

Athlete's Bill of Rights

The purpose of this document is to assist athletes and their parents/guardians during the Juniors tryout/club selection process. The club's responsibility is to provide the athlete's family with all information about their program. The athlete and his/her family are responsible for becoming educated about the programs they are considering. It is the responsibility of both parties to honor every commitment.

There are several types of tryouts. Are you trying out for a club or a specific team in a club? Are tryouts open to all? Are tryouts limited to the number of positions available? Is the tryout 'invitation only'? It is important to know the type of tryout the club offers.

Tryouts are limited to one 2–3-hour timeframe per day. Any additional evaluation is also limited to the same 2-3 hour time frame. Open gym sessions or instructional clinics are not considered part of the tryout process. The OVR does not sanction these events. Only tryouts listed on the OVR website (www.ovr.org/tryouts) are approved by the OVR. Athletes attending unsanctioned tryouts do not have USAV secondary medical insurance coverage.

Early signing and acceptance of contracts for previous athletes may occur from June 1, 2025, to July 10, 2025. Summer and Fall tryouts are available based on posted dates. Clubs may begin to contact athletes or their parents from other clubs beginning July 1 only if that athlete has concluded his/her current USAV season. Clubs may not contact any OHSAA athlete after July 31 or any WVSSAC athlete once fall practice has begun due to Ohio and West Virginia state athletic association eligibility rules. Fall tryouts for girls must be scheduled for girls after the OHSAA, WVSSAC, and PIAA season ends. Fall tryouts for boys can only occur after the OHSAA dead period of August for boys. Clubs may not contact athletes or their parents prior to the completion of any state association season. If a player is already under contract with another club, they are not eligible to try out at another club.

2025-2026 Season Girls' SUMMER Tryout Dates and Acceptance Signing Deadlines

USAV Age/Grade Level	First Approved Tryout Dates	Signing Deadline (all levels)
U14's to U18/8 th -Seniors	Friday, July 11, 2025	Tuesday, July 15, 2025, 6:00 pm

2025-2026 Season Boys' SUMMER Tryout Dates and Acceptance Signing Deadlines

USAV Age/Grade Level	First Approved Tryout Dates	Signing Deadline (all levels)
U12's to U18/6 th -Seniors	Saturday, July 12, 2025	Wednesday, July 16, 2025, 11:59 pm

2025-2026 Season Boys' FALL Tryout Dates and Acceptance Signing Deadlines

USAV Age/Grade Level	First approved TRYOUT Dates	Signing Deadline (all levels)
12s-18s/6 th -Seniors	Monday, September 1, 2025	Tuesday, September 3, 11:59 pm

2025-2026 Season Girls' FALL Tryout Dates and Acceptance Signing Deadlines

USAV Age/Grade Level	First approved TRYOUT Dates	Signing Deadline (all levels)
10s-12s/ 4 th -6th	Friday, October 17, 2025	Tuesday, October 21, 6:00 pm
13s-14s/7 th &8 th	Friday, October 24, 2025	Tuesday, October 28, 6:00 pm
15s-18s/Freshmen-Seniors	Sunday, November 9, 2025	Thursday, November 9, 6:00 pm

Acceptance of an offer - The OVR considers acceptance of an early offer or tryout offer complete and binding once a parent/guardian accepts an offer via email response or electronic/paper document (i.e online form) is complete and received by the club. The OVR DOES NOT consider a verbal agreement or a mobile text as an offer or acceptance.

Once an offer is accepted, the athlete MAY NOT attend another club's tryouts, as the athlete is now bound to the club that they completed the agreement with for the upcoming season.

Release from a binding agreement can only be accomplished through the club director providing a written statement to the OVR Commissioner that a player is released from a binding agreement. Clubs are not required to release a player from a binding agreement, once it is completed and received. Clubs can impose a financial penalty to be released. Participating in a sanctioned USAV event restricts an athlete from representing another club for the remainder of that season.