



Ohio Valley Region Juniors' Volleyball Tryouts Athletes' Bill of Rights

The purpose of this document is to assist athletes and their parents/guardians during the tryout process. It is the club's responsibility 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 program they are attempting to join. 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 "call back" session are to be limited to one session /day, and no more than 3 hours in duration. The recommended cost of tryouts for a one-day event is \$10.00. 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.

Tryouts listed on the OVR website (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.

After tryouts are concluded, the club must contact the athlete within three days *after* the event to inform them of their status. Contact may be by e-mail, web site, phone call, or postal mail. Athletes should be informed that they are accepted, refused acceptance, or placed on a waiting list. Most clubs start offering positions to athletes immediately after their events. Large programs may need the full three days to get through the process of offering positions in their program.

The athlete and his or her family have a period of up to ten days after the conclusion of the final tryouts to accept a club's offer. Athletes called back to participate with a program after the final tryout process (10 days) has been completed must be given an additional 4 days to accept or refuse an offer.

Acceptance may be a signed contract or e-mail response. *Verbal agreements are not binding.* Once an offer is accepted, the athlete may not try out for any other club. 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!