



JUNIOR TRYOUT INFORMATION 2026-27 Season

Sports Engine

Your first step is to have a parent/guardian create a household account using parent's information. Then, add each of your children. You may have already created a SE account, as some of our PSR clubs have used this system in the past. Or there are other sports organizations that also use the SE platform. Once you get yourself successfully logged in, you can purchase your child's USAV membership.

USAV Membership

You will need a current membership in PSR to participate in any in-person tryout or commit to a club team. This is purchased through your SportsEngine account. You will likely need one of the Junior Player membership types: Junior Player membership (expires 8/31/26) or a Tryout membership (expires 12/31/26). If you purchase the tryout membership, you will be required to upgrade (paying only the difference) before eligible to be placed on a roster for a tournament. Please visit our website for more detailed information on membership types.

Tryouts Girls U15 and Older (Aug 1 – August 23, 2026); Tryouts Boys All Ages (Aug 15, 2026); Tryouts Girls U14 and Younger (October 24, 2026); Tryouts Girls U15 and Older (November 22, 2026)

Clubs may begin hosting tryouts based on the age groups listed above. Offers may not be extended before the dates listed above. An in-person tryout is not required for a club to extend an offer to a player. To learn more about the clubs in your area, and sign-up for their tryouts, visit their website directly.

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 If the athlete takes no action by the deadline, the offer is automatically rescinded.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.

- Opening Weekends
 - Girls U15-U18 Summer: 1 Aug / Standard Waiting Period Expires 3 Aug at 8:00 am
 - Boys: 15 Aug / Standard Waiting Period Expires 17 Aug at 8:00 am
 - Girls U14 and younger: 24 Oct / Standard Waiting Period Expires 26 Oct at 8:00 am
 - Girls U15-U18 Fall: 22 Nov (*tryouts may not begin before 10 am*) / No Waiting Period Applies

PSR Letter of Commitment

Parents MUST be familiar with the conditions of the PSR Letter of Commitment.

- An athlete may be extended an offer on the first day of tryouts, via the PSR Letter of Commitment, to return to their 2025-26 club
- OR**
- An athlete may attend a tryout and be extended an offer, via the PSR Letter of Commitment, to play for the same club as 2025-26
- OR**
- An athlete may be extended an offer on the first day of tryouts, via the PSR Letter of Commitment, to play for a NEW club



OR

- An athlete may attend a tryout and be extended an offer, via the PSR Letter of Commitment, to play for a NEW club

Clubs:

1. may extend an offer in writing on the first day of tryouts (**an actual tryout is not required to extend an offer**)
2. when extending an offer, the club must extend the offer in writing using the PSR Letter of Commitment
3. During the opening weekend 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.
 - a. offers may be accepted immediately by countersigning the PSR Letter of Commitment with the athlete and his/her parent/guardian
 - b. offers may be declined immediately
 - c. **offers may not be rescinded by the club during the Opening Weekend Standard Waiting Period, unless the athlete notifies the offering club they have signed with another club OR the standard waiting period has elapsed**
 - d. **coaches and/or club directors are not allowed to pressure athletes to sign the PSR Letter of Commitment**
4. After the opening weekend deadline passes, no waiting period will apply for any additional tryouts held in that same division.

Athletes may:

1. accept the offer immediately and sign the PSR Letter of Commitment. Once the athlete and parent/guardian sign the letter and it has been received by the club representative, the athlete is not allowed to attend tryouts with other clubs.

OR
2. decline the offer immediately, attend tryouts with other clubs
- OR**
3. exercise their right to wait during the Opening Weekend Standard Waiting Period. This means the athlete may take the PSR Letter of Commitment and leave the gym. **The club must hold the spot until the time period expires.**
 - a. While the clock is running, the athlete may attend several more tryouts. The athlete may receive multiple offers accompanied by multiple PSR Letters of Commitment.
 - b. The athlete may exercise the right to wait during the Opening Weekend Standard Waiting Period with more than one club.
 - c. The athlete will need to accept ONE offer during the allotted time or risk losing the spot.

After the opening weekend deadline passes, no waiting period will apply for any additional tryouts held in that same division.

An athlete **MAY NOT** complete more than **ONE** PSR Letter of Commitment. Once a PSR Letter of Commitment has been signed the athlete is NOT allowed to attend other tryouts or sign another PSR Letter of Commitment.



Understand the Region Transfer Policy (Reference: Junior Division Manual, Sec. XXVIII):

The region discourages club transfers. However, the region understands the club selection process does not always allow for an ideal fit between athlete and club. Approval of a transfer request is not a guaranteed process.

To request a transfer:

- Submit a written request to the releasing club and copy the region office
- State the reason for seeking a transfer during the season
- Declare intent to contact another club director or coach
- The releasing club may grant or defer their decision to the region office

If a transfer is approved, the athlete **may 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). ****This determination will be made by the region commissioner.****

An athlete **MUST** have a written approved transfer request from the region commissioner **BEFORE** signing a PSR Letter of Commitment with another club.

Finalize your Club Commitment

After you have decided on your club and signed the Letter of Commitment, your club will send you a Club Assignment request through SportsEngine. If you complete a Letter of Commitment during a summer tryout, club assignments will be sent after September 1st. When you receive the club assignment request, please accept. If needed, Sports Engine will prompt you to upgrade your tryout membership to a full USAV junior player membership!

Need Help with Sports Engine?

If you are having trouble, there are many great resources on our website, including step-by-step How-To Videos. You may also reach out to your club director, as they are also familiar with the new system.

PSR Questions: membership@psrvb.org

Sports Engine: usavhelp@sportsengine.com