

Tryout Policy & Calendar effective April 1 for the 2025/26 Season

Date Summary - based on the PLAYERS CURRENT age group - Not the team they are trying out for.

May 1	Early Signing period: <i>returning players to same club only</i>
May 1	15u and above: players are 'free agents'; direct contact allowed
May 19	Tryouts for 15u and above; Monday following ASC opening weekend
May 21	14u and below: players are 'free agents'; direct contact allowed Wednesday immediately following ASC Championship weekend
May 26	Tryouts for 14u & below : Monday, 1 week following ASC Championship weekend.
Jun 10	Open signing period: all players eligible

Tryout announcements

ASA will maintain and publish a comprehensive list of tryout dates for all member clubs who have submitted their tryout dates to ASA that are in compliance with this policy. This list will be published on or around April 1st. Clubs submitting their information after this date will be updated as soon as administratively feasible.

Direct Contact

All players are deemed "Free Agents" for the purpose of recruiting / Direct contact

15u and above - May 1st

14u and below - May 21st - **Wednesday** immediately following ASC Championship weekend

Prior to these dates, no player shall be directly contacted by any team official or representative (including players, players' parent(s), and players' legal guardian(s)) regarding tryouts for team formation except by public notices without prior written consent from the current team's coach or Director. Direct contact shall include contacts in person or by telephone calls, text, e-mail or physical mail. *This provision is not intended to prohibit a head coach from discussing tryouts with their own players/parents/legal guardians who are already registered with that team/club.*

After these dates, team officials may make unsolicited contact with players, their parent(s), and/or legal guardian(s), however, all contact must cease once a player has notified them they have signed with another club, or the player or their parent(s)/ legal guardian(s) request that such contact ceases. It will be considered illegal recruiting for any team official, or any team/club representative, to attempt to recruit a player after a player has signed with another ASA competitive team.

Tryout Window - based on current year age groups

15u and above - May 19th - Mon following Spring ASC opening weekend

14u and below - May 26th - Monday - 1 week following ASC Championship weekend.

Having any organized club/team event (whether coordinated by a coach, club administrator, or parent) in which players registered with another association are allowed to participate is considered similar to holding a tryout and is considered illegal recruiting, if held outside of the permitted time period for tryouts. The exception to this rules players who have received written permission (guest player form) from his/her coach to attend.

Signing Period

Early signing period - May 1st, 2025

Open signing period - June 10th, 2025

Eligible players to sign during the **early** Signing Period include only players currently registered with the club for the current soccer year only.

If a club elects to have their tryouts near or after the open signing date, the player must be given a **MINIMUM of 48 hours** to accept/reject before the offer can be rescinded by the club.

While a player may sign and make a binding commitment for the following seasonal year, no previously rostered ASA classic player may be *formally registered* with ASA for the upcoming seasonal year unless:

- A completed & signed release from the previous club has been submitted to ASA; **or**,
- The previous team has concluded their commitment in any USYS Regional or National event. This includes USYS Presidents Cup and USYS National Championships and is applicable regardless of whether the player intends to participate.

A player may sign with only **one (1)** competitive team/club at any time during the seasonal year. Therefore, clubs should hold off on formal registration until USYS competition is concluded. Otherwise, the player and/or team could be declared ineligible for USYS competition or forfeit games where the player was improperly rostered.

District Variances

Should a district wish to have a different timeline they may submit an alternate calendar for approval to ASA. In order to be considered for approval it must be submitted by their ASA District Representative and be unanimously supported by all clubs fielding competitive teams within the district.

If a player wishes to try out/sign for a team in a different district than their primary residence OR their current club, the most restrictive (latest) timeline will govern. If a club wishes to recruit/sign a player outside of their district the most restrictive (latest) of a) their current team, b) the player's primary residence and c) the club recruiting the player shall govern.

Non ASA Teams

If a club has ONE TEAM in ASA member programming, then they are bound by the tryout/offer timelines for ALL OF THEIR TEAMS. This applies to clubs in any other non-USYS leagues.

Violating the tryout dates & signing policies for any team within a member club may result in **every** team from that member club being removed from participation in ASA leagues or events.

We recognize that non-ASA teams may face challenges by holding tryouts later than competing clubs. However, we also ask that they acknowledge that holding their tryouts early creates the exact same disadvantage for the other ASA members clubs in their area.

Annual Review

The dates in this policy shall be reviewed on an annual basis, no later than March 1st. Should no changes be made, the timeline as it relates to the Spring ASC shall govern.