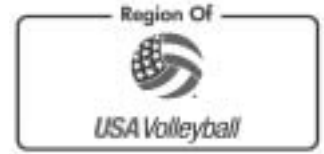




# 2009 USA Volleyball - Gateway Region Junior Tryout Information Registration & Waiver Form



There may be no monetary or signed commitment prior to the official commitment date (see NOTIFICATION PROCESS below). **An information sheet and FAQ sheet should be available at this tryout that addresses many of your concerns.** Please ask for one if you have not received it. The information provided will include club history and philosophy, identify the coaches and their coaching credentials, expected estimated expenses and will also give you an idea of the commitment required of you and your child. Please read carefully so as to be truly informed before you commit to a particular club.

## NOTIFICATION / ACCEPTANCE PROCEDURE

Coaches may let players know if they have been selected for an age division within their club at any time after their tryout. At that time, a coach can tell the player one of three things:

- 1.] You have made a team.; 2.] You are an alternate.; 3.] You did not make a team.

**For tryouts held on the first available weekend, the coach must allow a "waiting period" for the chosen athlete to make the decision on whether or not to commit, according to the following guidelines. If the tryout start date is Friday, September 26, 2008, the commitment date/time is 7 pm Monday, September 29, 2008. If the tryout start date is Friday, October 24, 2008, the commitment date/time is 7 pm Monday, October 27. If the tryout start date is Friday, November 21, 2008 the commitment date/time is 7 pm Monday, November 24. If a coach makes an offer to a player, the offer cannot be rescinded unless a player declines an offer or does not respond by the commitment date/time listed above. Rescinding an offer before the commitment dates/times listed for each applicable tryout period constitutes a recruiting violation by the coach and/or Club, which is a punishable offense under Gateway Region policies. "Conditional offers" (offers made with a condition attached, such as "commit right now and we'll guarantee you ...") are likewise unethical and constitute a punishable recruiting violation. These dates are the official dates that the Gateway Region will recognize the contract between an individual and a club.**

**A "waiting period" is not required for clubs holding tryouts on or after the official commitment dates and time defined above.**

**For tryouts held on the first available weekend** a player essentially has 3 options when the coach notifies them that they have been selected: 1. To verbally accept the offer\*; 2. To reject the offer; 3. To use the several day "waiting period", according to the above guidelines, before making their decision.

\* If a player knows they want to play for your club they may let you know. However, this is not a binding commitment. A coach may not accept any official commitment (completing the registration process and payment of fees) from any athlete until the commitment dates defined above. At that time, club administrators may now direct players to register online through the process detailed on the Gateway website or collect the signed Individual Membership Form. Any additional paperwork and club fees may also be collected at this time. After completing this registration process with the club administrators, the player may not leave that club to represent another club during the season

**For tryouts held on or after the commitment date, the player may be asked to officially commit to the team immediately.**

## PLAYER CONTACT

Recruiting is the active pursuit of an athlete to play for a particular club or team. Once an athlete has signed with a team or club, contacts with the player or parents of the athlete with respect to recruiting cannot be done during the official Junior Olympic Volleyball Season. The junior season runs from Nov 1 (Oct 1 for boys 15s - 18s) and concludes at the end of the JOVC. If the athlete's team has finished playing for the season it is acceptable for a recruiter to contact the player or parents of the athlete. This must be confirmed by the head coach or club/team rep prior to the contact or the recruiter will be subject to penalties.

**Please fill out, read and sign this Waiver and Release form. Detach and return to tryout coordinator.**

## WAIVER and RELEASE FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of tryout: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

I acknowledge that volleyball or any sporting event is an extreme test of a person's physical and mental limits and that my participation in a volleyball event can cause potential death, serious injury, or property damage. **With a full understanding of the potential risks, I HEREBY ASSUME THE RISKS OF PARTICIPATING OR OFFICIATING IN A VOLLEYBALL EVENT.**

I hereby take the following action for myself, my executors, administrators, heirs, next of kin, successors and assigns: a) **I WAIVE, RELEASE, AND DISCHARGE** from any and all claims or liabilities for death or personal injury or damages of any kind, **EXCEPT THAT WHICH IS THE RESULT OF GROSS NEGLIGENCE AND/OR WANTON MISCONDUCT**

Our goal is to make this a positive experience for you, and your input will help. Please take a moment to fill out this brief questionnaire. You need not give us your name. Detach and drop into the mail to:

**Chris Clauss, Junior Coordinator, 886 San Sebastian, Fenton, MO 63026**

CLUB: \_\_\_\_\_ AGE GROUP: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Strongly Disagree 2. Disagree Somewhat 3. Agree Somewhat 4. Strongly Agree

- \_\_\_\_ 1. These tryouts were held in a well organized manner.  
\_\_\_\_ 2. Sufficient time was spent on various skills.  
\_\_\_\_ 3. You came away feeling that the player was treated fairly.  
\_\_\_\_ 4. All players were given sufficient time on the court.  
\_\_\_\_ 5. As a whole, this tryout was a positive experience.

Additional Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

### TRYOUT DATES

Tryouts may not be held until **September 26** for boys 15s, 16s, 17s and 18s; **October 24** for girls and boys 10s, 11s, 12s, 13s and 14s; and **November 21** for girls 15s, 16s, 17s and 18s.

### JUNIOR AGE GROUPS

Once a player participates in a club or varsity program for any university, college, community college, or junior college, he/she is ineligible to play in any regional or national JOVC qualifying and championship events.

#### • 18 and under division:

Players who were born on or after **September 1<sup>st</sup>, 1990** or players who were born on or after September 1, 1989 and a high school student during some part of the current academic year.

#### • 17 and under division: Players who were born on or after **September 1<sup>st</sup>, 1991.**

#### • 16 and under division: Players who were born on or after **September 1<sup>st</sup>, 1992.**

#### • 15 and under division: Players who were born on or after **September 1<sup>st</sup>, 1993.**

#### • 14 and under division: Players who were born on or after **September 1<sup>st</sup>, 1994.**

#### • 13 and under division: Players who were born on or after **September 1<sup>st</sup>, 1995.**

#### • 12 and under division: Players who were born on or after **September 1<sup>st</sup>, 1996.**

#### • 11 and under division: Players who were born on or after **September 1<sup>st</sup>, 1997.**

#### • 10 and under division: Players who were born on or after **September 1<sup>st</sup>, 1998.**

#### • **Boys 14 and under division:** Regionally waived boys teams in the 14 and under age group will be allowed to participate at the USA Junior Olympic Volleyball Championships using the following age/grade definition:

Players who were born on or after **Sept 1<sup>st</sup>, 1994**, or players who were born on or after **Sept. 1, 1993** (15 years or younger) who shall neither have completed nor are in a grade higher than the **eighth (8<sup>th</sup>) grade** during the current academic year.

**Age Waivers** may be granted. These waivers are only good for play in Gateway events and may not be honored outside of the Region.

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**\*\* CONTINUED FROM FRONT OF THIS FORM - BOTTOM HALF \*\***  
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**OF PERSONS OR ENTITIES LISTED BELOW**, which arise out of or relate to my traveling to and from or my participation in any volleyball event, **THE FOLLOWING PERSONS OR ENTITIES:** USA Volleyball and its Regional Volleyball Associations, tournament directors, sponsors, and the officers, directors, employees, representatives, and agents of any of the above; b) **I AGREE NOT TO SUE** any of the persons or entities listed above for any of the claims or liabilities that I have waived, released or discharged herein; and c) **I INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS** the persons or entities mentioned above from any claims made or liabilities assessed against them as a result of my actions.

**Participant's Signature (regardless of age)** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date Signed** \_\_\_\_\_

**If applicant is under the eighteen (18) years of age, a parent or guardian must execute, in addition to the foregoing Waiver and Release, the following, for and on behalf of the minor.**

The undersigned parent and natural guardian or legal guardian of the applicant ( \_\_\_\_\_ [minor's name]) executes the foregoing Waiver and Release for and on the behalf of the minor named herein. I hereby bind myself, the minor and all other assigns to the terms of the Waiver and Release. I represent that I have legal capacity and authority to act for and on behalf of the minor named herein, and I agree to indemnify and hold harmless the persons or entities named in the Waiver and Release for any claims or liabilities assessed against them as a result of any insufficiency of my legal capacity or authority to act for and on behalf of the minor in the execution of the Waiver and Release. I fully consent to my child's participation in the USAV/Gateway events.

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**Printed Name**

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**Parent / Guardian's Signature**

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**Date Signed**