



## TRYOUT WINDOW REGULATIONS

Period	Start Date	End Date	Activities
Re-signing Period (returning athletes)	August 20th	September 7 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clubs are permitted to send re-signing offers to returning athletes only by email and only using the OVA Re-signing Form.</li> <li>• Athletes have 24 hours to accept a re-signing offer.</li> <li>• To accept a re-signing offer, the athlete and their parent/guardian must sign the offer form and email it back to the club within the 24 - hour offer period.</li> <li>• The time stamp on the re-signing offer email from the club marks the beginning of the 24-hour offer period.</li> <li>• A club can send multiple re-signing offers to the same athlete, provided a returned offer form has not been received.</li> <li>• Accepting and returning a re-signing offer is a commitment to a club for the season. Athletes are not permitted to attend additional tryouts after they have accepted a re-signing offer.</li> <li>• Clubs are permitted to collect non-refundable deposits for club fees from re-signed athletes once they have accepted a re-signing offer.</li> <li>• Online registration will be made available beginning September 1 for re-signed athletes.</li> </ul>
OPEN HOUSE	September 8 <sup>TH</sup> ,	September 19 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open to all athletes from any club.</li> <li>• Instructional and development clinics/camps are permitted, and fees may be charged.</li> <li>• No physical testing, athlete evaluation or selection is permitted.</li> <li>• Clubs are not permitted to send any offers to athletes.</li> <li>• No offers or commitments (verbal or non-verbal) from clubs or athletes are permitted.</li> </ul>

TRYOUT PHASE	Thurs Sept 20	Sun Sept 30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On court activities, physical testing, and athlete evaluation may take place.</li> <li>• Clubs may charge tryout fees.</li> <li>• Clubs determine internally which athletes they would like to make offers to once the Offer Period begins.</li> <li>• Clubs are not permitted to send any offers to athletes.</li> <li>• No offers or commitments (verbal or non-verbal) from clubs or athletes are permitted.</li> </ul>
OFFER PERIOD	<b>Sun Sept 30</b> <b>@</b> <b>10:00pm</b>	On going	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tryouts are permitted during this period.</li> <li>• Clubs may begin sending offers starting at 10pm on Sept. 30 by email and only using the OVA Offer Form.</li> <li>• To accept an offer, the athlete and their parent/guardian must sign the offer form and email it back to the club within the 24-hour offer period.</li> <li>• The time stamp on the offer email from the club marks the beginning of the 24-hour offer period. All offers expire 24 hours after the time stamp.</li> <li>• Once sent, an offer may not be retracted. It may only be accepted or expire after 24 hours.</li> <li>• A club can send multiple offers to the same athlete, provided a response has not been received.</li> <li>• Accepting an offer is a commitment to a club for the season.</li> <li>• Athletes are not permitted to attend additional tryouts after they have accepted an offer.</li> <li>• Online registration will begin October 1 for athletes.</li> </ul>
<p>NOTES:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Re-signed athletes are permitted to begin training with their club once the athlete signs back.</li> <li>• Clubs will not require a full roster in NRS to REGISTER for the Provincial Cups, however, Clubs must have all players on their roster prior to COMPETING. Provincial Cup events have 4-week deadlines for registration.</li> <li>• A soft uniform policy will be effect for the first tournament for each age class. Club contacts/coaches will be required to notify the OVA if a team's uniforms maybe incomplete prior to participation in their first event of the season.</li> <li>• New players can be added to rosters on-line until February 1.</li> </ul>			

## **SEASON OF PLAY**

The Ontario Volleyball Association (OVA) Indoor Youth Competition season of play begins on the Saturday after Labour Day and ends on May 31st of each year. No tryouts may take place from February 1<sup>st</sup> – September 7<sup>th</sup>.

## **RE-SIGNING**

A returning athlete is defined as a registered OVA member with a club during the previous year/season who is being offered a position with the same club. Clubs have the option to sign returning athletes between August 20<sup>th</sup> and September 7<sup>th</sup>.

As of September 7<sup>th</sup> at 11:59pm, those athletes who did not re-sign with their same club are free agents and are able to try out for another club team (and/or their old club). Clubs and athletes are not obligated to utilize the re-signing period.

Clubs that have re-signed athletes from the previous season are able to register those players through the OVA's online registration system the first week of September.

Once an athlete has been re-signed, clubs are permitted to collect deposits. These deposits can be non-refundable.

**Re-signed athletes are committed to the club for the season and are NOT permitted to attend any additional tryouts for other clubs.**

## **TRYOUT WINDOW**

Club tryouts may commence September 20<sup>th</sup>. A tryout is defined as an event where a club has on court activities for athletes involving team selection and/or physical testing.

Clubs may ONLY offer athletes a position on their team via the OVA Offer Form. **Clubs can ONLY send offers to athletes beginning 10:00pm on Sunday September 30<sup>th</sup>.** Athletes are permitted to receive multiple offers from clubs. OVA Offer Forms MUST be distributed via email to allow for a time stamp. Clubs must honour all offers until the noted expiry times.

## **OFFER PERIOD**

This period is defined as the time athletes and parents receive offers and can commit to a club by signing the OVA offer form. This is the binding agreement between the athlete and the club for the current season. It is strongly recommended that athletes sign club contracts that outline club fees and services provided. Club fees can be collected from signed athletes during the offer period.

## **OVA OFFER FORM**

This form is intended to standardize how an offer (position on a team) is presented to an athlete during the tryout window. Offers can only be sent out after 10:00pm on Sunday September 30<sup>th</sup> via email. Offers cannot be handed out on the spot in the gym. Any offer presented prior to Sunday September 30<sup>th</sup> at 10pm will not be valid. Once an offer form is emailed to an athlete, it must be honoured for a 24-hour period from the time sent. If the athlete wishes to accept the offer, he/she and their parent/guardian must sign the offer form and send it back to the club via email. Returning a signed offer form is considered an official commitment to a club. Clubs then can proceed with online registration and fee collection.

## **OFFICIAL ATHLETE COMMITMENT**

Athletes are free to try out for any team until they have officially re-signed or signed with a club. An athlete is committed to a club for one season (signing date through May 31st).

Verbal commitments made at any time are non-binding. Signing the OVA offer form is the only commitment the OVA will recognize.

Athletes found attending additional tryouts after returning a signed offer form to a club will be found in violation of this policy and may be subject to sanctions as outlined below.

### **CLUB FEES**

Clubs may only collect fees once the athlete is committed to the club. Instalment plans are permitted, and it is strongly recommended that a club contract is signed, which outlines the fee structure and services provided to the athlete. Parents/Guardians are strongly urged to familiarize themselves with the clubs' financial policies prior to committing to a club for the season.

### **CONCLUSION OF THE TRYOUT WINDOW**

Clubs are permitted to hold additional tryouts after the window closes to fill any open spots on their rosters. New players can be registered in NRS until February 1<sup>st</sup>. All athletes and team staff must be registered members of the OVA to be eligible to participate and or compete in any OVA sanctioned events. A sanctioned event also includes club practices. Registering all participants as OVA members by their first practice ensures that they are covered by the OVA insurance policy.

### **ADHERENCE**

The OVA reserves the right to investigate any possible tryout window infractions regardless of how the OVA learns about the incident. This is a self-policing policy and all OVA members are obligated to report any infractions and cooperate fully with the investigation. If the OVA determines that an offense has occurred, any of the following sanctions may be imposed, depending on the severity of the offense:

- Letter of reprimand
- Fine of up to \$200 per occurrence
- Indefinite suspension of the individual, team and/or club from OVA events, beginning from the date when the investigation concludes
- Individuals, teams, and/or clubs suspended for more than one year must apply in writing for reinstatement as a member in good standing. Approval for reinstatement will be contingent upon a full review of the application by the OVA
- An individual, team and/or club may appeal a sanction through the OVA Appeals Policy

When reporting a possible infraction please include the following information:

- Date of infraction and Offending club
- Any type of objective documentation that supports a violation to the policy, includes but not limited to:
  - Website links and or Social media posts
  - Emails and or texts
  - Publications (newspaper ads, flyers etc.)
  - Receipts
- Contact information for the person reporting the incident

All complaints can be forwarded to Carrie Campbell at [ccampbell@ontarivolleyball.org](mailto:ccampbell@ontarivolleyball.org)



## OFFER FORM

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Congratulations \_\_\_\_\_ (name of athlete) on successfully completing our Club's try out for the 2018-2019 season!

We would like to offer you a position with our club:

Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (required)

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (optional)

Age Category: \_\_\_\_\_ (optional)

Name of Coach: \_\_\_\_\_ (optional)

- This offer will expire in 24 hours. The time sent on the email marks the beginning of the 24-hour period.
- Returning a signed offer form is considered an official commitment to a club for the current season. Participation in additional tryouts after a form has been signed is not permitted. Athletes who accept offers from multiple clubs will be found in violation of the Tryout Window policy.

### Club Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Role with Club: \_\_\_\_\_

### Athlete Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Athlete Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date & Time: \_\_\_\_\_

By signing this form, I am making an official commitment to this club for the current season  (Initial box)



## RE-SIGNING OFFER FORM

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Athlete: \_\_\_\_\_

Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (required)

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (optional)

Age Category: \_\_\_\_\_ (optional)

Name of Coach: \_\_\_\_\_ (optional)

- This offer will expire in 24 hours. The time stamp on the email marks the beginning of the 24-hour period.
- Returning a signed offer form is considered an official commitment to a club for the current season. Athletes who accept offers from multiple clubs will be found in violation of the Tryout Window policy. If you wish to try out for other clubs do not sign or return this offer form.

### Club Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Role with Club: \_\_\_\_\_

### Athlete Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Athlete Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date & Time: \_\_\_\_\_

By signing this form, I am making an official commitment to this club for the current season  (Initial box)

### DEPOSIT INFORMATION

Amount Collected:	\$	Non-refundable:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Refundable:	<input type="checkbox"/>
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