



Carolina Region/USAV Tryouts

The Carolina Region Board of Directors has issued the following policies to address some of the issues about Club tryouts and the signing of players with the goal of creating a fairer and more athlete-friendly process for the beginning of the Junior Girls' volleyball season.

Tryouts:

There will be TWO announced Girls' tryout periods that clubs are encouraged but not required to adopt. (1) The FIRST tryout period will begin on **Saturday October 22, 2011** for the following age groups: **U15, U14, U13, and U12**. (2) The SECOND tryout period for the **U16, U17, and U18** age groups will begin **Sunday, November 6, 2011** (after the North Carolina State Championships for public High Schools on November 5, 2011). The Carolina Region/USAV will not publish any tryouts for girls' teams on its website that occur before these dates for the respective age groups. Some middle and private school seasons can last longer than the High School season so the Region recommends club directors check with Middle and/or private school coaches in their area to determine optimum tryout dates for their various age groups.

Signing Dates:

Players have the right to attend more than one club's tryouts. The Carolina Region **requires** that clubs adopt a signing date of **NINE DAYS (Oct. 31, 2011)** after the FIRST Tryout Period begins for the **U12, U13, and U14** age groups and **EIGHT DAYS (Nov. 14, 2011)** after the SECOND Tryout Period begins for the **U15, U16, U17, and U18** age groups. [Note that the tryout period for the **U15** age group is the FIRST tryout period, but the signing date is the SECOND signing date]. Clubs **must** hold an offer open to a player to join a particular team in the club or the club in general until the respective age group signing date. If a player commits by the signing date, clubs must honor their commitment or the club may be considered to have violated the RVA/USAV Code of Conduct. *Players may voluntarily commit to a club at anytime following the club's tryouts, but should not be pressured to do so.* For tryouts held just before or after the signing date, clubs should give a minimum waiting period of seven days before requiring a player to commit to their club. The Carolina Region **requires** all clubs to use the Carolina Region *Letter of Commitment* when accepting players into their clubs. This form should not be sent to the Carolina Region, but kept on file with the club should any question arise about a player's commitment to a club or a club's commitment to a player.

The Carolina Region/USAV has adopted these tryout policies for the benefit of all junior players in our Region. The Junior Division welcomes all comments from the junior community on this and other issues concerning the division. Please direct all communication through the Region Office (office@carolinaregionvb.org) and we will address it at future Junior Advisory Board meetings.

Summary:

	12's – 14's	15's	16's – 18's
Tryouts may begin	October 22	October 22	November 6
Signing dates	October 31	November 14	November 14