

### **Open Gyms**

During the high school season which ends with the last day of the PIAA Girls State Championship Tournament, Club programs may sponsor (1) three hour open gym per week per age group, on Sunday only. Girls may not attend two open gyms in the same day. All 12, 13, and 14-and-under teams are exempt from this provision.

Open gyms are NOT exempt from recruiting rules.

### **Tryouts**

Clubs are not required to hold tryouts.

Every participant in the tryout must be a current member-in-good-standing of USA Volleyball.

Tryout dates - 14U or below (unless in 9<sup>th</sup> grade playing in State Championship) - no earlier than 10/30.

Tryout dates – 15U & above - 11/13 or later.

Players in 9th grade and above, regardless of age group, who are participating in their school's Varsity or Jr. Varsity volleyball program may not participate in tryouts or practices until their season is completed. This includes participation in the PIAA District and State Championship Tournaments. These players are permitted to attend the tryout sessions and practices, but must remain in street clothes, and may not take part in any warm-ups, exercises, drills, or scrimmages, or any other activities except for team meetings.

### **Contact**

Contact: Clubs may contact parents of the players at any time throughout the year. They may NOT contact any players for any reason; the only exception being players that were on team rosters and played for their Club in the previous season. Club representatives that switch Clubs during the season or off-season may NOT contact players from their previous Club.

If any Club Representative is contacted directly by a player, they must respond that all questions must come from a parent. The Club Representative *may*, however, ask the player for contact information for her parent or instruct the player to have her parent contact the Club.

High school coaches, administrators or teachers may not pressure athletes into playing for a specific Club. The Region can take no action unless the violation is reported, in writing to the Junior Girls Chairperson ([girls@krva.org](mailto:girls@krva.org)). All suspected violations should be reported immediately. Clubs that violate these tryout and

recruiting rules will be subject to discipline and entitled to Due Process review, as provided in the KRVA Governing Documents.

Playing contracts, invitations or offers can be made any time throughout the year between Clubs and parents, however:

- † Contracts, invitations and/or offers made prior to the announced start of the tryout period each year shall be considered non-binding
- † NO money to play, team fees, expenses, or funds of any kind (or deposits on such) may be accepted by, or paid to, a Club until after the beginning of the tryout period. (Tryout cost is not a team fee).
- † Acceptance of any offer to play for a club must be submitted in writing to both the Club Director and the Junior Girls Chair. Written acceptance can be either a hard-copy letter or an email addressed to both parties.
- † Playing contracts, promises, invitations or offers can NEVER be made with or to players at any time of year.

### **Offers**

Offers can be made as early as the first tryout and must remain open for 4 days.

Once a Club (through a player's parent) offers a player a position on a team roster, the offer must remain open, without changes in conditions, for a minimum of four (4) days from the date of the offer unless the offer is declined prior to the expiration of the offer period. Once an offer is accepted, it is binding to that club unless the player is released in accordance with provisions of the Junior Girls Operating Code. Binding offers cannot be made to any player until the start of the tryout period.

Parents or guardians and players have the right to request that an offer to play for a Club be put in writing.

### **Related Information**

Fee for junior players and coaches - \$52

Link to Jr Op Code

<http://www.krva.org/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=rel3qR5fiaw%3d&tabid=77&mid=418>

### **Libero**

Permitted to serve in KRVA events. Consult Tournament Director for non-regional events.

Teams may now designate 2 liberos for a set. See the Domestic Competition Regulations Chapter 6 Rule 19 at USA Volleyball for details.