



Southwest Milwaukee Volleyball Club

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Early retention update July, 2021

The Badger Region allows clubs to participate in an early retention period, giving them the ability to offer spots to returning players from their club ahead of tryouts and without a tryout for the upcoming season. This period takes place August 1-10. In the unique “COVID-19 year,” Southwest participated in the retention period after the 2020 season was cut short. The rationale for that was stated as:

Why the change?

We are concerned about the ability to host a “normal” tryout with 75-100 kids in a gym.

We certainly can’t do that in our Waukesha facility, and gym rentals are difficult to obtain for the foreseeable future.

We are hearing of more clubs turning to this retention period this year, which will limit the ability of our Southwest athletes to look at any additional options. These clubs are likely struggling with the same issues--uncertainty about being able to host their typical tryouts. This early retention offer will give our Southwest families something certain in this time of uncertainty. We look at it as a way to pick up where your seasons left off in March.

There are opportunities now to rent larger gym space and host larger tryouts, so **Southwest has decided to go back to the policy of a fair and equal tryout process for all.** We’d like all new athletes to come in with an equal shot to earn one of the 10 or 11 spots on our teams, without worrying that the majority of those spots are already taken. Our returning players should be motivated to attend tryouts and work hard to gain a spot on the team, just as they did previously. We believe there are many benefits to this for each athlete and team.

Tryouts will be held for our U12-U14 teams beginning October 2nd.

High School tryouts for U15-U18 will be held beginning November 13th.

Keep an eye on our website and social media for exact tryout times as those dates get closer.

We look forward to seeing many new and returning athletes to Southwest! Any questions can be emailed to southwestvbc@gmail.com