

Parent's Guide to Signing Process and the Letter of Commitment

Signing Process – New this Season

The region will have a single signing process for both incumbents and non-incumbents. There is no longer a difference between incumbent or non-incumbent athlete. Athletes may attend tryouts with any club they chose without having a previous affiliation with a club. There is no longer a 7-day waiting period before an athlete may accept or sign an offer or PSR Letter of Commitment. There is no longer a standard signing date.

Your athlete may attend as many tryouts as s/he would like as long as the athlete has NOT signed a PSR Letter of Commitment.

While at the tryouts a conversation will likely take place between you, your child, and the club coach and/or club director. Depending on the club, this conversation could look like a sales pitch or it could be simply “We’d like to offer your child a spot with our program” or some variations in between.

During this conversation you may be asked what your child’s intentions are, if your child is planning to attend any other tryouts, what is your child’s first choice club, if your child has attended other tryouts, has your child received other offers, etc. You may choose to answer these questions however you wish. To some extent, you are in control of this conversation.

Once an offer is made, what happens next:

Parents MUST be familiar with the conditions of the PSR Letter of Commitment

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Athletes may:

1. accept the offer immediately and sign the PSR Letter of Commitment. Once the athlete and parent/guardian sign the letter and it has been countersigned by the club representative, the athlete is not allowed to attend tryouts with other clubs.
OR
2. decline the offer immediately, attend tryouts with other clubs
OR
3. exercise their right to a 72-hour waiting period. This means the athlete may take the PSR Letter of Commitment and leave the gym. The club must hold the spot until the time period expires. While the clock is running, the athlete may attend several more tryouts. The athlete may receive multiple offers accompanied by multiple PSR Letters of Commitment. The athlete may exercise the right to a 72-hour waiting period with more than one club. Remember, the athlete will need to accept ONE offer during the allotted time or risk losing the spot.

An athlete MAY NOT complete more than ONE PSR Letter of Commitment. Once a PSR Letter of Commitment has been signed the athlete is NOT allowed to attend other tryouts or sign another PSR Letter of Commitment.

Clubs:

1. may NOT extend an offer in writing BEFORE the first day of tryouts
2. when extending an offer, must extended the offer in writing using the PSR Letter of Commitment
3. must give the athlete 72-hours to accept or decline the offer
 - a. offers may be accepted immediately by countersigning the PSR Letter of Commitment with the athlete and his/her parent/guardian
 - b. offers may be declined immediately
 - c. offers may not be rescinded unless the athlete notifies you they have signed with another club OR 72-hours has elapsed
 - d. coaches and/or club directors are not allowed to pressure athletes to sign the PSR Letter of Commitment