

Tryout FAQs

1. What if I am unable to attend the tryout for my age group?

Answer: There are several things you can do: (1) Communicate with the club director so you can be evaluated at other times. (2) Attend another Point West tryout with a different age group. (3) Come to the makeup tryouts (however, if all spots are filled before the make-up date we will not be holding make-up tryouts)

2. What should I do if another club tells me I have to accept their offer before Point West even has their tryout?

Answer: The SCSN has a rule against making a binding commitment before the commitment date. You may still be asked for a commitment to keep you from trying out at other clubs, but the rule against binding commitments gives you ultimate control to explore all your options.

3: How many players do you carry on a team?

Answer: We don't have a predetermined number, although it is usually 10-12 depending upon the age division. Rather than choose a certain number of players, we try to select players who will be a good fit with the team.

4. Do you make decisions at tryouts, or notify players later?

Answer: We will share any information we can with individuals at the tryout. Since no player can make a binding commitment before commitment day, there we do not require decisions on-site. We will be making phone calls to players being offered spots following tryouts. This procedure will mean players do not have to wait around to hear results, and it will also allow our staff more time to reflect on the difficult decisions we must make.

5. What if a player is sick or injured and cannot try out for any other reason?

Answer: We will consider any player based on the information available to us. Some of our coaches may have had the opportunity to observe a player at a clinic or playing on a school team. For a player who does not attend tryouts to be offered a position, it must be certain she merits it; close calls favor the player who we can evaluate against their peers in the tryout setting. That said, if the information we have available to us tell us that a player definitely deserves a position, we would offer it to her.

6. If offered a position, when must a player decide?

Answer: As soon as a player is offered a position, she can verbally accept the position. If a player is unsure, how long we can wait is decided on a case-by-case basis. We will try to give players as much time as possible, but we have waiting list players who also need to be called. When a wait-listed player would be a reasonable replacement, we are not in a position to be as patient. Partly, the urgency is for benefit of the team, so the wait-listed player will still be available should a position open up. It is also in consideration of the wait-listed player, as she gets the chance to play for her first choice before being forced to make a commitment elsewhere. We will never start with a take-it-or-leave it offer.

7. What age group am I?

Answer: Usually, 18s are seniors in high school, 17s are juniors, etc. If you are too old for your peer group (e.g. an 8th grader whose birthday fits with the 15s), you must try out with your AGE group. If your birthday fits with the younger group (e.g. a 10th grader who can play 15s), we typically prefer you attend with your PEER group, i.e. your classmates. In this case, our policy is to consider you first with your peer group and also with you age group. For players who prefer to play with their age group, we will honor that preference.