



# 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 can be limited to one 2-3 hour interval, or they can be conducted over several days. 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 or instructional clinics are not permitted during the high school season without the written permission of the player's high school coach.

See also:

- OVR Girls' Recruiting Policy: [www.ovr.org/juniors/registration\\_packet/OVR\\_Recruiting\\_Policy\\_Girls.pdf](http://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](http://www.ovr.org/juniors/registration_packet/OVR_Recruiting_Policy_Boys.pdf)

Tryouts listed on the OVR website ([www.ovr.org/juniors/tryouts/](http://www.ovr.org/juniors/tryouts/)) have been approved by the region. USA Volleyball's secondary liability insurance is available for these events. Clubs that do not sanction their tryouts with the region 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 2016-2017 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 13, 2016 (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 16, 2016 at 9 PM.

American and Regional Level players will have the full 10 days to decide whether or not to accept the invitation to play which is Wednesday, November 23, 2016 at 9 PM.

### 2016/2017 Girl's Tryout Dates and Acceptance Signing Deadlines

USAV age	1st approved TRYOUT DATE	NATIONAL TEAM PLAYER SIGNING DATE	AMERICAN/REGIONAL TEAM SIGNING DATE
10's – 14's	Friday Oct. 28, 2016	Wednesday Nov. 2, 2016 – 9 pm	Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2016 - 9 pm
15's – 18's	Sunday Nov. 13, 2016	Wednesday Nov. 16, 2016 – 9 pm	Wednesday Nov. 23, 2016 – 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 15's/18's 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.



**Early Signing Period for Clubs and their **CURRENT** Members/Players**  
**Please read carefully before signing a contract in the Ohio Valley Region Early Signing Period**

Beginning June 1 through July 31, 2016 clubs may offer a contract for the 2016/2017 season to players who are members of their club during the current 2015/2016 season.

Clubs **may not** offer and players **may not** accept contracts from any club other than the club they were members of for the 2015/2016 USAV Season.

Members/Players will have until July 31, 2016 to decide whether to accept or decline the invitation to play for the same club. By signing this contract the player is committing to playing for that club during the 2016/2017 USAV season which is from September 1, 2016 through August 31, 2017.

A member's acceptance must be in writing; a signed contract and/or an email confirming acceptance.

Verbal offers/acceptance are not recognized as legal binding agreements.

An offer and the acceptance of an offer is a legal/binding agreement.

The member cannot participate with another club for the entire 2016/2017 season.

The member may represent only one club during a season.

The member may not attend a tryout, or participate in another club's program without the written termination of contract from the previous club on file in the OVR Commissioners office. The release from this contract must be approved by the OVR.

Clubs will provide an annual contract to the player/member with this document. That contract may require a minimum deposit, future payment schedule, financial commitments, player expenses and define potential "release from contract" procedures. The contract will be accompanied with this form, they are not administered nor the responsibility of the OVR. The contract is between the player, the club and the parent. Please read thoroughly and understand the contract and commitment you are making on behalf of your daughter to the club.

The OVR-USAV recognizes the Early Signing Contract as a binding agreement between the club and the player and parent.

**There is NO EARLY SIGNING OPPORTUNITY for players from a different club.**  
**Clubs are NOT permitted TO SIGN non-affiliated players (players from other clubs)**  
**prior to the APPROVED TRYOUT DATES for the 2016/2017 season.**

Ohio Valley Region clubs are required to observe BORDERING REGIONAL VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATIONS try-out policies. Clubs who are associated with bordering RVA's athletes must be familiar with the HIGH SCHOOL FEDERATION policies of those athletes! NO CONTACT periods extend to bordering RVA's; once their high school season begins.

Clubs may contact/recruit players regardless of club affiliation between June 1 and July 31-provided the player's current club season is completed.

Clubs are required to honor the **NO CONTACT PERIOD** for high school athletes from August 1 through the conclusion of the State Championships in the athlete's state of residence.

The OVR 2016-2017 USAV NATIONAL LEVEL TEAM/PLAYER SIGNING DAY for each age group:  
Wednesday, November 2, 2016 for the 10's – 14's, and Wednesday Nov. 16, 2016 for the 15's – 18's  
Initial tryouts are approved for Oct. 28 (10's - 14's) and Nov. 13 (15's – 18's).

The Ohio Valley Region approves tryouts only after the conclusion of the State high school championships where the athlete resides.

We hope the above information is helpful to you during the tryout process. Remember that you are purchasing a product! It is your responsibility to know what you are buying: there are many quality programs offered throughout our region.

Our goal is 100% satisfaction!