



## 2020 TRYOUT POLICY

The WYSA Tryout Policy applies to competitive teams (Classic, State League, Wisconsin Developmental Academy, and National League) statewide. Districts have the authority to establish tryout dates for their geographic area. All other aspects of the policy are standard across the state. Tryout dates for districts in Southeast Wisconsin (Kickers, Metro, Racine, Kenosha, Waukesha, Ozaukee, and Stateline) will be determined on an annual basis by WYSA and called the Southeast Wisconsin Tryout Policy.

### 2020 Tryout & Offer Dates

Age Group & Gender	First Date of Tryouts	Uniform Offer Dates
U11-U14 Boys & Girls	Established by the District	June 19, 2020 at 12 noon
U15-U19 Boys & Girls	Established by the District	July 1, 2020 at 8:00pm

Extending an offer prior to the Uniform Offer Date is considered a violation of the WYSA Tryout Policy and will result in sanctions of the offending club.

### Period of Open Promotion

The Period of Open Promotion begins two weeks before the District tryout dates for the gender and age group. Open Promotion is defined as contact with the parent/guardian of a player initiated by club staff or an agent of the club with the intent to promote the club. Under no circumstances may contact be directly with the player; player contact is limited to the official tryout. The period of Open Promotion ends July 31, unless a player has already accepted a position with another club. In that case, their participation cannot be solicited.

Activities not permitted during the Period of Open Promotion:

- Direct contact with a player (phone calls, text messages, emails, other electronic, written or in person communication).
- Unauthorized player participation in a team training session or evaluation prior to the tryout window (see WYSA Poaching Policy for authorization requirements).
- Contact with the parent/guardian of a player prior to the coach dismissing the team at trainings or games.
- Discussions regarding reduced fee structure by any amount for the club being promoted unless consistent with club policy. (i.e. A club may explain to a candidate that scholarships are available, but they must qualify and apply per policy. A club cannot guarantee a player a discount of the uniform cost, reduced registration fee, etc. if the player joins the club.)
- Any offer made prior to the Uniform Offer Date.

### Early Offers

Beginning the first day of Open Promotion until the day before the age group tryout, Clubs may extend early offers to current year players for a spot on a specific team in the next year. An early offer cannot expire before 12 noon on the day prior to the age group's Uniform Offer Date.

The offer for a specific team obligates the club to register the player on the team listed in the offer, if the offer is accepted. Players may respond immediately to offers but are not required to.

Early offers must be in writing and include:

1. Date and time of offer
2. Name of club representative making the offer, and
3. Team for which the offer is being made
4. The following statement:

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### Notification to Players

Offers to players must be in writing (email or web posting) and may not occur until the Uniform Offer Date. (Early offers are the exception.)

A legitimate offer must be in writing and include:

1. Date and time of offer
2. Name of club representative making the offer, and
3. Team for which the offer is being made

### Response from Players

Acceptance must be in writing. If registration with the club constitutes acceptance of an offer, there must be a written statement communicating such in the offer or on the registration form. Players may respond immediately to offers but are not required to. Any offer extended to a player is valid for at least 24 hours during which time the player is guaranteed a spot on the team specified. A club or team may extend the length of time an offer is valid at their discretion.

A player is considered committed to a team when:

1. Written acceptance occurs, and
2. A parent/guardian submits the player registration.

Tryout registration is not considered a player registration. Refund policies are the sole discretion of the club. Players who commit to a team and wish to move to another team in the same registration year will be considered a transfer subject to Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association Competitive Player Transfer Policy.