



2025 OVR Girls Tryout Policy

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2025 OVR Girl's Signing & Tryout Policy

EARLY SIGNING – U10 - U18 Age Groups

Early signing and contract signing are permitted for "Current Club" players beginning June 1, 2025, or AFTER a player's club season is concluded if the USAV season goes beyond June 1. Early signing ends on July 10, 2025 at 11:59 p.m. for ages 14 and up.

TRYOUTS – SUMMER 2025

U14 – U18 Age Divisions can have Summer Tryouts

- o Summer tryouts can begin on Friday, July 11 and must conclude by OHSAA, PIAA, or WVSSAC designated dead periods.
- o Players U10-13 can try out for an older age group if desired.

Summer Written Offers from Tryouts

- o Players may accept a written offer from a tryout anytime beginning July 11.
- o Clubs **CANNOT** require written contract acceptance until Tuesday, July 15 at 6:00 p.m. This date allows players time to attend other tryouts and not feel pressured to sign an offered contract before completing any desired tryout. An offer can be pulled at 6:00 p.m. on July 15.
- o Any tryout starting July 15 or later must allow a minimum 48-hour decision timeline for any offers given.

TRYOUTS – FALL 2025

U10s - U11s can start on Friday, October 17 in Ohio, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia.

- o Players may accept a written offer anytime beginning October 17
- o Clubs **CANNOT** require written acceptance until Tuesday, October 21, at 6:00 p.m. This date allows players time to attend other tryouts and not feel pressured to sign an offered contract before completing any desired tryout. An offer can be pulled at 6:00 p.m. on October 21.
- o Any tryout after October 21 or later must allow a minimum 48-hour decision timeline for any offers given.

U12s can start on Friday, October 17 in Ohio and Pennsylvania; and Sunday November 2 in West Virginia.

- o Players may accept a written offer anytime beginning October 17 in Ohio and Pennsylvania and November 2 in West Virginia.
- o Clubs **CANNOT** require written acceptance until Tuesday, October 21, at 6:00 p.m. in Ohio and Pennsylvania and Thursday, November 6 in West Virginia. These dates allow players time to attend other tryouts and not feel pressured to sign an offered contract before completing any desired tryout. An offer can be pulled at 6:00 p.m. on October 21 in Ohio and Pennsylvania or November 6 in West Virginia.
- o Any tryout after October 22 in Ohio and Pennsylvania or November 6 in West Virginia must allow a minimum 48-hour decision timeline for any offers given.

U13s - U14s can start Friday, October 24 in Ohio and Pennsylvania; and Sunday, November 2 in West Virginia.

- o Players may accept a written offer anytime beginning October 24 in Ohio and Pennsylvania and November 2 in West Virginia.
- o Clubs **CANNOT** require written acceptance until Tuesday, October 28, at 6:00 p.m. in Ohio and Pennsylvania and Thursday, November 6 in West Virginia. These dates allow players time to attend other tryouts and not feel pressured to sign an offered contract before completing any desired tryout. An offer can be pulled at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 28 in Ohio and Pennsylvania and Thursday, November 6 in West Virginia.
- o Any tryouts after October 28 in Ohio and Pennsylvania or after November 6 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 9 in Ohio; and Friday, November 14 in West Virginia.

- o Players may accept a written offer anytime after their state athletic association posted end-of-season date.
- o Clubs **CANNOT** require written acceptance until Thursday, November 13, at 6:00 p.m. in Ohio and Pennsylvania and Tuesday, November 18 in West Virginia. These dates allow players time to attend other tryouts and not feel pressured to sign an offered contract before completing any desired tryout. An offer can be pulled at 6:00 p.m. on November 13 in Ohio and Pennsylvania and November 18 in West Virginia.
- o Any tryouts conducted after November 13 in Ohio and Pennsylvania or November 18 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 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.

Recruitment of players - A club may contact any athlete to recruit them to its program if they meet OHSAA, PIAA, or WVSSAC eligibility and OVR recruiting requirements. For Summer, this is **AFTER** July 1 or **AFTER** the completion of the athlete's 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 signed with a club already. 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 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 now subject to a year's suspension from coaching and/or a personal fine. The home club of coaches who violate the policy will also be fined, so it is crucial that club directors educate their coaches on the OVR recruiting policy and that all coaches and clubs follow it.