



TRYOUT WINDOW REGULATIONS 2020

Period	Start Date	End Date	Activities
<p>EARLY RE-SIGNING PERIOD (returning athletes in the 15U-18U age divisions ONLY)</p>	<p>June 1st</p>	<p>June 15th</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clubs are permitted to send re-signing offers to returning athletes who will be participating in the 15U-18U age division for the upcoming season. • Offers are only valid when presented using the OVA Re-signing Form. • Early re-signing forms must have the Head Coach listed and confirmed for next season or have other conditions listed on the offer to be valid. • Some fields on the re-signing form are recommended and can be presented with the information available at the time. However, if there are any changes in the terms, or there is a failure to meet the terms in the agreement/offer it may be voided. • Offers can be sent and returned at any time during this period. All offers must be honoured until 8:00 PM on June 15th or a minimum of 36 hours from the time indicated on the offer form, which ever is longer. • Clubs MUST provide a list of re-signed athletes to the OVA for mandatory posting on the website by the first Wednesday after Labour Day Weekend. • Clubs are permitted to collect non-refundable deposits for club fees from re-signed athletes once they have accepted a re-signing offer. All deposits must be returned if a club fails to meet the terms of the offer. • Online registration will be made available beginning September 1 for re-signed athletes. • Athletes are permitted to begin team activities once they have been re-signed.
<p>RE-SIGNING PERIOD (returning athletes in the 15U-18U age divisions ONLY)</p>	<p>Aug 20th</p>	<p>Labour Day Sunday</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clubs are permitted to send re-signing offers to returning athletes who will be participating in the 15U-18U age division for the upcoming season. • Offers are only valid when presented using the OVA Re-signing Form. • Re-signing forms must have the Head Coach listed and confirmed for next season or have other conditions listed on the offer to be valid. • Some fields on the re-signing form are recommended and can be presented with the information available at the time. However, if there are any changes in the terms, or there is a failure to meet the terms in the agreement/offer it may be voided. • Offers can be sent and returned at any time during this period. All offers must be honoured for 36 hours from the time indicated on the offer form. • Clubs MUST provide a list of ALL early re-signed, and re-signed athletes to the OVA for mandatory posting on the website by the first Wednesday after Labour Day Weekend.

OPEN HOUSE	1 st Tues. after Labour Day		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open to anyone from any club. • Information and Q & A • No offers or commitments (verbal or non-verbal) are permitted.
COACH DEVELOPMENT	1 st Fri. after Labour Day	1 st Sun. after Labour Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Coaches are encouraged to seek out certification opportunities during this time. • Target Audience is the advanced coaching programs • No offers or commitments (verbal or non-verbal) are permitted. • Please refer to the OVA website for the most recent version of the Certification policy https://www.ontariovolleyball.org/coaches-certification
TRYOUT PERIOD	2 nd Sat. after Labour Day	Feb 1 st	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is the only period where offers can be presented • Clubs may charge tryout fees. • Offers can be sent and returned at any time during this period. All offers must be honoured for 36 hours or until the date and time indicated on the offer form, which ever is longer. • The last day to add new athletes to rosters is Feb 1st of the current season.
COACH DEVELOPMENT	Last Friday of Sept.	To Sunday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Target Audience is the “entry level” coach but is open to host any programs. • All Coaches are encouraged to seek out certification opportunities during this time. • Please refer to the OVA website for the most recent version of the Certification policy https://www.ontariovolleyball.org/coaches-certification

NOTES: description

- No offers or commitments (verbal or non-verbal) are permitted until the Tryout Period.
- Re-signed athletes are permitted to begin training with their club once the athlete signs back an offer form.
- Athletes who will be participating in the 12U-14U age divisions for the upcoming season are NOT permitted to be re-signed. They can only commit to a team during the Tryout Period.
- Clubs will not require a full roster in NRS to REGISTER for the Provincial Cups, however, Clubs must have all players on their roster prior to COMPETING. Provincial Cup events have 4-week deadlines for registration.
- A soft uniform policy will be in effect for the first tournament for each age class. Club contacts/coaches will be required to notify the OVA if a team’s uniforms may be incomplete prior to participation in their first event of the season.
- All “Club Information” on the re-signing form is required. If there are any changes in the terms, or there is a failure to meet the terms in the agreement/offer it may be voided.

SEASON OF PLAY

The Ontario Volleyball Association (OVA) Indoor Youth Competition season of play begins on the Saturday after Labour Day and ends on May 31st of each year. No tryouts may take place between February 1st to the 2nd Saturday after Labour Day.

RE-SIGNING

A returning athlete is defined as a registered OVA member with a club during the previous year/season who is being offered a position with the same club. Clubs have the option to sign returning athletes in the 15U-18U age categories between June 1st and June 15th and August 20th and Labour Day Sunday. If there are any changes in the terms, or there is a failure to meet the terms in the agreement/offer it may be voided.

Athletes who did not re-sign with their same club are able to try out for another club team (and/or their old club). Clubs and athletes are not obligated to utilize the re-signing period.

All clubs who have re-signed athletes must provide a list of committed athletes to the OVA by the first Wednesday after Labour Day Weekend. Clubs must submit lists via **FormStack** through the OVA website (<https://www.ontariovolleyball.org/club-tryouts>). Failure to report re-signed athletes will result in sanctions. All lists must include the athletes age division and position (multiple age divisions and positions are permitted).

Once an athlete has been re-signed, clubs are permitted to collect deposits. These deposits can be non-refundable. If a club is unable to fulfill the agreement as outlined on the offer form all deposits must be returned to the athlete.

Clubs that have re-signed athletes can register those players through the OVA's online registration system the first week of September.

Athletes who will be playing in the 12U-14U age divisions are not eligible for re-signing. They can only commit to a club during the tryout period.

Re-signed athletes are committed to the club for the season and are NOT permitted to attend any additional tryouts for other clubs.

TRYOUT PERIOD

Club tryouts may commence the 2nd Saturday after Labour Day. A tryout is defined as an event where a club has on court activities for athletes involving team selection and/or physical testing.

Clubs may ONLY offer athletes a position on their team via the OVA Offer Form. If there are any changes in the terms, or there is a failure to meet the terms in the agreement/offer it may be voided

Offers can be returned at any time but they are only honoured for 36 hours or until the date and time indicated on the offer form, which ever is longer.

OVA OFFER FORM

This form is intended to standardize how an offer (position on a team) is presented to an athlete during the tryout period. Offers can be sent out at any time during the try out or re-signing periods. Once an offer form is presented, it must be honoured until the deadline stated in the policy. Athletes can accept the offer anytime after it is received, until the noted deadlines.

Returning a signed offer form is considered an official commitment to a club. Clubs then can proceed with online registration and fee collection.

Early Re-signing offers, June 1st to 15th, must be honoured until 8:00 PM on June 15th or a minimum of 36 hours from the time indicated on the offer form, which ever is longer.

Re-signing offers, August 20th to Labour Day Sunday, must be honoured for 36 hours from the time indicated on the form.

Try out offers must be honoured for 36 hours or until the date and time indicated on the offer form, which ever is longer.

OFFICIAL ATHLETE COMMITMENT

Athletes are free to try out for any team until they have officially re-signed or signed with a club. An athlete is committed to a club for one season (signing date through May 31st).

Verbal commitments made at any time are non-binding. Signing the OVA offer form is the only commitment the OVA will recognize, and it must be dated within the appropriate period.

Athletes found attending additional tryouts after returning a signed offer form to a club will be found in violation of this policy and may be subject to sanctions as outlined below.

CLUB FEES

Clubs may only collect fees once the athlete is committed to the club. Instalment plans are permitted, and it is strongly recommended that a club contract is signed, which outlines the fee structure and services provided to the athlete.

Parents/Guardians are strongly urged to familiarize themselves with the clubs' financial policies prior to committing to a club for the season.

CONCLUSION OF THE TRYOUT PERIOD

Clubs are permitted to hold additional tryouts to fill any open spots on their rosters. New players can be registered in NRS until February 1st. All athletes and team staff must be registered members of the OVA to be eligible to participate and/or compete in any OVA sanctioned events. A sanctioned event also includes club practices. Registering all participants as OVA members by their first practice ensures that they are covered by the OVA insurance policy.

ADHERENCE

The OVA reserves the right to investigate any possible tryout window infractions regardless of how the OVA learns about the incident. This is a self-policing policy and all OVA members are obligated to report any infractions and cooperate fully with the investigation. If the OVA determine that an offense has occurred, there will be a fine of \$500 per occurrence and any of the following sanctions may also be imposed, depending on the severity of the offense:

- Letter of reprimand
- Indefinite suspension of the individual, team and/or club from OVA events, beginning from the date when the investigation concludes
- Individuals, teams, and/or clubs suspended for more than one year must apply in writing for reinstatement as a member in good standing. Approval for reinstatement will be contingent upon a full review of the application by the OVA
- An individual, team and/or club may appeal a sanction or fine through the OVA Appeals Policy

When reporting a possible infraction please include the following information:

- Date of infraction and Offending club
- Any type of objective documentation that supports a violation to the policy, includes but not limited to:
 - Website links and or Social media posts
 - Emails and or texts
 - Publications (newspaper ads, flyers etc.)
 - Receipts
- Contact information for the person reporting the incident

All complaints can be forwarded to info@ontariovolleyball.org



EARLY RE-SIGNING/RE-SIGNING OFFER FORM

15U-18U Athletes ONLY

This is a formal offer to commit to the club identified below for the OVA indoor competition season.

Name: _____ (required) Date & Time: _____ (required)

Club Name: _____ (required) Team Name: _____ (recommended)

Name of Head Coach: _____ (required) Age Category: _____ (recommended)

Other Conditions: _____

Refundable or Non-refundable Deposit (Please circle): _____ (required) If not required please state N/A

- By signing this form, the athlete and the club are committing to each other for a minimum of one season. Participation in additional tryouts with other clubs after a form has been returned is not permitted. Athletes who accept offers from multiple clubs will be found in violation of the Tryout Window policy.
- If this is an "Early Re-Signing" offer, June 1st to 15th, it will be honoured until 8:00 PM on June 15th or a minimum of 36 hours from the time indicated on the offer form, which ever is longer.
- If this is a "Re-Signing" offer, August 20th to Labour Day Sunday, it will be honoured for 36 hours from the time indicated on the offer form.
- This agreement may be voided if there is any change to the terms, or there is a failure to meet the terms. For extenuating circumstances, Athletes and Clubs are expected to follow the OVA Transfer Policy to terminate this commitment. In addition to the above terms, we strongly recommend a Club Contract be signed outlining information such as: practice schedule and locations, tournament dates, travel arrangements, code of conduct and any conflicts the athlete may have with team commitments, club philosophy, coaching philosophy, and club refund policy.

Club Information *(to be completed by the person presenting the offer)*

Name: _____

Email: _____

Signature: _____

Role with Club: _____

Athlete Signatures ***By signing this form, I/we are making an official commitment to the club for this season***

Athlete Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

