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The Qatar Academy girls' volleyball team held a training match on October 25 against the Northwestern University in Qatar women's team at the Recreation Center court in Education City. The match was arranged as part of Qatar Academy's preparation for the Education City schools tournament, scheduled for mid-November, where the team will face other student squads from across the campus. During the scrimmage, players worked on serve consistency, defensive coverage, and on-court communication, making small adjustments to spacing and rotation between points.

Much of the preparation for the tournament takes place in practice environments like this one, where timing and coordination are tested under real match conditions. Noon Alkuwari, 15, plays outside hitter for Qatar Academy. "We needed to see how we move together when it's not practice anymore," she said.

The photo series documents those moments of correction and regrouping that shape how the team will perform once the tournament begins.



Players meet in a pre-match huddle to review roles and communication cues.



The ball is set for serve, a routine movement repeated throughout practice to build consistency.



Qatar Academy and Northwestern players run a full-court rally during the training match at the Recreation Center.



A Qatar Academy player serves during the training match to build consistency under game conditions.



Players hold their defensive positions, reading the play before the serve.



Players react to a live rally, adjusting to the ball's trajectory mid-play.



A hitter times her jump to send the ball over the block, a skill refined through match-speed practice.



Players exchange handshakes at the end of the match, closing the session with sportsmanship.