**Joining the WWVL - FAQs**

The best source of information for understanding how our league operates can be found in the WWVL Guidelines. These are posted on the Downloads section of the [wwvl.ca](https://www.wwvl.ca/index.php) website and are updated annually.

Answers to the most commonly asked questions for individuals or teams seeking to join the league are enclosed here for easy reference.

1. **When does the season start?**Games start at the end of September.
2. **When is registration?**The pre-registration process opens in June each year. Through our online portal, new teams express interest in joining the league by submitting a preliminary roster/form which can be found here: [New Team Preliminary Roster Form](https://www.wwvl.ca/ers_newteam.php.%20%20). Registration deadlines and expectations are confirmed to all teams at our annual Fall Organizational Meeting (FOM). Meeting details are posted on the main page of our website.
3. **What is the annual fee?**Fees are assessed on a per team basis and are communicated at the FOM in September. The league is run as a non-profit entity; fees are calculated based upon anticipated costs associated with facilities, officials, administration (web hosting, meeting costs, etc.). Teams can reference past FOM minutes posted on the Downloads section of the website to get a better understanding of league finances and past fees.
4. **What is the league format?**
Each season consists of three round robins of 7 games each. Tiers are created with 8 teams. The league strives to ensure consistency in this model wherever possible.
At the end of each round robin, the 1st and 2nd placed teams move up a tier and the 7th and 8th placed teams move down a tier. For reference - tier 1 is our highest tier.
5. **As a new team, do we start in the bottom tier?**New team placement is based on availability of slots (which varies each year based on teams that leave) and player experience which has been detailed in the new team preliminary roster form.  Our goal is not perfect placement, but to expedite placement for very strong teams.  Please consult the WWVL Guidelines for a more detailed explanation of the placement process.
6. **How many new teams does the WWVL accept each year?**The number of new teams varies each year, based on available slots. Open slots are determined based on how many teams elect not to return each year and available facilities. Where we have more teams seeking to enter than available slots, we draw team names to allocate available slots and provide confirmation of priority for league entry the following season for those teams we are not able to accommodate in the current season.
7. **What nights does the league run?**The WWVL runs Monday - Friday evenings. Each tier runs two time slots on its scheduled evening. Our facility coordinator works very hard to ensure that each tier runs at the same facility and on the same night all season. We do occasionally have to schedule the odd game outside of this goal where there are unavailable nights due to facility scheduling, however this is limited due to long-standing relationships with our partner facilities.
8. **Can we request a night to play?**The WWVL consists of 100+ teams and 1500+ women. We are not able to accommodate individual team preferences for purposes of scheduling.
9. **Will my team play on different nights throughout the season?**If your team moves up/down between round robins, there is a good chance that you may shift facilities and/or nights. The facility schedule will be posted on the main page of the website at the beginning of the season, so you will be able to anticipate the impact in advance.
10. **Is there an age limit to play?**Yes, you must be 18 and no longer in high school.
11. **I do not have a team. Can I register as a single player?**
Registration occurs at the team level. There are no mechanisms to register as an individual player. However, you can sign up on our website as an available player seeking a team, but must be added to a team roster to be registered with the league.
12. **Is there a try out to get a team?**
The league does not sponsor tryouts. Teams self-form. Some have contacted players from the individual player list to try out in the past, but there is no league requirement to do so.

*\*\*Please note that every effort will be made to ensure that the information in this FAQ document is up-to-date. Where a discrepancy exists, the WWVL Guidelines will be applied.*