



Carolina Region/USAV Tryouts

IMPORTANT: Due to the NC High School season being postponed until November 4, the Carolina Region Board has approved a revised Tryout period for the 2020-2021 season. Please note that the approval of an “earlier” start to the Tryout period has not changed what was already allowed under the old Tryout process. Early tryouts were always permissible, but the Signing Dates were always required. So, clubs with early tryouts still had to hold the bids open until the Signing dates. The timelines below were still possible under the old process. The earlier dates are being put in place to give clubs more opportunities to find indoor (or outdoor) spaces to hold tryouts. State requirements for COVID-19 should still be followed and clubs should refer to the [USAV Return to Play Guidelines](#) for player safety. The Region will continue to monitor and make updates as needed.

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 ONE announced Girls’ tryout period that clubs are encouraged but not required to adopt. The Carolina Region tryout period for all age groups will begin on **Saturday October 3, 2020**. 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. Given the complexities of scheduling in this COVID-19 environment, clubs are encouraged to be highly cooperative with fellow clubs. Many clubs that use school facilities will not have access to those sites this season. Clubs with facilities are encouraged to offer space to clubs without facilities for tryouts/activities. Without other clubs, playing opportunities for all are diminished. Be respectful and accommodating where possible so we can continue to operate in this challenging time.

Signing Dates:

Clubs are encouraged to allow players the opportunity to attend more than one club's tryouts. The Carolina Region **requires** that clubs adopt a signing date of **Monday, October 26 at 6:00 pm** for all age groups. Clubs must hold an offer open to a player to join a particular team in the club or the club in general until the signing date. If a player commits by the signing date, clubs must honor the commitment or the club may be considered to have violated the RVA/USAV Code of Conduct. *Players may voluntarily commit to a club at any time following beginning of the CR Tryout Period, but should not be pressured to do so.* For tryouts held after the signing date, clubs should give a minimum waiting period of 24 hours 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.

Summary 2020-2021 Season:

	12’s – 18’s (NEW)
Tryouts may begin	October 3, 2020
Signing dates	October 26, 2020