



Athlete's Bill of Rights



The purpose of this document is to assist players and their parents/guardians during the juniors' tryout/club selection process. It is the responsibility of the club to provide the player's family with all information currently available about their program. It is the responsibility of each player and his/her family to become educated about the programs they are considering. It is the responsibility of both parties – club and player – to honor every commitment.

There are several types of tryouts. Be aware of the type you are attending.

Are you trying out to be accepted to a CLUB or a TEAM in the club?

Are the tryouts open to anyone regardless of prior affiliation?

Are they limited to the number of positions available on a team or just to members of certain schools?

Do you have to be invited to attend?

Tryouts are limited to one 2-3-hour interval, or they can be conducted over nonconsecutive days-example: Friday and Sunday. Tryouts, including any additional evaluation, are to be limited to one session per day, and no more than 3 hours in duration. The recommended cost of tryouts for a one-day event is \$15.00. Clubs can receive permission to charge more when expenses warrant the additional cost. Multi-day tryouts are usually more expensive. Open gym sessions or instructional clinics are not considered to be part of the tryout process. These events are not sanctioned by the Ohio Valley Region. Open gym sessions are not permitted during the junior high and high school season part OHSAA Policy. Private instruction is permitted per OHSAA Policy.

See also:

- OVR Girls' Recruiting Policy: www.ovr.org/juniors/registration_packet/OVR_Recruiting_Policy_Girls.pdf
- OVR Boys' Recruiting Policy: www.ovr.org/juniors/registration_packet/OVR_Recruiting_Policy_Boys.pdf

Tryouts listed on the OVR website (www.ovr.org/juniors/tryouts/) have been approved by the OVR. USA Volleyball's secondary liability insurance is available for these events. Clubs that do not sanction their tryouts with the OVR are responsible for insuring their events. Personal injury due to accidents should be covered by your primary medical insurance. Athletes attending non-sanctioned tryouts do not have USAV secondary medical insurance coverage.

For the 2020-2021 USAV Season the OVR designates a National Level Player Signing Day which will be the Wednesday following the first day of approved tryouts in November for girls. Girl's Tryouts are approved to begin on Sunday, November 15, 2020 (the day after Ohio High School State Volleyball Championships). Clubs will be able to host tryouts beginning this day and National Level Players will need to decide whether to accept or decline their invitation to play by Wednesday, November 18, 2020 at 9 PM.

The signing deadline for 15-18 American and Regional Level players is Wednesday, November 25, 2020 at 9 PM.

2020/2021 Girl's Tryout Dates and Acceptance Signing Deadlines

USAV age	1st approved TRYOUT DATE	NATIONAL TEAM SIGNING DATE	AMERICAN/REGIONAL SIGNING DATE
10s-12s	Friday, October 23, 2020	Wednesday Nov 4, 2020 – 9 pm	Wednesday, Nov 11, 2020 - 9 pm
13s – 14s	Friday Oct. 30, 2020	Wednesday Nov 4, 2020 – 9 pm	Wednesday, Nov 11, 2020 - 9 pm
15s – 18s	Sunday Nov. 15, 2020	Wednesday Nov. 18, 2020 – 9 pm	Wednesday Nov. 25, 2020– 9 pm

National team tryouts have been granted a "shorter acceptance/refusal" time period; that time period is now - 3 DAYS / 72hrs. American/Regional team tryouts are still required to use the 10 DAY acceptance/refusal time period.

National team tryouts that occur **AFTER the INITIAL SIGNING DATE** (for the appropriate age group) must provide the athlete a 48 hr. time period before requiring acceptance of contract.

Age group 10'/14's Example - tryout, Nov. 5 = Nov. 7 signing date - 9pm

American/Regional team tryouts that occur **AFTER the INITIAL SIGNING DATE** (for the appropriate age group) must provide the athlete a 48 hr. time period before requiring acceptance of contract.

Age group 15s/18s Example - tryout, Nov. 20 = Nov. 22 signing date – 9pm

A club may choose to extend the acceptance deadline if they feel they need to give the athletes and their parents/guardians more time to consider their offer. This policy must be stated in writing (paper or website). Notification by the club of athletes' selection, non-selection, or waiting-list status can be by e-mail or website. Athletes should be informed that they are accepted, not accepted, or placed on a waiting list. Athletes that are not originally selected, then offered a position after the acceptance deadline, will have at least 48 hours to accept or decline the offer. The club may choose to offer additional time to respond.

An athlete's acceptance can be an e-mail response or signed contract (provided the document is received by the club by the acceptance deadline). Once an offer is accepted, the athlete may not attend any other club's tryouts. He/she is then bound to the terms of the club's contract and policies. Release from a contract must be accomplished through the club director providing a written statement to the OVR Commissioner. Participating in a sanctioned event restricts an athlete from representing another club for the remainder of that season.