



# Athletes' Bill of Rights

The purpose of this document is to assist athletes and their parents/guardians during the juniors' tryout process. It is the responsibility of the club to provide the athlete's family with all information currently available about their program. It is the responsibility of each athlete and her/his family to become educated about the programs they are considering. It is the responsibility of both parties – club and athlete – to honor every commitment.

There are several types of tryouts. Be aware of the type you are attending. Are you trying out to be accepted to a club or a team in the club? Are the tryouts open to anyone regardless of prior affiliation? Are they limited to the number of positions available on a team or just to members of certain schools? Do you have to be invited to attend?

Tryouts can be limited to one 2-3 hour interval, or they can be conducted over several days. Tryouts, including any additional evaluation, are to be limited to one session per day, and no more than 3 hours in duration. The recommended cost of tryouts for a one-day event is \$15.00. Clubs can receive permission to charge more when expenses warrant the additional cost. Multi-day tryouts are usually more expensive. Open gym sessions or instructional clinics are not considered to be part of the tryout process. These events may not be required and are not sanctioned by the Ohio Valley Region. See also:

- *OVR Girls' Recruiting Policy:* [www.ovr.org/docs/OVR\\_Recruiting\\_Policy\\_Girls.pdf](http://www.ovr.org/docs/OVR_Recruiting_Policy_Girls.pdf)
- *OVR Boys' Recruiting Policy:* [www.ovr.org/docs/OVR\\_Recruiting\\_Policy\\_Boys.pdf](http://www.ovr.org/docs/OVR_Recruiting_Policy_Boys.pdf)

Tryouts listed on the OVR website ([www.ovr.org/juniors/tryouts/](http://www.ovr.org/juniors/tryouts/)) have been approved by the region. USA Volleyball's secondary liability insurance is available for these events. Clubs that do not sanction their tryouts with the region are responsible for insuring their events. Personal injury due to accidents should be covered by your primary medical insurance.

### Tryout dates and acceptance deadlines

age	tryout dates	acceptance deadline
10s-14s	October 28 – November 6, 2011	November 9, 2011
	November 7-20, 2011	November 23, 2011
15s-18s	November 13-20, 2011	November 23, 2011
	November 21 – December 4, 2011	December 7, 2011
	December 5-18, 2011	December 21, 2011
	December 19, 2011 – January 1, 2012	January 4, 2012
	January 2-15, 2012	January 18, 2012

A club may chose to extend the acceptance deadline if they feel they need to give the athletes and their parents/guardians more time to consider their offer. This policy must be stated in writing (paper or website).

Notification by the club of athletes' selection, non-selection, or waiting-list status can be by e-mail or website. Athletes should be informed that they are accepted, not accepted, or placed on a waiting list. Athletes that are not originally selected, then offered a position after the acceptance deadline, will have at least 48 hours to accept or decline the offer. The club may chose to offer additional time to respond.

An athlete's acceptance can be an e-mail response or signed contract (provided the document is received by the club by the acceptance deadline). Once an offer is accepted, the athlete may not attend any other club's tryouts. He/she is then bound to the terms of the club's contract and policies.

We hope the above information is helpful to you during the tryout process. Remember that you are purchasing a product! It is your responsibility to know what you are buying: there are many quality programs offered throughout our region. Our goal is 100% satisfaction!