



2025 OVR Girls Tryout Policy (tentative)

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2025 OVR Girl's Signing & Tryout Policy (tentative)

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 must end by OHSAA, PIAA, or WVSSAC designated dead periods.

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 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 must allow a 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 21 in Ohio and Pennsylvania or November 6 in West Virginia must allow a 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 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 Sunday, November 16 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 Thursday, November 20 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 20 in West Virginia.



o Any tryouts conducted after November 13 in Ohio and Pennsylvania or November 20 in West Virginia must allow a 48-hour decision timeline for any offers given.

Acceptance of an offer - The OVR considers acceptance of an early signing offer or tryout acceptance complete once a parent/guardian accepts an offer via email response or electronic/paper document signing. The OVR **DOES NOT** consider a verbal agreement or a mobile text reply as a contract offer or acceptance.

Once an offer is accepted, the athlete **MAY NOT** attend any other club's tryouts without the Commissioner's permission, as the athlete is now bound to the terms of the club's contract and policies. Release from a contract can only be accomplished through the club director providing a written statement to the OVR Commissioner that a player is released from a contract. Clubs do not need to release a player from a contract once it is signed. 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. There is no restriction for Parents to reach out to other clubs for information. Clubs can only accept new players during the above-stated guidelines.

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.