

OPEN PLAY– ELIGIBILITY STRUCTURE

FALL 2026/SPRING 2027



Open Play Groupings:

- The chart below shows the general groupings, by level of play, of the Division and Power Classes offered by Gotham.
- The T&OP Leadership group works to schedule, timing and permits authorized, open plays that vary or “mix” program & level groupings throughout the season.

Program & Level	Advanced				High Intermediate			Intermediate		High Novice		Novice	
Division Play	1*	2*	3*	5	4*	6	7	8	9	10	11	12*	PP
Power Class	A – B				C – D			E, W		F – G, W2		H, W3	

* Weeknight Divisions

Definitions:

Current Members: defined as any player who has participated in Division/Power Class in the past 3 seasons (includes the current season when Division is in season).

- **New and Former Members:** defined as anyone who has not participated in the last 3 seasons of Division or Power Class
- **Season:** defined as the period following tryouts until the end-of-season tournament. Gotham Volleyball currently has two seasons – Fall (September to December*) or Spring (January to May)*
 - *timing dependent on when tryouts and end-of-season tournaments conclude in the calendar year

Open Play Eligibility Policy:

- **Current Members** are eligible for any Open Play that matches their current Division/Power Class OR a Division/Power Class they participated in the past 3 seasons.
- **New and former Members**, who have not been issued T&OP guidance, may attend an Open Play at the level they see fit. After attending an event, the Gotham Leader on Duty (GLOD) will submit an evaluation of the player's level of play to help the

T&OP Leadership group determine the proper eligibility. T&OP Leadership will reach out to confirm eligibility after at least 2 events.

- This assessment is issued to ensure each player is placed at an Open Play level that aligns with their demonstrated skill; helping maintain a competitive, balanced, safe, and engaging environment that supports continued player growth.
- Gotham encourages new members to review the level of play guidance found on the [division play section](#) of our webpage to assist in determining which open play level best fits your experience level. If you have any questions, please feel free to email openplay@gothamvolleyball.org and we would be happy to help guide you.
- T&OP Leadership group will issue guidance analogous to a division in Division Play that the member will then be held to for event eligibility until they make Division or Power Class. A re-assessment may be requested after six (6) months from the notice date.
- **New and former Members**, who have been issued eligibility guidance from T&OP Leadership, may attend an Open Play at the level indicated in the eligibility email.
- **New and former Members who make Division or Power Class the following season**, are considered **Current Members**. The T&OP guidance is no longer applicable. Please refer to **Current Members** eligibility.

Example of Eligibility for Current Members:

	3 Seasons Prior	2 Seasons Prior	Prior Season	Current Season	Examples
Season:	SPRING 2025	FALL 2025	SPRING 2026	FALL 2026	
Current Member:	✗ Power D	✓ Division 6	✓ Division 6 ✓ Power C	✓ Division 4	This player is eligible for any open play that includes Division 4 or 6, or Power C. Ex. They are not eligible for open plays that have Power D (and do not include Division 4 or 6, or Power C) as this is outside their last 3 seasons.

Current Member:	✗ Division 11	✓ Division 10	✓ Division 9 ✓ Power F	✓ Division 9	This player is eligible for any open play that includes Division 9 or 10, or Power F. Ex. They are not eligible for open plays that have Division 11 (and do not include Division 10 or 11, or Power F) as this is outside their last 3 seasons.
Current Member:	✗ Division 8	✓ Power C	✓ Power C	✓ Power C	This player is eligible for any open play that includes Power C. Ex. They are not eligible for open plays that have Division 8 (and not Power C), as this is outside their last 3 seasons.

For any questions regarding this structure, please contact openplay@gothamvolleyball.org.

TOURNAMENTS – ELIGIBILITY STRUCTURE

FALL 2026 / SPRING 2027



General Level of Skill Alignment:

Program Level	Advanced	High Intermediate	Intermediate	High Novice
Division	1-2	3-6	7-9	10-PP
Power	A	B-C	D-E	F-H
NAGVA Rating	BB or Higher			

Player Eligibility:

- Current and recent Gotham players may participate in a Tournament that matches their Division Play and/or Power Training level from their most recent season within the past 3 seasons.
- New players and former players outside of the 3-season window are invited to attend a Tournament at the level they see fit. At the end of the event, the Gotham Leader on Duty (GLOD) will submit an evaluation for the player's level, which will help determine the player's future eligibility. The GLOD may also suggest a more appropriate level for future events if there is a significant mismatch.
- All players are eligible to join teams at additional levels based on the Up / Down rule:

Up / Down Rule:

- A team may include **up to four** players from a different level than the Tournament's eligibility (using Gotham's 3 season lookback policy). At most two players may be from a higher bracket, and at most two may be from a lower bracket.
- Players may only jump *one* level (e.g. an Intermediate player is able to play on a High Intermediate, Intermediate, or Novice team but cannot play in an Advanced team)

For any questions regarding this structure, please contact tournaments@gothamvolleyball.org.