



2021 TRYOUT POLICY

The WYSA Tryout Policy applies to all clubs who register competitive players with WYSA. Each district has the authority to establish tryout dates for their geographic area. The rest of the policy is standard across the state. Dates for districts in Southeast Wisconsin (Kickers, Metro, Racine, Kenosha, Waukesha, Ozaukee, and Stataline) will be determined on an annual basis by the WYSA and will be called the Southeast Wisconsin Tryout Policy.

2021 Tryout & Offer Dates

Age Group & Gender	First Date of Tryouts	Uniform Offer Dates
11U-15U Boys & Girls	Established by the District	June 25, 2021 at Noon
16U-19U Boys & Girls	Established by the District	July 2, 2021 at Noon

Period of Open Promotion

The Period of Open Promotion begins two weeks before the respective district tryout dates for the 2021-2022 registration year. Open Promotion is defined as contact with the parent/guardian of a player initiated by club staff or an agent of the club with 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 for the club being promoted unless consistent with club policy. (A club may explain to a candidate that scholarships are available, but they must qualify per club 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 (verbal or written) made prior to the Uniform Offer Date.

Early Offers

Clubs can extend offers to players on their teams in the current year for a spot on a specific team in 2021-2022 beginning the first day of Open Promotion and ending on Sunday, the day prior to the respective age group tryout. The offer for a specific team obligates the club to register the player on the team listed in the offer. Players may respond immediately to offers but are not required to respond immediately. The expiration of an early offer cannot be before 12:00 noon on Thursday, the day before the "First Date of Offers" for its respective age group.

All early offers must contain the following statement in the offer:

Clubs may extend early offers to current year players for a spot on a specific team in the next program year. 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. By accepting an early offer, you understand that

you are committing to a position on "Team" and obligated to "Name of Soccer Club" for the seasonal year and that you may not attend a tryout with another club. Players who commit to a team and wish to move to another club in the same registration year will be considered a player transfer, subject to the WYSA Competitive Player Transfer Policy.

Notification to Players

Players are not required to attend a tryout to receive an offer. 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.) 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.

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. Specific team for which the offer is being made.

Clubs may extend offers to an age group pool in the 11U and 12U age groups only. All offers to players 13U and above must be for a specific team.

Should a club be required to change their original offer, they must extend a new written offer communicating the change and obtain acceptance from the player. A change in offer cancel's the player's obligation to the club unless they accept the change.

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 that in the offer or on the registration form. Players may respond immediately to offers but are not required to. An early offer must provide players a minimum of 72 hours to respond. Offers extended on or after the Universal Offer Date are 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 subject to the Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association Competitive Player Transfer Policy.