



2026 GIRLS DISTRICT TRYOUT WAIVER REQUEST FORM

Each Affiliate and District has a unique player development process that must be followed for a player to be eligible for opportunities at the National level. For players to be eligible for potential advancement to a 2026 Girls National Development Camp, the player must: (1) Be in one of the eligible birth years (2009, 2010, or 2011); (2) Hold U.S. citizenship; and (3) Participate in her home district's tryout process. This form is not required for 2007/2008s for the U19 Training Camp.

The best opportunity for a player to be evaluated for potential advancement to one of USA Hockey's Girls National Player Development Camps is by attending the tryout in the District where her family holds primary residence. However, USA Hockey acknowledges that certain extenuating circumstances (emergency, injury, sickness, etc.) may preclude a player from trying out in her home District. As soon as an extenuating circumstance arises where a player cannot participate in her home affiliate or district tryout process, she should complete this **District Tryout Waiver Request Form** and submit it to the National Office immediately. The **District Tryout Waiver Request Form** form must be completed and submitted to the National Office (to Kristen Sagaert at kristen.sagaert@usahockey.org) and the Girls Council Representative for your district prior to the conclusion of the player's home affiliate or district tryout for a player to be considered for potential advancement. However, submission does not guarantee a waiver or advancement to a Girls National Player Development Camp (it only guarantees that the player's waiver will be considered). **The player must include a doctor's note when an injury waiver is requested. All waivers must be submitted with video of the player from the current season (can be a link to video).**

Once the form is received, it will be reviewed by a Review Committee consisting of: one USA Hockey National Office staff representative, the Girls Council Chair, and the Girls Council District Representative in the player's home district, and any additional Girls Council District Representatives that may be needed if an alternate tryout is being considered. In reviewing a waiver request, the Review Committee must first determine if the player's absence is an extenuating circumstance. If the Committee determines that a player's scenario is not extenuating, the committee may deny the waiver request and the player would need to either participate in her home district's tryout or forfeit the opportunity to be eligible for potential advancement to one of the 2025 Girls National Player Development Camps. If the Committee determines that the player's scenario is extenuating, then the Committee has two options:

1. Grant the player permission to try out in an alternate district, where the Committee would secure permission from an alternate district, the player would attend the alternate district's tryout, and the alternate district would provide a written evaluation of the player back to the player's home district. The player's home district would use the written evaluation to determine if the player should advance to one of the National Camps via one of the home district's allocated spots or whether the player should be submitted for at-large consideration.
2. Refer request to the player's home district, where the home district would decide to: (a) Use one of the district's allocated spots to support the players' advancement based on prior knowledge of her performance throughout the season and at prior camps/tryouts; (b) Submit/nominate the player to be considered by the National Office for at-large consideration; or (c) Confirm that the district does not feel that player is at the appropriate level to advance past the district tryout level.

DISTRICT TRYOUT WAIVER REQUEST FORM: PLAYER INFORMATION

Player's First and Last Name:

Player's Home District:

Player's Home Address:

Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY):

Position (Forward, Defense, Goalie):

Shot/Catch (L/R)

Have you participated in district tryouts before? YES or NO

If yes, please list the years and districts you have participated:

What team(s) have you played for this season?

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Parent/Guardian First and Last Name:

Parent/Guardian Email:

Parent/Guardian Cell Phone:

DISTRICT TRYOUT WAIVER REQUEST:

Please provide a detailed explanation of why you are unable to attend your home district's tryout and are requesting a waiver:

Parent/Guardian Signature:

The National Office will communicate an update to the family and all district representatives via email once the committee has reviewed and made a decision regarding the waiver.