



## 2017-2018 TRYOUT POLICY

The tryout policy applies to all competitive teams (Classic, State League, Wisconsin Developmental Academy, Regional League and National League) statewide. Each district has the authority to establish tryout dates for their geographic area. All other components of the policy are standard across the state. Dates for districts in Southeast Wisconsin (Kickers, Metro, Racine, Kenosha, Waukesha, Ozaukee, and Stateline) will be determined on an annual basis by district representatives under the direction of the WYSA Vice President – Competitions.

### 1. Period of Open Promotion

The scope of what is permitted during the period of "Open Promotion" is below and must be consistent with the "informational statement" provided to parents.

Beginning two weeks before the respective district tryout dates for the 2017-2018 registration year, club representatives may initiate contact with the parent(s)/guardian(s) of a player for the explicit purpose of promoting their club. The period of Open Promotion ends July 31, 2017.

"Open Promotion" is defined as contact with the parent(s)/guardian(s) of a player initiated by club staff or an agent of club with the intent to promote the club. Under no circumstances may contact be directly with the player, with the exception of the designated dates of tryouts (not all Open Promotion) where player contact is permitted. (Player contact includes, but is not limited to text messages, phone calls, emails, other written communication and/or in-person conversations.)

Other activity not permitted during Period of Open Promotion:

- Contact with parent(s)/guardian(s) of a player is not permitted under any circumstances at trainings or games until coach has dismissed team.
- Discussions regarding reducing fee structure by any amount for 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; half off registration fee, etc if the player joins the club.)
- Discussions cannot contain promotion for the player to consider a specific team.
- No offer may be made prior to the dates/times shown below.

### 2. Tryout Dates and Notification to Players

Offers/notification to players must be in writing (email or web posting is sufficient), and according to the dates listed below. Extending an offer to players not currently registered with your club prior to the dates below is not permitted and will result in sanctions.

Clubs can extend offers to players on their teams in the current year (2016-2017) for a spot on a specific team in 2017-2018 beginning the first day of Open Promotion. 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 respond immediately. The expiration of an early offer cannot be before 12:00 noon on the "First Date of Offers" for its respective age group.



Age Group & Gender	First Date of Tryouts	First Date of Offers
U11-U13 Boys and Girls	Established by the District	June 16, 2017 at 6:00pm
U14-U19 Boys and Girls	Established by the District	June 23, 2017 at 6:00pm

A legitimate offer must be in writing and include:

- Date and time of offer
- Name of club representative making the offer, and
- For which team the offer is being made

In addition to the above, all early offers *must* contain the following statement in the offer:

*"An early offer is an offer by a club to a player in their club in the current year (2016-2017) for a place on a specific team in the 2017-2018 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 respond immediately. The expiration of an early offer cannot be before 12:00 noon on the "First Date of Offers" for its respective age group. 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 2017-2018 seasonal year."*

### 3. Response from Players

Acceptance must be in writing (email or written letter is sufficient). If registration with your 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 respond immediately. The club representative contacting the player should remind them that an immediate response is not necessary and how much time a player has to respond (up to 24 hours, unless it is an early offer which cannot expire before 12:00 noon on the Universal Offer date for the respective age group).

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 a written acceptance occurs AND a parent/guardian completes the player registration and submits to a club representative. The tryout registration is not considered the player registration. Any refund policies are at the sole discretion of the club.

Any player who commits to a team and then wants to change to another team in the same registration year will be considered a transfer and such transfer is subject to Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association competitive player transfer policies.