



## Tryout Policy

The WYSA Tryout Policy applies to all clubs who register competitive players with WYSA. Competitive players include those rostered to Classic, State League and US Youth Soccer National League teams. Clubs who choose to dual roster players with WYSA and another U.S. Soccer affiliate<sup>1</sup> are obligated to comply with the WYSA Tryout Policy if those players will also be participating in WYSA or US Youth Soccer competitions.

### 2024 & 2025 Tryout & Offer Dates

Tryouts may be held anytime during the WYSA designated tryout window. Clubs may host tryouts and extend offers to players after the Tryout Window and Uniform Offer Date, assuming those players are not already registered with a WYSA Club. Dates and times of tryouts are the discretion of individual clubs. Players need not obtain written permission to attend another club's tryout so long as that tryout is taking place during the tryout window. Players must have the opportunity to attend multiple club tryouts without restrictions from their current club or a mandate to attend all dates of a club's tryout to receive an offer.

	Period of Open Promotion	Tryout Window	Uniform Offer Date
<b>2024</b>	May 17 – May 31	May 31 – June 21	11U-15U: June 14, 2024 at noon 16U-19U: June 21, 2024 at noon
<b>2025</b>	May 16 – May 30	May 30 – June 20	11U-15U: June 13, 2025 at noon 16U-19U: June 20, 2025 at noon

### Public Promotion

General public promotion of a club, their programs, and services is permitted at any time. Public promotion includes information on a club's website, public advertisements, social media posts, broadcast emails, flyers, and newsletters. Club personnel may respond to a parent inquiry (verbally or in writing) with general club information such as costs, coach information, program expectations, and spaces available on teams. Direct and targeted communication with a player's parent/guardian is only allowed during the Period of Open Promotion.

### Period of Open Promotion

The Period of Open Promotion is limited to the two weeks before the WYSA tryout window. Open Promotion is defined as direct contact with the parent/guardian of a WYSA player, initiated by club staff or an agent of the club with intent to promote the club. An agent of the club is anyone acting in apparent authority representing a club or team. An agent may include, but is not limited to a coach, manager, club board member, parent, or other staff person. Clubs are responsible for the compliance of any individual acting on their behalf. Youth athletes are not considered agents of the club. Solicitation of unaffiliated players to join a WYSA club is not restricted.

Activities not permitted during the Period of Open Promotion:

- Direct contact with a player. (Phone calls, text messages, emails, social media, and 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).

- 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 early offers to their current seasonal year players for a spot on a specific team in the next seasonal year beginning on the first day of Open Promotion until the Uniform Offer Date. 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 early offers but are not required to do so. The expiration of an early offer cannot be before 12:00 noon on Thursday, the day before the "Uniform Offer Date" for its respective age group.

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

*Clubs may extend early offers to current seasonal year players for a spot on a specific team in the next seasonal 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 entire upcoming 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 seasonal 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 the change is accepted by the player.

## 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 do so. Offers extended on or after the Uniform 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 club and 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 at the sole discretion of the club. Players who commit to a team and wish to move to another team in the same seasonal year will be subject to the Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association Competitive Player Transfer Policy.

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<sup>i</sup> U.S. Soccer affiliates are other organizations affiliated with U.S. Soccer who register players and offer leagues (AYSO, USSSA, MLS, NWSL, USL, SAY, US Club Soccer)

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