



## **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/juniors/tryouts](http://www.ovr.org/juniors/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, 2026 to July 10, 2026. 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 OHSA 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 OHSA, WVSSAC, and PIAA season ends. Fall tryouts for boys can only occur after the OHSA 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.

### **2026 - 2027 Season Girls' SUMMER Tryout Dates and Acceptance Signing Deadlines**

| <b>USAV Age/Grade Level</b>           | <b>First Approved Tryout Dates</b> | <b>Signing Deadline (all levels)</b> |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| U14's to U18/8 <sup>th</sup> -Seniors | Friday, July 10, 2026              | Tuesday, July 14, 2025, 6:00 pm      |

### **2026-2027 Season Boys' SUMMER Tryout Dates and Acceptance Signing Deadlines**

| <b>USAV Age/Grade Level</b>           | <b>First Approved Tryout Dates</b> | <b>Signing Deadline (all levels)</b> |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| U12's to U18/6 <sup>th</sup> -Seniors | Saturday, July 11, 2025            | Wednesday, July 15, 2025, 11:59 pm   |

### **2026-2027 Season Boys' FALL Tryout Dates and Acceptance Signing Deadlines**

| <b>USAV Age/Grade Level</b>      | <b>First approved TRYOUT Dates</b> | <b>Signing Deadline (all levels)</b> |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 12s-18s/6 <sup>th</sup> -Seniors | Tuesday, September 1, 2026         | Thursday, September 3, 11:59 pm      |

### **2026 – 2027 Season Girls' FALL Tryout Dates and Acceptance Signing Deadlines**

| <b>USAV Age/Grade Level</b>               | <b>First approved TRYOUT Dates</b> | <b>Signing Deadline (all levels)</b> |
|-------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 10s-12s/ 5 <sup>th</sup> &6 <sup>th</sup> | Friday, October 16,2026            | Tuesday, October 20, 6:00 pm         |
| 13s-14s/7 <sup>th</sup> &8 <sup>th</sup>  | Friday, October 23, 2026           | Tuesday, October 27, 6:00 pm         |
| OH & PA 15s-18s                           | Sunday, November 8, 2026           | Thursday, November 12, 6:00 pm       |
| WV 15s-18s                                | Friday, November 6, 2026           | Tuesday, November 10, 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.