

Information for Parents/Players Concerning Tryouts/Commit Dates/Rules & Regulations

Contact Rules Prior to Tryouts:

- Informational communication only – for example: tryout date, time and location, club fees, who your coaches are, who is club director, how many practices, how much travel, etc. Do not ask for commitments or imply commitments with your communication or activities prior to tryouts. The Evergreen Region supports high school athletes and coaches during their sanctioned season and strongly discourages any conduct that would cause distraction to an athlete during her high school season.
- If a player or parent/guardian makes the initial contact, a club director or coach may inform the player or parent/guardian, without fear of committing a recruiting violation, about the specific program. It is strongly recommended that all club directors and coaches refrain from making slanderous comments concerning other clubs or their staff. Any reported violations may result in suspension or fines to the offending party.

Contact Rules During/Following Tryouts

The Evergreen Region has a policy regarding when and how clubs can contact junior players and their families. These rules are designed to protect the interests of the player and/or family regarding club contact and allow players and families to seek information they want from clubs.

- A club program who has given an offer to a player may make 2 club initiated follow-up contacts with that player between the time of the offer and the subsequent commitment date. A club-initiated contact shall be defined as all forms of communication i.e., phone call, text, email, phone apps etc. A club-initiated can be from a club director, coach, club representing parent and/or player, board member etc.
- A player may initiate contact with a team/club representative as often as needed to answer questions.
- A player may not "commit" to more than one club.
- Once a player has gone through a tryout for a team during the tryout period. Ideally one contact to let them know if they are on the list of team members you are interested in offering a position to, and second to let them know on the commitment date that they have been chosen by your club and ask for a commitment. Some clubs will offer a position on the team at the tryout and use the first contact to follow up with the player after that player has attended other tryouts, then use the second contact for the commitment day. **Please note the difference between "offering a position" vs. "demanding a commitment."**
- Once a player has signed the Offer and Acceptance Agreement for a team during the ERVA sanctioned season, club affiliates from other ERVA clubs shall not contact that player or their family for reasons of recruitment to their club or team.
- Examples of violations include **ANY current or previous club director, coach, team member, club members, including current of previous club parents** contacting a player MORE than two times during the tryout period, contacting a player after being notified of a commitment to another club, and pressuring a player to commit to a club PRIOR to tryouts OR during the tryout period with threats of losing a position if no agreement is made, asking other club members to make contact to pressure them to commit to the club. **(this includes all forms of communication i.e., text, email, phone apps etc.)** Club-initiated violations are subject to a minimum \$100 fine to the club and possible suspension.

****If you feel a club is violating these rules, a parent must complete the ERVA Reporting form online. This will be emailed to the ERVA office****