



Tryout Policy

Tryout Dates for 2024/2025 season

2024/2025 SOCAL Tryout Window POLICY

As agreed to by all SOCAL member club DOC's at the March 2024 DOC meeting, the league has implemented a **mandatory TRYOUT WINDOW POLICY**.

Below are the approved tryout dates for the 2024/2025 season.

TRYOUT DATES, by birth year are:

2017, 2018 and 2019 - Tryouts may begin **NO SOONER** than **Monday, December 2, 2024**

2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016 - Tryouts may begin **NO SOONER** than **Monday, February 10, 2025**

2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010 - Tryouts may begin **NO SOONER** than **Monday, April 21, 2025**

The Tryout window closes June 30, 2025 as the SOCAL Transfer Policy goes into effect July 1, 2025.

NOTE: As the Tryout Policy pertains to the Transfer Policy, for the 2024/2025 season (including all SOCAL events), the Transfer Policy goes into effect July 1, 2024 through the end of State Cup for the outgoing team. If the team does not play State Cup, then players are free to transfer at the end of the league season if their team is "done" playing for the 2024/25 season.

Players can NOT transfer to another club beginning July 1, 2024 unless;

1. **The player is PAID IN FULL**

AND

2. **The outgoing DOC has given permission for the player to transfer.**

No longer can a player transfer simply because they have paid in full. Outgoing DOC permission is also required for the transfer to occur.

CLUBS and TEAMS CAN:

Clubs **CAN** advertise for tryouts in any manner, and at any time, so long as the tryouts dates are not **BEFORE** the dates above.

Clubs **CAN** re-sign existing players from their own club at any time without holding tryouts at any age group.

Clubs **CAN** sign players coming from recreational programs.

Clubs **CAN** have, free or paid, camps, clinics, etc., for players WITHIN their own club at any time.

CLUBS and TEAMS CAN NOT:

Clubs and teams **CAN NOT** hold tryouts ANY SOONER than the dates above.

Clubs and teams **CAN NOT** publicly advertise via any platform (social media, email blasts, website, etc) tryouts being held ANY SOONER than the dates above.

Clubs/Coaches **CAN NOT** have FREE camps, clinics, etc., for players OUTSIDE of their club.

Clubs/Coaches **CAN** have camps, clinics, etc., for players outside of their club **ONLY IF** there is a fee charged for the session.

The Tryout Policy is NOT an anti-recruiting policy. Recruiting cannot be controlled nor managed. However, players cannot transfer without BOTH of the criteria listed above and in the Transfer Policy.

Any club that violates the Tryout Policy will be fined as follows:

1st offense - \$500 fine

2nd offense - \$1000 fine and probation

3rd offense - Club may be dropped from the league after review by Technical Committee.

As members of SOCAL, clubs agree to adhere to and follow all Rules and Regulations of SOCAL. Failure to adhere to the Tryout Policy and dates will result in monetary fines to clubs and coach suspensions for individual coaches that publicly advertise tryouts outside of the tryouts dates.

These dates apply to ALL MEMBERS of SOCAL. No club, or team, is exempt.

ALL SOCAL member clubs have agreed NOT to hold tryouts for other league platforms sooner than the dates listed above.