

ALOHA REGION

Junior Try-out Policy

The Junior Development Committee of the Aloha Region (Region) has the charter to not only promote and grow the sport of volleyball, but to also look out for the well-being and development of its membership.

Participation in interscholastic sports activities promotes citizenship and sportsmanship. They instill a sense of pride in community, teach lifelong lessons of teamwork and self-discipline and facilitate the physical and emotional development of our youth. Participation in high school activities is a valuable part of the overall high school experience.

During the tryout process, junior athletes are encouraged to try out for as many clubs as desired to become familiar with the various playing options available. The Aloha Region recommends that junior athletes attend multiple tryouts each season prior to selecting a junior club.

It is the responsibility of each club and coach to operate appropriately when trying to attract athletes to their programs. Clubs and coaches are reminded to respect each athlete's commitment to their high school program and each high school athlete's agreement to abide by their state athletic association rules.

To aid in maintaining our goal the Region will be adopting the following policy:

2024-25 TRY-OUT DATES:

The Aloha Region will be adopting the following Tryout Policy effective June 1, 2024:

- Boys
 - Club/team tryouts for all age divisions may begin on **Saturday, July 20, 2024.**
- Girls
 - Club/team tryouts for all age divisions may begin on **Saturday, July 20, 2024.**

COMMITMENT DATE:

Athletes may officially accept a club's digital invitation and commit to a USAV Club in the Aloha Region beginning on September 1st of each year.

"A commitment date is defined as the first date that a club can obtain a deposit as a means for accepting a spot for their club team and have the deposit be non-refundable. It is the parents'/guardians' responsibility to inquire with the club/team as to their refund policy prior to the commitment date. Clubs/teams should openly disclose their refund policy prior to the commitment date at the time a deposit is requested."

ATHLETES WILL AGREE TO COMMIT TO ONLY ONE CLUB FOR THE FULL SEASON!

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Once an athlete has participated in a regional or national qualifying/bid event, athlete transfers/releases are bound by the transfer/release rules of the Girls' Junior National Qualifier/Spring Championships/Championships or the Boys' Junior National Bid/Championships manuals. Please refer to the respective manual of the events above for further clarification.

The Aloha Region cautions families to carefully review any agreements presented by a club prior to affixing their signature. Additionally, in any matter that may be unclear, the Aloha Region suggests that the family in question seek legal counsel prior to executing said agreement. Finally, the Aloha Region highly recommends that each family request and receive a copy of the executed agreement for their personal records.

The Aloha Region strongly recommends that all junior clubs have written policies regarding Deposits and Refunds along with a Club Release Policy. A copy of both policies should be provided to the parents/guardians to address deposit refunds and what steps are required by each club to facilitate a club release once the season begins. The family is responsible to investigate. All legal commitments and/or personal business made between the family and the club will remain the responsibility of the related parties.

Please note, that for a club to be eligible to participate in the Aloha Region's tournaments – age division, league play, special events i.e., Hawai'i Convention Center, or Bid Tournament - the club must abide by the tryout and commitment dates set forth by the Aloha Region. However, abiding by the tryout and commitment dates do not guarantee entry into the event.

In the attempt to establish a level playing field for all athletes and clubs, no official tryouts should be held prior to the tryout period. Non-compliance will result in sanction for the team/club; up to and including USAV suspension commensurate with the violation.

Effective 2024-25, the Aloha Region will issue the following sanction(s) for non-compliance:

- 1. The club/team will not be able to participate in any Aloha Region Events to include, not limited to all Region tournaments, Leagues and bid qualifiers.*
- 2. The team / will be able to register and participate in USAV events outside of the Aloha Region provided that the sponsoring Region and or USAV provides written consent to the Aloha Region.*
- 3. This sanction will be imposed for the current season following the start date of the tryouts.*