

NCR Junior Recruiting, Tryout and Signing Policies for 2011-12

Recruiting Policy

Policy

Any person (**team rep, coach, club director, player or parent**) affiliated with a team or club may not contact players for the purposes of recruitment on behalf of that club or team in any manner (**including electronically**) other than generic mailings or handouts about playing for their team or club program at any time. **This includes the time from the first tryout date until after the signing date.** Any person (team rep, coach, club director, player or parent) affiliated with a team or club may not contact anyone who was not physically at their tryout. Players may be contacted by the team or club they were affiliated with during the previous season.

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to relieve undue pressure on players and parents in their decision-making process.

Sanction

The team or club who is affiliated with the violating party would be prohibited from competing in any events outside of North Country Region (NCR) sanctioned events, including NCR Area Championships and USA Volleyball National events or may be denied membership in NCR. This sanction would be enforced for the period of one year or a length to be determined by the NCR Board of Directors.

Clarifications

If players or parents of players from another team or club contact a representative of a team or club about obtaining information about their program, the club may give them such information. The contact must begin with the player or parents of a player!

Once a player has committed to a team or club for the season, no one representing another team or club may contact them for the purpose of persuading them to leave the team or club to whom they have already committed.

Tryout Policy

Policy

No tryouts can be held until **the last Sunday in October** for all age groups 14 and under. North Country Region will not allow a club to hold tryouts for ages 15's-18's until the day after a State's High School Tournament (in the state in which the club is located) is completed or until the date which is permitted by a particular State's High School Association rules, whichever is later.

Purpose

To preserve the integrity of the high school season by insuring no overlap between a students high school season and the USAV Junior season.

Sanction

The team or club who is affiliated with the violating party would be prohibited from competing in any events outside of North Country Region sanctioned events, including NCR Area Championships and USA Volleyball national events. This sanction would be enforced for the period of one year or a length to be determined by the NCR Board of Directors.

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Signing Date Policy

Policy

No binding commitment may be made by any junior player to a team or club until the last Sunday in October (12's through 14's). No binding commitment may be made by any junior player to a team or club for ages 15's-18's until the day after a State's High School Tournament (in the state in which the club is located) is completed or until the date which is permitted by a particular state's high school association rules, whichever is later. Any commitment (oral, written or financial) made prior to the signing date of November 1 is non-binding.

Purpose

The purpose of this rule is to allow players to officially commit to a team. Any player signing the NCR commitment form is bound to the team they signed with for the duration of the season.

Sanction

The team or club who is affiliated with the violating party would be prohibited from competing in any events outside of North Country Region sanctioned events, including NCR Area Championships and USA Volleyball national events. This sanction would be enforced for the period of one year or a length to be determined by the NCR Board of Directors.

Clarification

On or after the signing date, people affiliated with a team or club may contact players who attended their tryouts only in order to determine if they will accept their offer. The first question to be asked must be, "Have you committed to play with anyone else?" If the answer is "yes," no further conversation can be held.

Age/Grade Policy

Teams that choose to register any player in an age division based on that player's grade can only participate in events held in North Country Region. Teams that wish to play in events outside of North Country Region must register all players based on the birth date requirements — not grade. If a team registers any players by grade, the team will not be allowed to compete in any region qualifying event or qualifier at ANY age division.

Junior Officiating Policy

Any team that does not fulfill their officiating responsibilities at any NCR sanctioned event will be fined \$100 and will be suspended from play until that fine is paid. If the fine is not paid that, team/club will not be allowed to register in North Country Region until the fine is paid.

Officiating Team Policy

No personal electronic devices are allowed for the officiating team (R1, R2, line judges and scoring team) while officiating. If caught using any personal electronic device while officiating you may be asked, at the discretion of the Tournament Director, to leave the event.