

## Section 6 Player Development

**6316 Tryouts** (<https://www.utahyouthsoccer.net/s/Player-Development-Policies-Section-6-Feb-2023.pdf>)

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- 1. Rationale**
  - a. This policy is established to provide a consistent, fair, and equitable system for forming Competition Teams, allowing players to properly evaluate and explore their options, and committing players to Teams.
  - b. This policy shall apply to each of the following:
    - (1) Any Team participating in the next Seasonal Year in any UYSA-administered Competition League;
    - (2) Any Team not participating in a UYSA-administered Competition League the next Seasonal Year, but belonging to an Organizational Member that has any teams participating the next Seasonal Year in any UYSA-administered Competition League; and
    - (3) Any Organizational Member that has any teams participating the next Seasonal Year in any UYSA-administered Competition League.
  
- 2. Timing**
  - a. A Team or Organizational Member may, at any time, advertise tryout dates and information for the next Seasonal Year.
  - b. Prior to the second weekend in May, a representative of a Team or Organizational Member may not initiate contact with a player in another Organizational Member with the intent to promote tryouts for the next Seasonal Year. A Team or Organizational Member may offer sign-ups for registration online prior to the “initiate contact” date in May (SECOND Saturday in May), but may not have any communication (verbal or written) with players or parents from another team or OM until the “initiate contact” date.
  - c. On or after the Monday before Memorial Day, tryouts may be held by or for a Team that will compete the next Seasonal Year in the 9U, 10U, 11U and 12U age groups of X-league.
  - d. After Memorial Day, tryouts may be held by or for a Team that will compete the next Seasonal Year in the SCL, the IRL, or the PL.
  - e. On or after the Monday following the last Saturday of Spring league play, tryouts may be held for a team that competes in the SU-IRL. Any player attending try-outs for the SU-IRL may only receive offers from and register with teams competing in the SU-IRL.
  
- 3. Advertisement**
  - a. As used in this section, advertisements include, but are not limited to, promotions through television, radio, newspapers, flyers, direct mailings, email, or online postings.
  - b. Any advertisement must disclose the following information:
    - (1) Name of the Organizational Member or independent team conducting the tryouts; and
    - (2) The Organizational Member’s affiliation with UYSA.
  - c. Advertisements must not be misleading as to participation costs, coach qualifications, or level of play.
  
- 4. Process**
  - a. At tryouts, a player or his/her guardian may be required to sign appropriate liability releases and pay a reasonable tryout fee, but shall not be required to sign documentation requiring a commitment to join a Team or pay Team and/or Organizational Member fees.
  - b. Unless the player is eighteen (18) or older, an offer to a player to participate on a Team must be made to the player’s guardian in writing, which includes email, text, or website posting.
  - c. An offer must include the following:
    - (1) The date of the offer;
    - (2) The name, age group, anticipated coach and anticipated level of the Team for whom the offer is made (notice of the level of Team made is not necessary for X-league teams); and
    - (3) The time period in which the player has to respond to the offer, which may not be less than 48 hours.
  - d. An offer is considered accepted, and a player is considered registered to a Team, at the occurrence of the earliest of the following on or after the registration opening date specified in policy 7325:
    - (1) When the player completes the registration process in SOMS by or with the written authorization of the player’s parents or guardian in accordance with the policies and procedures set forth in Section 7 of UYSA’s policies and procedures; or
    - (2) Upon delivery to a Team official of an executed Player Registration Form along with all waivers and acknowledgments and State Registration Fees, unless covered by a fee waiver.

- e. Once an offer is accepted, the player is deemed committed to the Team for the Seasonal Year, subject to the release rules set forth in the registration policies, Section 7.
- f. In the recruitment process, a Team, Organizational Member, or representative thereof may not make any representation that they know or should know is contrary to UYSA policy or actual fact.
- g. A training session participated in by a player outside of their current team, club or OM will not be considered a tryout under the following conditions: (1) Current coach is notified in writing unless the training session takes place after the second weekend in May and prior to the commencement of tryouts.
- (2) Player is given a written evaluation of skills and abilities along with recommendations for improvement by the clinician at the end of the training session(s).
- (3) If the training session is conducted by or with a different OM team or club than the player is registered with, the player may not transfer to such OM club or team during the current Seasonal Year.
- (4) The player's training sessions may not have more than two (2) additional players participating in the session from outside the OM or independent team that is conducting the training session.
- (5) An OM's training sessions may not include players from another OM who are on a State Cup or President's Cup roster from outside this OM in the 48 hours prior to the commencement of and for the duration of State Cup or President's Cup or any other UYSA administered tournament.
- (6) If an OM has any team participating in any UYSA Competition League, the OM shall follow all UYSA policies for any tryout or training session. This includes but is not limited to: try-out dates, when an offer can be given, and contact with players, parents and families from outside of their OM.

*Explanatory Note: A tryout may be considered to be any event regardless of the name, and not limited to: open session, ID camp, meet and greet, open or training session. This would include any event where a single player or group of players performs or participates in any soccer skills or trainings, or where a player(s) is tested, evaluated, examined, auditioned for, or anything like unto to it to ascertain their potential, abilities, effectiveness, value, function, quality, etc., in any environment where skills may be seen by coaches or staff and evaluated in any manner. This is exclusive of regularly scheduled games or participation in a tournament. This applies whether or not there is a registration or sign-in or sign up for the event*