

## 8.0 Tryouts

**8.1** Players can be added during the seasonal year from any recreational programs. Players cannot be “cut” from team rosters. However, tryouts may be held during the year to fill vacancies on rosters. The guidelines for recruiting must be adhered to when advertising tryouts.

Tryouts after the Spring season to form teams for the following seasonal year shall not be held until the following dates:

To form 9 and Under teams:	The Tuesday after Memorial Day.
To form 10 and Under teams:	The Tuesday after Memorial Day.
To form 11 and Under teams:	The Tuesday after Memorial Day.
To form 12 and Under teams:	The Tuesday after Memorial Day.
To form 13 and Under teams:	The first Monday after Memorial Day.
To form 14 and Under teams:	The first Monday after Memorial Day.
To form 15 and Under thru 17 and Under teams:	The first Monday after Memorial Day.
To form 18 and Under thru 19 and Under teams:	The Tuesday after Memorial Day.

A calendar of events shall be distributed yearly that specifies the exact day after which tryouts can be held for each age group.

In order to allow players and their families the ability to choose the best select team for their situation, the following fair play guidelines must be observed:

- a) Coaches shall not deter, by any means, players from attending whatever tryouts the player’s desires to attend.. This would include the scheduling of mandatory team functions or imposing sanctions against those players.
- b) A member league, coach, and/or club shall not place unreasonable demands on players to join a team after tryouts. This would include requiring; an immediate response, large cash payments, signing US Youth / Ohio South / M.O.S.S.L or other U.S.S.F. affiliate player registration form prior to the earliest date to make offers as specified above or other coercive measures.

The term, “immediate response” as used in the preceding paragraph, shall mean that no member league, club or team may require a response from a player or the parent(s) of a player sooner than 24 hours after an offer to participate with that member league, club, or team has been made..

Exception: After the beginning of the tryout period for a particular age group, a member league, coach, and / or club may offer a position on a team to ANY of its currently registered players prior to the date and time specified above.

**8.1.1** If any member league, team and/or coach holds a tryout for any youth soccer team, regardless of the intended U.S.S.F. affiliation for that team, prior to the time established in Section 8.1, or otherwise violates the provisions of Sections 8.0 and/or 9.0 that member league, team and/or coach will be prohibited, for a period of one year, from sponsoring, declaring or

coaching any team in the gender and age division(s) for which the tryout was intended. This specifically includes, but is not limited to, making an offer to participate with a team that may / will be playing in another OSYSA or US Youth Soccer or U.S.S.F. affiliated league where the offer to participate is made prior to the time specified in Section 8.1 (b) above.

**8.1.2** If any coach or other person acting on behalf of a coach violates the provisions of Section 8.1, the coach may be found in violation of a Minor Infraction as defined in Section 6.2.1 and subject to the sanctions as provided in that section. A second violation by an individual of Section 8.1 may be deemed a Major Infraction as defined in Section 6.2.2 and subject to the sanctions as provided in that section.

**8.1.3** If any coach or other person acting on behalf of a coach violates the provisions of Section 8.1, the member league that is sponsoring the team or authorized the tryout shall be assessed a \$500.00 penalty.

**PLEASE NOTE: Change in the M.O.S.S.L. bylaws regarding tryouts were made at the M.O.S.S.L. Annual General Meeting held in January 2019.**

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**The old rule about holding off making offers until 2:00 PM on the Sunday after the start of tryouts for that particular age groups was ELIMINATED.**

**The following bylaw remains in place:**

**9.3 The administrative bylaws relating to recruiting applies to all players in M.O.S.S.L. except during the period of May 15<sup>th</sup> through June 15<sup>th</sup>. During the period of May 15<sup>th</sup> through June 15<sup>th</sup>, the only type of recruiting that is permitted is that coaches may invite players who are not on their current team to a tryout for the next seasonal year.**

**No other changes were made.**