



TRYOUT

Club Preparation

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Sanction your tryout by filling out the Tryout Sanction Form

- *inform players if you are looking for all positions or just filling a few positions on an invitation team.*
- *How many players per team- maximum, minimum*

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Post information in club brochure or on website for parents.

- *Club fees and extras fees (uniforms, post season events)*
- *team selection,*
- *practice time*
- *playing time.*

Club Preparation

Tryout Staff

Workers at the tryout need to be:

1. Current USAV members.
(Note: Last season memberships good through Oct 31)
2. Have a current USAV background screening.
3. Have a SafeSport certification.

Tryout Fees

- Club Tryout fees should NOT include a membership cost.
- Participants should do their memberships online if possible.
 - *Check membership by viewing membership cards they print from their USAV WebPoint membership*
- Tryout Membership options
 - *Last season members are valid through October 31.*
 - *Tryout Memberships are good for 5 events from October 4-Nov 22, 2017*
 - *One day membership- player will need to show email confirmation*
 - *If a paper registration form and fees are collected*
 - *you must mail them in on the next business day.*

Valid Memberships for Participants

Participants should do their memberships online if possible.

- *Check membership by viewing membership cards they print from their USAV WebPoint membership*
- *If a paper registration form and fees are collected ...mail them in on the next business day.*

Tryout Membership options

- ***Last season** members are valid though October 31.*
- ***Junior Tryout Membership** is good for 5 events from October 4-Nov 22, 2017*
- ***One day membership**- player will need to show email confirmation*

Participant Membership Info

- **The One Day and Junior Tryout memberships are upgradable**
 - *Upgradable to a Full membership and the \$10 or \$15 fees will be applied to the cost of the full membership.*
 - *Best option is the Junior Tryout membership Oct 4- Nov 22*
 - *Upgrade by renewing your membership from the membership page.*
 - <http://www.iavbreg.org/Registration.html>
- **Do Not select the Full Membership** until you are chosen by a club.
 - *NO refunds of full membership are issued if you do not make a club.*

Renew or Upgrade a membership.

■ To Renew last seasons membership

- *Log in to you membership* <https://webpoint.usavolleyball.org/wp15/IntraLock/Login.wp>
- *Select renew membership*

■ To upgrade a One day or Junior Tryout membership

- *Log in to you membership* <https://webpoint.usavolleyball.org/wp15/IntraLock/Login.wp>
- *Hit the Click Here to Renew button*
- *On the 2nd screen*
 - *you will get the upgrade options.*
 - *Club selection option on upper right hand, this selection is for the season.*
 - *ONCE you select a club you are committed to that club. You will not be allowed to change or transfer to another club during the season*
 - *UNLESS you have made an error selecting the club name-*
 - *if so contact Carol@iavbreg.org or call 515-727-1860.*

Age & Grade Team Definitions

Age Level Teams

Can participate in out of region events, Qualifiers, Bid events & Nationals.

Players must be the age listed (or younger) through August 31st, 2018.

- *No Age waivers can given to teams competing in events that qualify a team for National Competition.*
- *No boys allowed on girl's age level teams.*

Grade Level Teams

Can participate Iowa Region Gold & Silver events.

Players must be in the corresponding grade to age.

- *12U - 6th grade, 13U - 7th grade, 14U - 8th grade etc....*
- *Boys are allowed on girls grade level teams 8th grade (14U) or younger age/grade.*
 - *Unlimited number of boys allowed*



USA VOLLEYBALL JUNIOR PLAYER AGE DEFINITION For use during the 2017-2018 Season

To determine the correct age division, please find the Month of Birth in the left column and then the year of birth in the same row. The heading of the column matching the Year of Birth is the correct age bracket.

	18 & Under ¹	18 & Under	17 & Under	16 & Under	15 & Under ²	14 & Under	13 & Under	12 & Under	11 & Under	10 & Under	9 & Under	8 & Under
Sept	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Oct	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Nov	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Dec	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Jan	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Feb	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Mar	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Apr	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
May	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
June	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
July	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Aug	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010

¹ Players who were born on or after September 1, 1999 OR players who were born on or after September 1, 1998 and a high school student in the twelfth (12th) grade or below during some part of the current academic year.

² **Male Only** - Players who were born on or after September 1, 2003 OR players who were born on or after September 1, 2002 (15 years or younger) who shall neither have completed nor are in a grade higher than the eighth (8th) grade during the current academic year **are eligible to play in the 14 & Under division**. This exception is based on the net height difference of 7'4 1/8" to 7'11 5/8" between the 14 and Under Division to the 15 and Under Division.

The Age Definition Policy was most recently revised by the USA Volleyball Board of Directors on January 19, 2002.

The classification cut-off date of September 1 was reviewed by the USAV Junior Assembly and the USA Regional Volleyball Association Assembly prior and during the USAV 2016 Annual Meetings and research justified the continuation of the cut-off date of September 1.

USAV 2017-2018 Age Definitions

Player must be
the age listed
on
Aug 31, 2018

Tryout Dates

The Iowa Region supports the IGHSAU and will not sanction club tryouts that take place while an athlete's high school is still in season.

All offers made at any tryout, early or fall, must be honored until the region commitment dates.

■ Early Tryouts

- *Allowed after the USAV National Championships for each gender until the Iowa Girls High School season starts practices.*

■ Fall Tryouts

- *For grades 14U or younger in the fall. Usually they start on or after October 1st.*
- *For High School Girls after their High School season is completed.*
 - *Players whose High Schools are in the state championship tournament may not tryout until after their team is out of the event.*

Offers by Clubs

A club or team may offer a player a position in their club or team at anytime.

- **Coaches or club directors may NOT ask/force players to give a verbal/written commitment before the Iowa Region commitment dates.**
 - **Limited number of offers**
Clubs may not extend more offers than the number of players accepted for the team
 - **Offers are on the table until the commitment date or they are refused**
Clubs may issue new offers once an offer is refused or expires(commitment date).
 - **Commitment Letter as proof of acceptance**
 - A Hard copy can be signed on the spot, or an electronic copy of the commitment letter may be sent and signed electronically.
 - An email acceptance of an offer is proof of commitment, must be followed with a signed commitment letter.
 - A Player acceptance by invitation must be followed up a signed Commitment Letter.
 - **Commitment Letters Kept in case of dispute**
 - Original kept by the club
 - Copy kept by the player/parents

Verbal Club Invitations

- **Parents: If a club extends a verbal offer and does not include a Commitment Letter,**
 - *it is recommended that you fill out the information of the offer on the Commitment Letter and send to the club to get a signature on the offer.*
 - *This is to protection offer and to insure the clubs keeps the offer on the table.*
- Players who are invited to play may sign a Commitment Letter at anytime.
- Coaches or club directors may not ask/force players to give a verbal/written commitment before the commitment dates.

Offers by Clubs or Teams

Clubs offers and player acceptances may be made by phone or email.

- *But the commitment letter should be signed as soon as possible.*

Offer Period for 15U and older

Offer Periods:

1. Any offer verbal or written made in either the Early Tryout or Fall Tryout period, must be kept open until the final commitment date.
2. No earlier date for a decision may be requested.
3. A player may commit at any time.
4. After the commitment date the offer may be withdrawn by the club.
5. Commitment date for 15U and Older
 - 4 PM on the Wednesday following the State of Iowa Girls High School Volleyball Tournament. (*November 15, 2017*)
 - For tryouts which occur after the state tournament, 4 PM on the Wednesday following the tryout.

Offer Period for 14U and younger

Offer Periods:

1. Any offer verbal or written made in either the Early Tryout or Fall Tryout period, must be kept open until the final commitment date.
2. No earlier date for a decision may be requested.
3. A player may commit at any time.
4. After the commitment date the offer may be withdrawn by the club.
5. **Commitment date for 14U and younger**
 - 4PM on the Wednesday following the first Sunday in November. (November 8, 2017)
 - For tryouts which occur after that date, 4 PM on the Wednesday following the tryout.

Club Tryout Violations

■ Coaches or Club Directors Violation of Tryout Policies

- *Forcing Commitment: Coaches or club directors forcing a player to give a verbal or written commitment before the dates listed above.*
- *Not Holding Position: Coaches or club directors not holding the offered position.*

■ Club Penalties for above violations

- **Release all team members** for that particular team. These players will then have the option to play on the team that is reformed or tryout/play for other clubs.
- **Qualifier Restrictions:** Furthermore, the team or age division in which the violation occurred will not be allowed to play in any Qualifying event in the Iowa Region or Nationally.
- **Out of Region Events:** Banned from out of region events held after the Iowa Regionals.

Player Tryout Violations

- Player Violation of Tryout Policies

- *Common violations:*

- May only sign one (1) Commitment Letter.
 - Backing out of this commitment, or attending another tryout.
 - Falsification of Commitment Letter: If a player falsifies any part of this Commitment Letter, including the date.

- Player Penalty: All the listed violations result in player suspension for the entire season.

- This suspension will be upheld by all other USAV Regions
 - Out of Region Events: Banned from out of region events held after the Iowa Regionals.

Use of Commitment Letter

■ Club

- *It is the only proof the region will accept of a player's commitment to your club.*
- *Spells out most of the areas of contention with parents and players,*

■ Player's & Parents

- *Proof that the club offered and accepted the player for the stated position, teams etc..*
- *Is a written document that spells out promises made when the player accepted the position.*
- *Make sure all specifics about teams, playing time etc. are correct before signing.*
- *Once you sign with a club you player is committed for the entire season and may not change clubs for any reason except moving out of the area.*

Commitment Letter

The Commitment Letter

http://www.iavbreg.org/ESW/File/s/Commitment_Letter_2017-18_PDF.pdf



Iowa Volleyball Region



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COMMITMENT LETTER

Updated: June 29, 2017

CLUB SECTION

Club Name _____
Club Representative making offer: _____ Signature: _____

- **Players should keep a copy** (The Iowa Region Office does not need a copy) Make a copy for you the player and return a copy to Club Director.

2017- 18 SEASON OFFER DETAILS AND DEADLINES

Clubs may not extend more offers than the maximum players per team listed below.
The Club must keep Summer or Fall tryout offers open until the designated deadline.

Deadlines for 2017-18 indoor season: 14u and younger November 8, 2017 and 15u and older November 15, 2017

PLAYER NAME: _____

A TEAM IN THE CLUB

Maximum number of players per club team
____ Any Club Age Division Team
____ Any Club Grade Level Team
____ Any Club Local League Team
____ Club position on any team in the club for which they qualify either by age or grade

A Specific Team:

TEAM NAME: _____

Maximum number of players for this team

PRACTICE TIME- if known at this time.

Practice nights per week _____ for _____ hours
Practice nights for this team _____

PLAYING TIME

____ Earned- no playing time guaranteed
____ Shared in Pool Play and Earned in Playoffs
____ Shared for whole event

(Note Shared does not mean equal time or that a player will play in every set.)

PLAYING POSITION

____ A Position to be decided by the Club and coach, position may vary during the season.

____ A Position as a: _____
(Note a change to a player's position for an event may occur due to injuries or missing players.)

APPROXIMATE FEES FOR THIS TEAM

The above fee information is on our club brochure (attached) or website

- Cost for team offered-or general cost of team
\$ _____ National \$ _____ Regional \$ _____ Local
\$ _____ Local League
- Fees included
 uniform warm top warm outfit
- Tournament Entry fees included in team fees
 All Tournaments
 Most Tournaments Additional fees
____ Qualifiers ____ National

PLAYER SECTION

I ACCEPT I DECLINE Date: _____

- **If I Accept** this offer on the above-named club, I agree to all the terms and cannot dispute these with the club unless the club does not meet the listed commitments.
- **I understand that I cannot change clubs after I sign this Commitment Letter.**
- **I understand that I cannot attend any tryouts for other clubs after I sign this Commitment Letter.**
- **I know that I must contact all other clubs that I received offers from within 24 hours of accepting this offer.**

Contact email: _____

Contact Phone: _____

Player Name (Print) _____

Player (Signature) _____

Parent/ Guardian (Print) _____

Parent/ Guardian (Signature) _____

Reminders

1. Clubs may only have open (on the table) offers equal to positions on the team
2. All offers verbal or written are valid through the commitment dates and clubs may not request an earlier date of acceptance. Players may sign early/any time.
3. Once a Player selects a club either with a commitment letter or by selecting a club they are frozen to that club for the season.
 - *If there is an error during the club selection during the registration process, the region office must be contacted. The office will verify with the club that no commitment letter has been signed.*
4. Make sure you are the correct age/grade for the team.
 - *Club directors do not ask for a player to be placed incorrectly. Ex: a 17 year old junior to be on a sophomore team. They do not meet age or grade. The team must be registered at the older division.*



THANK YOU

