

SUMMER TRYOUTS – FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q1. When will tryouts happen for the 2026-27?

A1: Girls U15 grade and older summer tryouts: Aug 1 – Aug 23, 2026

A2: Boys All Ages: Aug 15, 2026 (no dead period)

A3: Girls U14 and younger: October 24th

A4: Girls U15 and older Fall tryouts: November 22nd NET 1000

Q: Is there a dead period for U15 and older girls?

A: Yes, from August 24th – November 21st

Q: Are clubs required to hold a U15 and older tryout in the summer period?

A: No, it is up to each individual club on when they opt to hold tryouts. Clubs may have tryouts in both periods as well.

Q: If a club had tryouts for U15 and older during the summer tryout period, can the same club hold tryouts during the Fall tryout period for U15 and older?

A: Yes

Q: Can a club offer a player a Letter of Commitment without holding a tryout?

A: Yes; for any gender or age, provided the offer is made during the appropriate time period. See Q/A #1.

Q: Can a club sign a U15 and older player during the Fall tryout period who did not attend a Summer tryout at the same club?

A: This is a club decision. It will be up to each individual club on how they put their teams together. Contact any club(s) you may have an interest in and inquire.

Q: Is a player required to attend a tryout to sign a PSR Letter of Commitment?

A: No. A player may sign a Letter of Commitment without attending a tryout, as long as it is during a tryout period based on the player's age and gender.

Q: Once a player receives an offer from a club, how long do they have before they must sign a PSR Letter of Commitment?

A: NEW FOR 2026-27: During opening weekend tryouts may begin on Saturday at 8:00 AM through Sunday 10:00 PM, offers may be issued at any time. The athlete may accept, decline, or exercise their option to wait. A standard waiting period will apply and will expire on Monday at 8:00 AM. If the athlete takes no action by the deadline, the offer is automatically rescinded. After the opening weekend deadline passes, no waiting period will apply for any additional tryouts held in that same division.

Q: When are the Opening Weekends for 2026-27 Season?

A1: Girls U15-U18 Summer: 1 Aug / Standard Waiting Period Expires 3 Aug at 8:00 am

A2: Boys: 15 Aug / Standard Waiting Period Expires 17 Aug at 8:00 am

A3: Girls U14 and younger: 24 Oct / Standard Waiting Period Expires 26 Oct at 8:00 am

A4: Girls U15-U18 Fall: 22 Nov (*tryouts may not begin before 10 am*) / No Waiting Period Applies

Q: Does a player need a USAV membership to attend a tryout?

A: Yes, a player needs a current USAV membership.

Q: Does my 2025-26 Junior Player Membership allow me to attend a tryout in August?

A: Yes, your membership doesn't expire until August 31, 2026.

Q: If I don't have a membership but want to attend a tryout in August, what do I do?

A: Purchase a 2026-27 Tryout Membership from the Puget Sound Region.

Q: Can a club hold a Girls team practice during the dead period?

A: No

Q: Can a club hold a Boys team practice during the dead period?

A: There is NO dead period for boys. Clubs may hold tryouts and practices for the 2026-27 season any time after August 15th, provided ALL participants have a current USAV membership.

Q: Can a club hold a camp, clinic, positional training, or open gym during the dead period?

A: Yes

Q: During the dead period, can a player attend a camp, clinic, open gym, or positional training?

A: Yes

Q: Can a club begin charging dues immediately after the player has signed a Letter of Commitment?

A: Yes

Q: If I get injured after signing a club contract, am I required to continue paying dues to the club?

A: Refer to the contract you signed, this is a matter between you and the club.

Q: I signed a contract during the summer tryout period, what will happen if I decide after High School season, I no longer want to play for the club I signed with?

A: Refer to the contract you signed with the club, this is a matter between you and the club.

Q: If I wish to transfer from the club I signed a contract with during the summer tryout period, what happens?

A: If you have a properly executed Letter of Commitment, you must meet your contractual obligations to the club you signed with initially. The Club Director of your original club must release you BEFORE you may apply to the region for a transfer.

Q: What happens if I wish to quit or transfer from the club I signed a Letter of Commitment?

A: You may apply to the region for a transfer. If a transfer is approved, the athlete will not be allowed to participate in any competition where a bid to the junior national championship is being awarded (i.e. region bid tournament, other region or USA volleyball sanctioned bid tournaments, or national qualifying events).

Q: My high school coach does not want me to attend training with the club I have signed for during the high school season, am I required to follow what my high school or my club wants?

A: This is a matter that will need to be discussed and rectified with your high school coach and club that you signed with.

Q: If I tryout and sign a Letter of Commitment with a club during the summer tryout period can I tryout for another club during the Fall tryout period to try and make a different team?

A: No. Please see the Q/A related to transferring clubs.

Q: If I tried out on or after August 1st but did not sign a Letter of Commitment, can I tryout on or after November 22nd?

A: Yes, as long as you have a current USAV membership.

Q: Can players who are U14 and younger tryout for U15 and older teams during summer tryouts?

A: Yes, they can. You should work with your club and coaches to determine the team and age division that is appropriate for your player.

Q: I am a boy and I want to tryout to play on a boys' team, when can I tryout?

A: Anytime on or after August 15th.