



Tryout Policy

Tryout Dates for 2024/2025 season

As agreed to by all SOCAL member club DOC's at the pre-season DOC meeting in August 2022, the league has implemented a **mandatory TRYOUT WINDOW**.

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

TRYOUT DATES, by birth year are:

2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018 - Tryouts may begin **NO SOONER** than **Monday, December 4, 2023**

2010, 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014 - Tryouts may begin **NO SOONER** than **Monday, February 12, 2024**

2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009 - Tryouts may begin **NO SOONER** than **Monday, April 23, 2024**

Tryout window closes June 30, 2024 as the SOCAL Transfer Policy goes into effect July 1, 2024.

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 your own club at any time without holding tryouts at any age group.

Clubs **CAN** sign players coming from recreational programs or leagues **OUTSIDE** of SOCAL at any time.

Clubs **CAN** have **FREE** training sessions, kick-arounds, clinics, camps, festivals (whatever name you give it), for players **WITHIN** your own club at any time but may **NOT** have players from other clubs attend these sessions.

Coaches that do private, individual training sessions outside of their club are permitted.

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 to be held **ANY SOONER** than the dates above.

Clubs and teams **CAN NOT** hold training sessions, clinics, kick-arounds, camps, festivals (whatever name you give it) for players **OUTSIDE** of your club **AT ANY TIME** prior to the publicized tryout dates.

Parents **MAY NOT** recruit players from other clubs/teams to join their club/team.

Individual coach camps inviting players from outside their own club are not permitted prior to the tryouts dates by birth year.

An important point to clarify. When clubs, or coaches, hold camps, clinics, etc, that are held to generate revenue by charging participants, *this is permissible*. The tryout window is not meant to impact club revenue that is generated through these types of events. **However**, any type of camp, clinic, etc, where players are not charged and are invited purely as a recruiting effort or tryout event, are not permitted by the tryout window policy, UNLESS they are held AFTER the tryout dates listed above.

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 for 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.