



Tryout Window Town Hall 2025- 2026 What Parents Need to Know

Townhall - Tuesday May 27^h

Call-Out for Players **Team Ontario Sitting Volleyball**

- ▶ *First-ever provincial training program for sitting volleyball athletes*
- ▶ *June 19-22 at Durham College*
- ▶ *Interested in participating?
Email Christina at
hpintern@ontariovolleyball.org*





Meet Carrie - OVA's Club Services Manager

- ▶ *Created in response to club feedback to better serve and strengthen our volleyball community*
- ▶ *Works directly with clubs to listen, learn, and lead improvements across Ontario*
- ▶ *Oversees the tryout window, athlete release process, and new club applications*
- ▶ *Brings 20+ years of experience in Youth Competitions to this new support-focused role*

Overview

Welcome & Introductions

Overview of the process

FAQs

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Tips and Hints

Re-Signing Period: Returning to your Club All ages

- ▶ Clubs can offer returning athletes a spot using the OVA Offer Form.
- ▶ Clubs can send offers at anytime during this month and will vary from club to club.
- ▶ Offers must be honoured for 48 hrs.
- ▶ Deposits can be collected at this time (refundable or non-refundable)
- ▶ Once Re-signed athletes cannot attend another club's tryouts (other training opportunities are permitted).
- ▶ Be sure fully read and understand your offer. Don't be afraid to ask questions.
- ▶ Re-Signed lists are posted on the OVA website.



15U TRYOUT OFFER FORM 2024

(THIS OFFER CAN BE PRESENTED AT ANY TIME AFTER SEPT 6 and DOES NOT EXPIRE UNTIL SEPT 17)

Name: _____ Time & Date: _____
Club: _____ Team Name: _____
Coach: _____ Age Category: _____
Deposit Amount: _____ Refundable: _____ or Non-Refundable: _____ Due by: _____


ALL FIELDS ABOVE ARE REQUIRED INFORMATION. IF for any reason a club cannot make this information available at the time of signing notes MUST be made below.

NOTES:

- By signing this form, the athlete and the club are committing to each other for a minimum of one season. **Participation in additional tryouts with other clubs after a form has been returned is not permitted.** Athletes who accept offers from multiple clubs or attend tryouts after an offer is returned will be found in violation of the Tryout Window policy.
- This offer can be presented at any time after September 6th and can be returned any time prior to September 17th. This offer expires September on 17th.
- This agreement may be voided if there is any change to the terms, or there is a failure to meet the terms. For extenuating circumstances, Athletes and Clubs are expected to follow the OVA Transfer Policy to terminate this commitment. In addition to the above terms, we strongly recommend a Club Contract be signed outlining information such as: practice schedule and locations, tournament dates, travel arrangements, code of conduct and any conflicts the athlete may have with team commitments, club philosophy, coaching philosophy, and club refund policy.



FAQs for Re-signing

- ▶ ***What happens if my club does not offer me a re-signing opportunity?***
 - ▶ ***Does my club have to send me a re-signing offer as soon as the re-signing period opens?***
 - ▶ ***Can I negotiate the terms of my re-signing offer before accepting?***
 - ▶ ***What happens if I was a recreational player last season—am I eligible to re-sign?***
 - ▶ ***Can I change my mind after accepting a re-signing offer?***
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Open Commitment Period: Exploring New Clubs

- ▶ **TLS to 18U Athletes ONLY**
- ▶ Athletes can informally commit to a new club. There is **NO** official OVA form available at this time.
- ▶ Clubs must provide key details on offers.
- ▶ Commitments can be terminated, but clubs may keep deposits if athletes cancel after 7 days.
- ▶ You can not commit to more than one club during this time.

✓ *Is there a coach committed to the team?*

✓ *Do you know what team I will be on?*

✓ *Are the club fees listed?*

✓ *I understand I am committing for the full season*



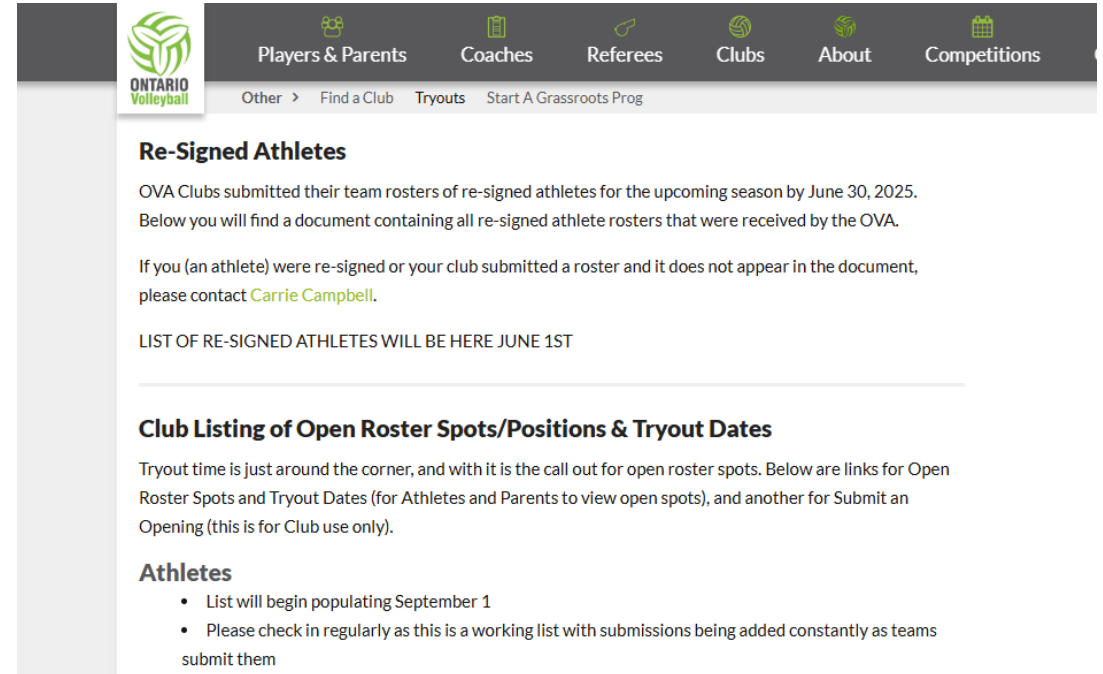
FAQs for Open Commitments

- ▶ What happens if a club cancels the commitment?
- ▶ What happens if an athlete cancels the commitment?
- ▶ Is the Open Commitment Period mandatory for clubs?
- ▶ When does the commitment become official?
- ▶ Do I have to attend all programs offered by a club to earn an offer to commit?



Tryouts: Securing Your Spot

- ▶ *Open to all athletes*
- ▶ *Do your research - OVA Re-signed athletes list, OVA open roster spots posting*
- ▶ *Offers can go out at any time but have an expiry date! Dates will be posted on the offer forms.*
- ▶ *You can not commit to more than one club during this time.*
- ▶ *Please let the club know where you stand as soon as possible. This does have a trickle down and may affect other athletes*
- ▶ *If you are unsure of anything, ASK QUESTIONS.*
- ▶ *Coaches/Clubs should not be pressuring you to accept offers.*
- ▶ *Review the Athlete Bill of Rights*



The screenshot shows the Ontario Volleyball website. The header includes the Ontario Volleyball logo and navigation links: Players & Parents, Coaches, Referees, Clubs, About, and Competitions. Below the header, there is a breadcrumb trail: Other > Find a Club > Tryouts > Start A Grassroots Prog. The main content area is titled 'Re-Signed Athletes' and contains the following text:

OVA Clubs submitted their team rosters of re-signed athletes for the upcoming season by June 30, 2025. Below you will find a document containing all re-signed athlete rosters that were received by the OVA.

If you (an athlete) were re-signed or your club submitted a roster and it does not appear in the document, please contact [Carrie Campbell](#).

LIST OF RE-SIGNED ATHLETES WILL BE HERE JUNE 1ST

Club Listing of Open Roster Spots/Positions & Tryout Dates

Tryout time is just around the corner, and with it is the call out for open roster spots. Below are links for Open Roster Spots and Tryout Dates (for Athletes and Parents to view open spots), and another for Submit an Opening (this is for Club use only).

Athletes

- List will begin populating September 1
- Please check in regularly as this is a working list with submissions being added constantly as teams submit them

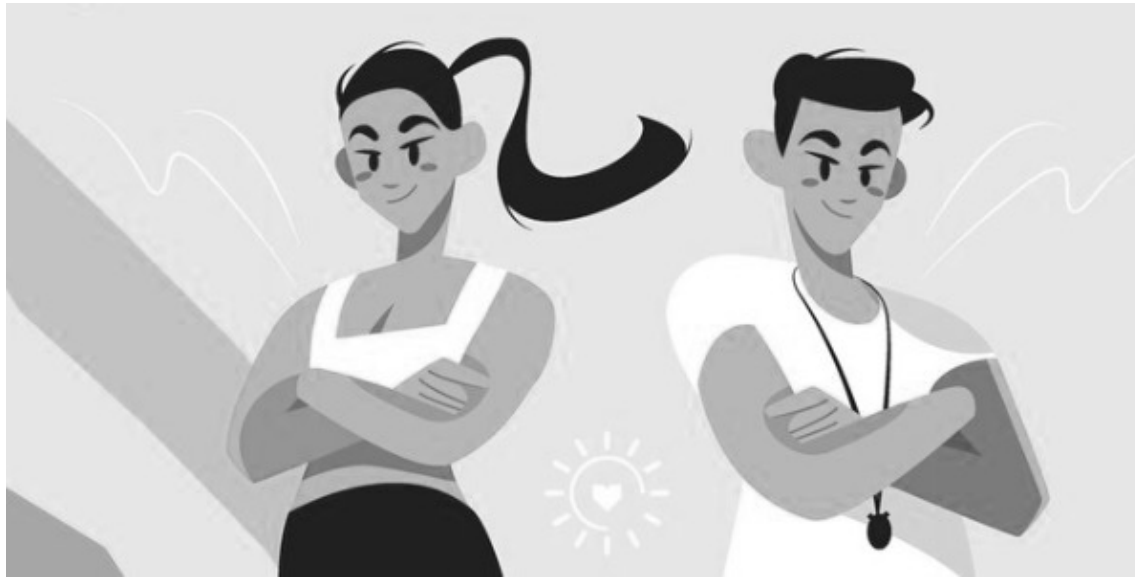


FAQs for Tryouts

- ▶ *When can athletes return their offer forms?*
- ▶ *Can I ask for more time to consider an offer?*
- ▶ *Can I negotiate the terms of my re-signing offer before accepting?*
- ▶ *Can a club take an offer back?*
- ▶ *I re-sign with my club or accepted a summer offer; can I still attend tryouts for other clubs?*
- ▶ *When does the OVA transfer Policy apply?*
- ▶ *Can club hold tryouts after the expiry dates on the offer forms?*

Athlete Bill of Rights

- ▶ *The purpose of this document is to assist athletes and their families during the tryout process.*
- ▶ *Review with your athlete at any time during the off season.*
- ▶ *It is the responsibility of each athlete and family member to become educated about the program they are considering joining.*
- ▶ *It is the responsibility of both parties - club and athlete - to be open and transparent during this process.*
- ▶ *Prioritize your athletes experience over everything.*



<https://www.ontariovolleyball.org/club-tryouts>

Hints and tips for navigating this time of year

- *Ask questions!*
- *Make sure you are giving your athlete down time from the indoor season.*
- *Beware of promises of playing time.*
- *Collecting offers or holding off on accepting an offer can create major delays for clubs and can even have negative effects on other athletes*
- *Research the club's policies and practices prior to committing to a program.*





Thank you !