



**ONTARIO VOLLEYBALL
ASSOCIATION**

TRYOUT WINDOW REGULATIONS

Period	Start Date	End Date	Activities
Re-signing Period (returning athletes)	August 1 st	September 7 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Available to returning athletes• Must sign the OVA Individual Registration/Waiver Form• Club contract signed (strongly recommended)• Clubs are permitted to collect non-refundable deposits on club fees from resigned athletes• Online registration will be made available beginning September 1st for resigned returning athletes• Athletes can accept these offers as soon as they are presented
Tryout Window - Phase 1 (all athletes)	September 8 th	September 16 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Team selection takes place• Tryout fees may be charged• On court activities begin• Physical testing can begin• Athletes may be offered positions on teams via the OVA Offer Form only – can be sent via email to parents/guardian• No commitment required from athletes until signing period
Signing Period – Phase 1 (any unsigned athlete)	September 17 th	September 18 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Athletes who have accepted offers from clubs sign the OVA Individual Registration/Waiver Form• Club contract signed (strongly recommended)• Clubs may collect fees from signed athletes• Online registration will be made available during this period

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clubs who schedule tryouts and offer athletes positions (via the OVA Offer Form) over this weekend cannot officially sign athletes until the start of the Phase 2 signing period
Tryout Window – Phase 2	September 17 th	September 22 nd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Team selection takes place • Try out fees may be charged • On court activities can take place • Physical testing can take place • Athletes may be offered positions on teams via the OVA Offer Form only – can be sent via email to parents/guardian
Signing Periods – Phase 2 (any unsigned athlete)	September 23 rd	September 24 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Athletes who have accepted offers from clubs sign the OVA Individual Registration/Waiver Form • Club contract signed (strongly recommended) • Clubs may collect fees from signed athletes • Online registration will be made available during this period • Clubs are still permitted to schedule tryouts and offer athletes positions during this period
<p>NOTE: Clubs are permitted to hold additional tryouts after the tryout window closes to fill any open spots on their rosters. Tryouts to fill any open positions may be posted on the OVA website. Players can be added to rosters online until February 1st, 2018</p>			

SEASON OF PLAY

The Ontario Volleyball Association (OVA) Indoor Youth Competition season of play begins on the Saturday after Labour Day and ends on May 31st of each year. No tryouts may take place from February 1st – September 7th.

RE-SIGNING

Clubs have the option to sign athletes returning to their club from the previous year between August 1st and September 7th. Any resigning offers that are not accepted by September 7th, 2017 at 11:59pm will be void. A returning athlete is defined as a registered OVA member with the club during the previous year. As of September 7th, at 11:59pm, those athletes who did not re-sign with their same club are able to try out for another club team (and/or their old club). Clubs and athletes are not obligated to utilize the early signing period and may continue to use the tryout period to explore all options.

Clubs that have re-signed the athletes from the previous season are able to register the players through the OVA's online registration system from September 1st until September 7th at 11:59pm. No online player registration can take place September 8th–16th.

Athletes can accept these offers as soon as they are presented. Once an athlete has been resigned, clubs are permitted to collect deposits. These deposits can be non-refundable.

TRYOUT WINDOW

Club tryouts may commence September 8th. A tryout is defined as an event where a club has on court activities for athletes involving team selection and/or physical testing.

Clubs may offer athletes a position on their team during this time via the OVA Offer Form only. Athletes are permitted to receive multiple offers from clubs. OVA Offer Forms can be distributed via email. Clubs must honour all offers until the noted expiry times.

SIGNING PERIODS

A signing period is defined as the time athletes and parents are permitted to commit to a club by signing the OVA Individual Registration/Waiver Form. This is the binding agreement between the athlete and the club for the current season. It is strongly recommended that club contracts are signed as well. Club fees can be collected from signed athletes during the signing periods.

There are two signing periods associated with the current Tryout Window Policy:

- Phase 1: September 17th – September 18th – All offers expire September 18th at 11:59pm
- Phase 2: September 23rd – September 24th – All offers expire September 24th at 11:59pm

Note: If an athlete and/or parent (if under the age of 18) is given an OVA Offer Form during Phase 1 and does not commit to that club by September 18th at 11:59pm the offer will be considered null and void.

OVA OFFER FORM

This form is intended to standardize how an offer (position on a team) is presented to an athlete during the tryout window. Athletes can collect multiple offer forms throughout the try out window. This form does not commit an athlete to a club – it simply informs the athlete that they have a spot on a club's team. Once an offer form is presented to an athlete, it must be honoured until the noted expiry times in this policy.

This offer form can be hand delivered to an athlete or emailed to a parent/guardian.

OFFICIAL ATHLETE COMMITMENT

Athletes are free to try out for any team until they have officially signed with a club. Athletes are committed on a per season basis and are free to play with another club or team the following season. The

athlete and parent/guardian must sign the OVA Individual Registration/Waiver Form to make an official commitment to the club. The athlete is committed to that club for a minimum of one season (signing date through May 31st). The OVA Individual Registration/Waiver Form is available online at ontariovolleyball.org/club resources.

Verbal commitments made at any time are strictly informal. Signing the OVA Individual Registration/Waiver Form is the only binding contract recognized by the OVA.

CLUB FEES

Clubs may only collect club fees once the OVA Registration/Waiver Form is signed and provided in the appropriate signing period. Instalment plans are permitted and it is strongly recommended that a club contract is signed.

CONCLUSION OF THE TRY OUT WINDOW

Clubs are permitted to hold additional tryouts after the tryout window closes to fill any open spots on their rosters. New players can be added to rosters online until February 1st. However, all athletes and team staff must be registered members of the OVA to be eligible to participate and or compete in any OVA sanctioned events. A sanctioned event also includes club practices, and registering all participants as OVA members by their first practice ensures that they are covered by the OVA insurance policy.

ADHERENCE

The OVA reserves the right to investigate any possible tryout infractions regardless of how the OVA learns about the incident. This is a self-policing policy and all OVA members are obligated to report any infractions and cooperate fully with the investigation. If the OVA determines that an offense has occurred, any one or a combination of the following sanctions will be taken, depending on the severity of the offense:

- Letter of reprimand
- Fine of up to \$1000 per occurrence
- Suspension to the individual, team and/or club for up to one year from all OVA events, beginning from the date when the investigation concludes
- Indefinite suspension to the individual, team and/or club from OVA events, beginning from the date when the investigation concludes
- Individuals, teams, and/or clubs suspended for more than one year must apply in writing for reinstatement as a member in good standing. Approval for reinstatement will be contingent upon a full review of the application by the OVA
- An individual, team and/or club may appeal a sanction through the OVA Appeals Policy

When reporting a possible infraction please include the following information:

- Date of infraction
- Offending club
- Any type of non-subjective documentation that supports a violation to the policy, which include but not limited to:
 - Website links
 - Emails and or texts
 - Publications (newspaper ads, flyers etc.)
 - Receipts
- Contact information for the person reporting the incident

All complaints can be forwarded to Carrie Campbell at ccampbell@ontariovolleyball.org

RATIONALE

Re-signing Period dates:

- The re-signing period has been moved to Aug 1st - September 7th to allow clubs to plan for the coming season and provide clubs with additional time to consider each team's needs with regards to returning players and to organize their tryouts accordingly
- Allowing clubs to collect non-refundable fees provides a level of security for clubs, allows them to begin planning and increases the level of athlete commitment

Multiple Signing Periods:

- Addresses a club's need to begin the administration of the indoor season
- Allows the opportunity for athletes to commit to a club if they do not wish to attend multiple tryouts

OVA Offer Form

- Intended to standardize how an offer is presented to all athletes across the province
- Intended to help address the issues surrounding the pressure an athlete may receive while determining which offer to accept



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OVA OFFER FORM

Phase I

Date: _____

Congratulations _____ (name of athlete) on successfully completing our Club's try out for the 2017-2018 season!

We would like to offer you a position with our club:

Club Name: _____ (required)

Team Name: _____ (optional)

Age Category: _____ (optional)

Name of Coach: _____ (optional)

You are under no obligation to accept this offer and you still have the ability to try out for other club teams if desired. The OVA Tryout Policy is in place to protect your best interests and allows you to have until September 17th-18th, 2017 to formally accept any offers presented to you. Please take this time to review all of your options and make the decision that is best for you.

To formally commit to our Club, please complete the OVA Individual Registration Form and sign off on the Waiver of Liability. The Club cannot accept these documents until the first phase of the Tryout Window Signing period of September 17th-18th, 2017. This offer expires September 18th at 11:59pm.

If you have any questions please contact:

Name: _____

Role within Club: _____

Email address: _____

Signed: _____



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Phase II

Date: _____

Congratulations _____ (name of athlete) on successfully completing our Club's try out for the 2017-2018 season!

We would like to offer you a position with our club:

Club Name: _____ (required)

Team Name: _____ (optional)

Age Category: _____ (optional)

Name of Coach: _____ (optional)

You are under no obligation to accept this offer and you still have the ability to try out for other club teams if desired. The OVA Tryout Policy is in place to protect your best interests and allows you to have until September 23rd - 24th, 2017 to formally accept any offers presented to you. Please take this time to review all of your options and make the decision that is best for you.

To formally commit to our Club, please complete the OVA Individual Registration Form and sign off on the Waiver of Liability. The Club cannot accept these documents until the second phase of the Tryout Window Signing period of September 23rd - 24th, 2017. This offer expires September 24th at 11:59pm.

If you have any questions please contact:

Name: _____

Role within Club: _____

Email address: _____

Signed: _____



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OVA RESIGNING FORM

Date: _____

Name of Athlete: _____

Club Name: _____ (required)

Team Name: _____ (required)

Age Category: _____ (required)

Name of Coach: _____ (required)

This is a formal offer to commit to the above-mentioned club for the 2017-2018 indoor competition season. This offer will expire September 7th at 11:59pm.

You are under no obligation to accept this offer and you still have the ability to try out for other club teams if desired. Please take this time to review all your options and make the decision that is best for you. Clubs are permitted to collect deposits at this time.

You are still required to complete the OVA Individual Registration Form and sign off on the Waiver of Liability once it becomes available September 1st, 2017.

If you have any questions please contact:

Name: _____

Role within Club: _____

Email address: _____

Signed: _____

DEPOSIT INFORMATION	
Amount Collected	\$ _____
Non-refundable <input type="checkbox"/>	Refundable <input type="checkbox"/>