

2025 OVR Boy's Signing & Tryout Policy

EARLY SIGNING – U12 - U18 Age Groups

Early signing and contract signing are permitted for "Current Club" players beginning Monday, February 24.

TRYOUTS – SUMMER

U12 – U18 Age Divisions can have Summer Tryouts

- o Summer tryouts can begin on Saturday July 12th and must conclude by July 31st.

Summer Written Offers from Summer Tryouts

- o Players may accept a written offer from a tryout anytime beginning July 12th.
- o Clubs **CAN NOT** require written contract acceptance until Wednesday, July 16 at 11:59 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. At 12:00 a.m. on July 17, an offer can be pulled by the club from the player.
- o Any tryout after July 16 must allow a 48-hour decision timeline for any offers given.

TRYOUTS – FALL

U12-U18 can start on September 1.

- o Players may accept a written offer from a tryout anytime beginning September 1.
- o Clubs **CAN NOT** require written contract acceptance until September 3 at 11:59 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. At 12:00 a.m. on September 4, an offer can be pulled.
- o Any tryout after September 3 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 contract offer or acceptance.

Once an offer is accepted, the athlete **MAY NOT** attend any other club's tryouts without permission from the OVR Commissioner, 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 and PIAA eligibility and OVR recruiting requirements. For Summer, this is **STARTING** July 12 in Ohio and Pennsylvania. For Fall, in Ohio, contact in August can only happen between an athlete and club if his club coach IS NOT the athlete's high school coach. There are no restrictions on Fall contact in Pennsylvania or in Ohio starting in September.

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.