



2026 OVR Girls Tryout Policy

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EARLY SIGNING – U10 - U18 Age Groups

Early signing and contract signing are permitted for 'Current Club' players beginning June 1, 2026, or AFTER a player's club season is concluded if the USAV, or non-USAV season, extends beyond June 1. Early signing ends on July 9, 2026, at 11:59 p.m. for ages 14 and up.

TRYOUTS – SUMMER 2026

U14 – U18 Age Divisions can have Summer Tryouts

- o Summer tryouts can begin on Friday, July 10, and must conclude by OHSAA, PIAA, or WVSSAC-designated dead periods.
- o Players U10-13 can try out for a 14 or older age group if desired.
- o **NEW THIS SEASON:** If U10-13 players are trying out for a 14 or older age group, they cannot be offered a spot on a U10-13 team until Fall tryout dates.

Summer Written Offers from Tryouts

- o Players may accept a written offer from a tryout anytime beginning July 10.
- o Clubs **CANNOT** require written contract acceptance until Tuesday, July 14 at 6:00 p.m. This date allows players time to attend other tryouts without feeling pressured to sign an offered contract before completing any desired tryout. An offer can be pulled at 6:00 p.m. on July 14.
- o Any tryout starting July 14 or later must allow a minimum 48-hour decision timeline for any offers given.
- o **NEW THIS SEASON:** A club or coach CANNOT individually email, call, or text players after a tryout to 'encourage' or 'require' a player to make a verbal or signed commitment to the offer given until AFTER the signing deadline of July 15 or 48 hours later if a tryout occurs after July 15. All electronic communication must follow the Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies (MAAPP) (i.e., coaches must include another adult in any texting or emails with players).
- o **NEW THIS SEASON:** Clubs may send a general **reminder** email to all players about the signing deadline of Tuesday, July 14 at 6:00, but not a general email 'encouraging' or 'requiring' players to accept an offer. Individual emails, calls, or texts ARE NOT allowed until after any signing deadline, and any individual contact with a player must follow Safe Sport and Minor Athlete Abuse Preventive Policies (MAAPP).

TRYOUTS – FALL 2026

U10s - U11s can start on Friday, October 16, in Ohio, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia.

- o Players may accept a written offer anytime beginning October 16.
- o Clubs **CANNOT** require written acceptance until Tuesday, October 20, at 6:00 p.m. This date allows players time to attend other tryouts without feeling pressured to sign an offered contract before completing any desired tryout. An offer can be pulled at 6:00 p.m. on October 20.
- o Any tryout after October 20 or later must allow a minimum 48-hour decision timeline for any offers given.

U12s can start on Friday, October 16, in Ohio and Pennsylvania, and on Sunday, November 1, in West Virginia.

- o Players may accept a written offer anytime beginning October 16 in Ohio and Pennsylvania and November 1 in West Virginia.
- o Clubs **CANNOT** require written acceptance until Tuesday, October 20, at 6:00 p.m. in Ohio and Pennsylvania, and Thursday, November 5, in West Virginia. These dates allow players time to attend other tryouts without feeling pressured to sign an offered contract before completing any desired tryout. An offer can be pulled at 6:00 p.m. on October 20 in Ohio and Pennsylvania or November 5 in West Virginia.
- o Any tryout after October 21 in Ohio and Pennsylvania or November 5 in West Virginia must allow a minimum 48-hour decision timeline for any offers given.

U13s - U14s can start Friday, October 23, in Ohio and Pennsylvania, and Sunday, November 1, in West Virginia.

- o Players may accept a written offer anytime beginning October 23 in Ohio and Pennsylvania and November 1 in West Virginia.
- o Clubs **CANNOT** require written acceptance until Tuesday, October 27, at 6:00 p.m. in Ohio and Pennsylvania, and Thursday, November 5, in West Virginia. These dates allow players time to attend other tryouts without feeling pressured to sign an offered contract before completing any desired tryout. An offer can be pulled at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 27, in Ohio and Pennsylvania, and at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 5, in West Virginia.
- o Any tryouts after October 27 in Ohio and Pennsylvania or after November 5 in West Virginia must allow a minimum 48-hour decision timeline for any offers given.

U15s - U18s can start anytime the high school regular season ends in Pennsylvania, Sunday, November 8, in Ohio, and Friday, November 13, in West Virginia.

- o Players may accept a written offer anytime after their state athletic association has posted the end-of-season date.

o Clubs **CANNOT** require written acceptance until Thursday, November 12, at 6:00 p.m. in Ohio and Pennsylvania, and Tuesday, November 17, in West Virginia. These dates allow players time to attend other tryouts without feeling pressured to sign an offered contract before completing any desired tryout. An offer can be pulled at 6:00 p.m. on November 12 in Ohio and Pennsylvania and on November 17 in West Virginia.

o Any tryouts conducted after November 12 in Ohio and Pennsylvania or November 17 in West Virginia must allow a minimum 48-hour decision timeline for any offers given.

Acceptance of an offer - The OVR considers acceptance of an early offer or tryout offer complete and binding once a parent/guardian accepts the offer via an email response or completes and submits an electronic/paper document (i.e., online form) to the club. The OVR DOES NOT consider a verbal agreement or a mobile text as an offer or acceptance. This policy applies to both the clubs' offerings and players' acceptances.

Once an offer is accepted, the athlete MAY NOT attend another club's tryouts without permission from the OVR Commissioner, as the athlete is now bound to the club with which they completed the agreement for the upcoming season.

NEW THIS SEASON: Clubs and Coaches violating OVR recruiting policies are subject to ALL verbal offers and contracts offered (legal or illegal) being ruled invalid by the OVR at the discretion of the players from that club.

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.

Recruitment of players - A club may contact any athlete to recruit them to its program if they meet the OHSAA, PIAA, or WVSSAC eligibility requirements and the OVR recruiting requirements. For Summer, this is **AFTER** July 1 or **AFTER** the completion of the athlete's USAV, or non-USAV season, whichever is later.

For fall, this is **AFTER** the conclusion of the athlete's OHSAA, PIAA, and WVSSAC interscholastic season, and only if the athlete has not already signed with a club. Clubs can only accept new players during the above-stated guidelines.

There is no restriction for Parents to reach out to other clubs for information; however, during any active OVR/USAV season, clubs or coaches ARE NOT to reach out to parents or players directly as a method of trying to recruit their daughter if she is under contract with another club.

Penalty for Recruiting Violations – Coaches violating OVR recruiting policies are subject to a one-year suspension from coaching and/or a personal fine. The home club of coaches who violate the policy will also be fined; therefore, club directors must educate their coaches on the OVR recruiting policy and ensure that all coaches and clubs adhere to it.