



Athletes' Bill of Rights for the Girls' Early Signing Period

The purpose of this document is to assist athletes and their parents/guardians during the girls' early signing period. It is the responsibility of the club to provide the athlete's family with all information currently available about their program. It is the responsibility of each athlete and her/his family to become educated about the programs they are considering. It is the responsibility of both parties – club and athlete – to honor every commitment.

Beginning June 1, 2013, clubs may extend invitations to their current athletes for the next club season. An athlete and her family has until August 1, 2013, to accept the offer. If the offer is declined, the athlete may still attend the club's tryout in the fall. If the invitation is accepted, the athlete is bound by the terms of the agreement for the next club season. She may not attend any other tryouts, and her parents/guardians may not sign any other player contracts.

Clubs may contact athletes regardless of club affiliation between July 10 and July 31 provided the athletes' current club seasons are over. During this period, clubs may contact any athlete with information regarding their club: tournament schedule, practice schedules, coaching, etc., as well as the club's tryout dates for the fall.

There is a "dead period" during the interscholastic season, beginning on August 1, 2013. Clubs may not extend any invitations, and athletes may not accept any invitations, until October 28, 2013, for girls ages 10-14 and November 10, 2013, for girls ages 15-18. On those dates, clubs may extend invitations and/or hold tryouts.

Athletes and their families will have ten days (until November 9, 2013, for 10s-14s and November 21, 2013, for 15s-18s) to accept or decline invitations and sign contracts.

There is no contact between clubs and athletes during the athletes' high school season.

Tryout dates and acceptance deadlines		
age	tryout dates	acceptance deadline
10s-14s	October 25 – November 9, 2013	November 9, 2013
15s-18s	November 10-20, 2013	November 21, 2013
	November 21 – December 1, 2013	December 2, 2013
	December 2-12, 2013	December 13, 2013
	December 13-23, 2013	December 24, 2013
	December 24, 2013 - January 4, 2014	January 5, 2014

Clubs offering tryouts beginning October 25, 2013 (The first tryout period), will be able to contact players *after* November 5, 2013, at 9 PM in order to find out if a player accepts their offered positions. This is due to the acceptance deadline being later than the 10 day period of previous years. The athlete and their family may still reserve the right to wait until the posted time and date (11/9 at 9 PM). The club may not offer their position to another person if the family does not make their decision before 9 PM on November 9.

An athlete's acceptance should be an e-mail response. Once an offer is accepted, the athlete may not attend any other club's tryouts. She is then bound to the terms of the club's contract and policies.

We hope the above information is helpful to you during the early signing and tryout process. Remember that you are purchasing a product! It is your responsibility to know what you are buying: there are many quality programs offered throughout our region. Our goal is 100% satisfaction!