailed to you.

Thank you for your patience. We had many young athlete's tryout this season for very few spots. Unfortunately, talented girls, from all age groups, will not make a team this year. This, in no way, is a reflection of your ability to play volleyball.

To those of you who did not make a team, please keep playing. At the bottom of the document is a list of all stand-by players and a letter with a list of additional clubs that are still having tryouts as well as other alternatives to play. **Never Stop Playing!!**

To those of you who are selected to a team this year, Congratulations and our coaches are eager to get started. You are asked to Accept or Decline the position **within 48 hours (by 5 pm on 11/22)** so that we can confirm final rosters.

Go to [Pumas Commitment](#) to fill out the one-minute commitment form. You will receive an email within the next several days from your coach (by 11/26) with introductions and the position you were selected for. Please respond to your coach as soon as possible. Practice times and locations are on this page next to the team. Payment and Tuesday practice information (starting 12/10) will be sent out Saturday night (11/23) after commitments have been processed. Please do not call or email about where or what time you are practicing until you check the posting.

Thank you,
Stephen Boyle
Pumas Volleyball Club Director

16U Results

16-1: Team Emerald (Open Team) – Coach Bruce Shainwald

Asst. Coach – Bridget Shainwald

Practice: UMass Lowell Recreation Center 12:30-3 pm



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| 301 | 303 | 306 | 315 | 322 |
| 323 | 335 | 341 | 343 | 344 |

To accept or decline the Pumas offer please go to [Pumas Commitment](#)

16-2: Team Titanium – Coach Rosella Latam

Practice: Lowell Catholic HS 12:30 pm – 3 pm

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| 310 | 313 | 317 | 325 | 326 |
| 328 | 331 | 336 | 337 | 206 |

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16-3: Team Cobalt – Coach Maura Green

Practice: Lowell Catholic HS 7:30 am – 10 am

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| 302 | 304 | 308 | 311 | 312 |
| 321 | 327 | 330 | 342 | 346 |

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16-4: Team Platinum – Coach Casey Roberts

Practice: Lowell Catholic HS 10 am – 12:30 pm

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| 305 | 309 | 314 | 319 | 320 | 324 |
| 332 | 333 | 339 | 347 | 434 | |

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17U Results

17-1: Team Ebony - Coach Steve McRoy

Asst. Coach – Bonnie Zeigler

Practice: Lowell Catholic HS 7:30 am - 10 am



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| 402 | 407 | 408 | 409 | 410 | |
| 411 | 413 | 417 | 426 | 435 | |

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18U Results

18-1: Team Ruby - Coach Jim Ray

Practice: UMass Lowell Recreation Center 10 am - 12:30 pm

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| 433 | 501 | 503 | 504 | 506 | |

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Stand by players – Stand-by players have **not** made a team but in the event we have players drop from the program by the first team practice (Dec. 7th) for any reason, we would look to the following numbers to fill the appropriate spots. They are in numerical order only. You should be trying out at other clubs.

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| 415 | 416 | 419 | 422 | 424 | 427 | 502 | |

Hello Ladies,

We feel terrible to not have everybody make a team but the number of athletes trying out was more than we have teams for. I know this is a disappointing time but **you all belong in the sport of volleyball** and it is nowhere near the end of your volleyball playing. There are a number of options that you can pursue to keep playing volleyball.

We would love to have all of you as a Pumas player but even more import is that you continue to play. We've seen more athletes trying out than in previous years for a relatively small number of spots. While this means volleyball is growing in popularity, it also means many athletes are not getting the outcomes they were hoping for. Tryouts are based on limited observations of young athletes and are merely a snapshot in time. As players continue to grow and gain strength at different rates, the same tryout with the same people conducted 3 or 6 months later could yield significantly different results. Therefore, we encourage all the athletes to keep playing wherever they can, including non-competitive clinic programs. Athletes who do so sometimes come back stronger the following year and make a team. Volleyball is a lifelong sport, as evidenced by the high number of adult volleyball players who compete in our Yankee program in New England, so we encourage all athletes to not be discouraged by a tryout outcome.

All the JO club directors want you to succeed and have coaches that are excited to help you achieve that. Don't get caught up with the notion that being on a higher level team is going to make you a better player – *You trying your best when you get to play is what will make you a better player, no matter what team you are on.* The development and improvement of your skill level is more important than the wins and losses you pick up along the way.

There are clubs in our area that are still holding tryouts or may have spots available to fill. This does not guarantee you a spot as they also have a finite number of coaches and will (like Pumas) make as many teams as they can.

We all want you to play, if not on a competitive team then in a skills or development program. Contact the, or other, clubs below and see what their programs consist of and if they could be right for you at this time.

This is a great lifelong sport, have fun with it.

Stephen Boyle

Pumas Volleyball Club

Director

"The quality of a person's life is in direct proportion to their commitment to excellence, regardless of their chosen field of endeavor" - Vince Lombardi

Clubs Still Forming Competitive Teams

- **Merrimack Valley Juniors** – Tryouts Start in December. Contact their club director at mvj.volleyball@gmail.com
- **North Shore** – Has tryouts starting for U18 players 12/8. They may also has positions available for U16. Contact the director for more info.
<http://www.nsjvb.org/>

Clubs with Skills/Development Programs

A skill and development program is a great way to work on your individual skills at your own pace. Generally there are no tournaments and no uniforms so the cost is also less. This is also great for players who did make a team and want a second practice.

- **Pumas Volleyball Club In-House Skills Program** – Our in-house skills program will run one six-week session on Sunday mornings. The session will cost \$200. You do not have to register again, just email me to let me know you wish to join that program. More information can be found at <http://www.pumasvolleyball.org/programs-inhouse>
- **Pumas Practice Player Program – NEW PROGRAM THIS YEAR.** If you do not get into another program join us for practices every Tuesday starting on 12/10. Please contact me directly to register. Cost of the program is \$450 for 18-20 weeks of practice.
- **North Shore** - <http://www.nsjvb.org/>

Private Coaching

Karyn Altman – Masspike volleyball. They also hold additional camps and clinics through Feb and April vacation. <http://www.masspikevolleyball.com/>