



Volleyball Manitoba Scouting and Recruiting Club Regulations 2026-2027

Tryout Promotion and Recruitment

During the recruitment blackout and tryout period, clubs and their representatives may publicly advertise tryout dates, times, locations, registration information, expression of interest, and general club information through websites, social media, newsletters, posters, and other public-facing communication channels.

However, any direct or indirect communication intended to influence, persuade, encourage, or solicit a specific athlete to attend a tryout, join a club, or leave another club is prohibited.

Examples of prohibited recruitment activities include, but are not limited to:

- Direct messages, emails, text messages, phone calls, or conversations with specific athletes or their families regarding club participation.
- Asking a third party (coach, athlete, parent, volunteer, or club representative) to encourage a specific athlete to attend a tryout or join a club.
- Communicating through current athletes, parents, or other intermediaries to influence a prospective athlete's club choice.
- Discussing roster spots, playing time, team placement, scholarships, travel opportunities, or other inducements with a prospective athlete before tryouts.
- Identifying or targeting specific athletes in public or private communications.
- Encouraging athletes to attend a tryout through personal invitations or individualized outreach.

A communication may be considered recruitment regardless of whether it is made directly by a club representative or indirectly through another individual acting on behalf of the club.

The guiding principle is that information may be made available to all athletes equally through public channels, but no athlete should be personally targeted or influenced by a club or its representatives prior to the completion of the recruitment process.

A player is not officially committed to a team until the Volleyball Manitoba Player Registration Form is signed and submitted to VM.

Blackout Periods

June 1st-August 3rd, 2026: Recruitment Blackout Period

August 3rd- end of an athlete's school season: Recruitment Blackout Period for 16U and younger age classes

September 5th- end of an athlete's school season: Recruitment Blackout Period for 17U/18U

December 24th- January 1st: Training, Recruitment & Competition Blackout

*After an athlete has signed the Volleyball Manitoba Player Registration Form (during Early Signing or the Tryout Period), they are committed to that club for the season and can not be recruited during the club season (ends May 31st).

Penalties

If a prohibited action takes place during a Blackout Period, the appropriate measure will be taken.

- First Offence: Club will be fined \$100.
- Second Offence: Escalated to Volleyball Manitoba. One year suspension.