

BADGER REGION VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION

Junior Club Tryout Policy (Rev. 09/08/08)

The following policy was developed by the Junior Advisory Committee of Badger Region and applies to all clubs operating in the Badger Region (state of Wisconsin)

Rational:

The purpose of the tryout period is to allow players to attend multiple tryouts and find out what their options are before needing to make a decision. Creating two commitment dates will allow fellow peers trying out to receive offers more timely and allow clubs to formulate teams more effectively and efficiently.

1. A club program may not hold a tryout prior to the first Saturday following the completion of the WIAA High School State Championship Tournament. A player may not be required to commit to a team prior to 9:01 pm on the second (2nd) Thursday following the completion of the WIAA High School State Championship Tournament. At this time, any offers not accepted expire and are automatically withdrawn. Offers given to players after this date must be held through the second commitment date of the third (3rd) Monday following the completion of the WIAA State Volleyball tournament.

Clarification:

At the time of an offer, a player may accept, put on hold, or decline the offer.

An offer made to a player must be held for that player until the commitment date.

A club may withdraw an offer that is not accepted by the commitment date.

2. An athlete may voluntarily commit to a club prior to the commitment date, but no sooner than the first day of tryouts.
3. Teams composed of players who have voluntarily committed to a club may be registered prior to the "commitment" date. **However, they may not register prior to the first Saturday following the completion of the WIAA High School State Championship Tournament.** Upon official team/player registration of the athlete with Badger Region by a specific club/team, the athlete must remain with that club/team for the remainder of the Junior Volleyball season. (See: Junior Player Representation, Badger Region Club Director's Handbook, pg. 14).

Definitions:

Offer: An "offer" is defined as a statement made by the Club Director or designee offering a position on the roster of one of their club's teams. This "offer" can be the result of a tryout or simply an invitation to join.

Commitment: A "commitment" is a verbal acceptance of an offer by a player OR parent to the Club Director or designee.

Note:

A Club Program may hold additional tryouts, call for members, etc. past the final commitment date if deemed necessary by their program.

2008/09 Dates:

Girls programs

1st opportunity to tryout begins: Saturday, 11/15

1st commitment date: Thursday, 11/20

2nd commitment date: Monday, 11/24

*Boys 14-and-under programs may follow the girls' schedule for tryouts. However, the commitment date remains the same for all boys programs.

Boys programs

1st opportunity to tryout begins: Saturday, 11/22*

1st commitment date: Thursday, 11/27

2nd commitment date: Monday, 12/1

Note: Once an athlete knows what his/her choices are, he/she is encouraged to make their decision as quickly as possible. This is a courtesy to other athletes who are waiting for offers and clubs that are attempting to solidify their team rosters. This policy is a regional policy and is in effect to "empower the athletes". However, if it is abused, the Junior Advisory Committee may rescind it. This committee is made up of all the Club Directors.

Club Contact during Tryouts

A club program who has given an offer of membership to a player may make one (1) club initiated follow-up contact with that player between the time of the offer and the subsequent commitment date. A club initiated contact shall be defined as, a phone call, email, and/or a text message by a representative of the club program making the offer.

Rationale: The school week between the first try-out weekend and the second try-out is an important time in the education of these athletes. Club volleyball should not add stress, or take up valuable time in the athletes' day.

Any athlete or parent of an athlete that feels they were not afforded their rights in the tryout process should contact any one of the following individuals.

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