

## 2024 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, 2024, and must end by July 31 in order to protect athlete eligibility.

### TRYOUTS – SUMMER

#### U14 – U18 Age Divisions can have Summer Tryouts

- o Summer tryouts can begin on Saturday, July 13, and must conclude by July 31.
- 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 13, 2024
- o Clubs **CAN NOT** require written contract acceptance until Wednesday, July 17, at 9:00 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. At 9:00 p.m. on July 17, an offer can be pulled, and a new player can be offered the position.
- o Any tryout after July 17 must allow a 48-hour decision timeline for any offers given.

### TRYOUTS – FALL

#### U10s - U12s can start on Friday, October 18, 2024

- o Players may accept a written offer anytime beginning October 18
- o Clubs **CAN NOT** require written acceptance until Wednesday, October 23, at 9:00 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. At 9:00 p.m. on October 23, an offer can be pulled, and a new player can be offered the position.
- o Any tryout after October 23 must allow a 48-hour decision timeline for any offers given.

**U13s - U14s can start Friday, October 25, 2024 in Ohio and November 3, 2024 in West Virginia.**

- o Players may accept a written offer anytime after their state's posted end-of-season date.
- o Clubs **CAN NOT** require written acceptance until Wednesday, October 30, at 9:00 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. At 9:00 p.m. on October 30, an offer can be pulled, and a new player can be offered the position.
- o Any tryouts after October 30 must allow a 48-hour decision timeline for any offers given.

**U15s - U18s can start Sunday, November 10, 2024 in Ohio and November 14, 2024 in West Virginia.**

- o Players may accept a written offer anytime after their state's posted end of season date.
- o Clubs **CAN NOT** require written acceptance until Wednesday, November 13, at 9:00 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. At 9:00 on November 13, an offer can be pulled, and a new player can be offered the position.
- o Any tryouts after November 13 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, 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 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 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 are mandated that they can only accept new players during the above-stated guidelines.