



TRYOUTS & RECRUITMENT FAQs

.This document is meant to be a quick reference guide for general dates and information related to Tryouts, Recruitment and Transfers.

(This is a non-exhaustive list. Please refer to the Classic Handbook, Youth Academy, Registration and Discipline and Appeals Manual for a complete understanding of Tryouts, Recruitment and Transfer policies.)

Recruitment rules apply to players and teams registered with NCYSA.

Recruitment of any players may only occur after the dates listed in the Tryout and Recruitment timeline. Any NCYSA registered teams, players or coaches found to be recruiting outside of that timeline may be subject to NCYSA discipline.

** See Discipline and Appeals Manual for full recruitment definitions.

RELATED TO RECRUITMENT:

ALLOWED ACTIVITIES

PRE-TRYOUT INFO MEETINGS:

- Communication via GENERAL “public announcements” (see section below) about upcoming tryouts to NCYSA registered players OUTSIDE your own club OR DIRECT communication with NCYSA players currently registered to your own club

HOSTING PRE-TRYOUT WORKOUTS/CAMPS:

- Available to **CURRENTLY REGISTERED NCYSA players** within your club.
- Open to **anyone NOT CURRENTLY REGISTERED** with any other NCYSA member club.
- Accessible to players who are NCYSA registered with another NCYSA member club, provided they present their **completed NCYSA Guest Player Roster**.

DISTRIBUTING HANDOUTS:

- Handouts (physically or electronically) that are PROVIDED TO ALL KIDS in a school or left for distribution in a store/public place
- Ad via local TV/ printed or electronic media/ website/ or social media outlets

PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES

PRE-TRYOUT INFO MEETINGS:

- Communicating via TARGETED “public announcements” (see section below)

DISTRIBUTING HANDOUTS:

- Handouts TARGETING school-based soccer or PE programs by MS or HS coaches or others

DIRECT CONTACT OF ANY KIND:

- With any player currently registered with another NCYSA Member Club EXCEPT DURING NCYSA OPEN WINDOW (U15 and above based off tryout dates).
- **U14 and below players may NOT be recruited at any time.**
- Allowing players registered with other NCYSA clubs to participate in training sessions or tryouts WITHOUT A SIGNED NCYSA GUEST PLAYER ROSTER.

MAKING PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS (regarding Tryouts):

ACCEPTABLE METHODS:

MASS EMAILING:

- to all NCYSA registered players WITHIN YOUR MEMBER CLUB
- to the open public *that doesn't target any one player or group of players*
- to a public database/mailling list for the purpose of mass communications about your Member Club, open houses, announcing tryouts or general information in which the list **MAY** include households of children that are NCYSA registered with ANOTHER NCYSA Member Club.
- to NCYSA registered players WITHIN YOUR CLUB where another child in the same household may be NCYSA registered to another NCYSA Member Club.

COACHING CHANGES:

- A COACH announcing they're leaving your current club and where you will be coaching next.
NOTE: Anything beyond a basic announcement could be considered a recruitment infraction.
- Member Clubs ANNOUNCE NEW SLATE OF NCYSA COACHES for upcoming year prior to tryout windows opening.

UNACCEPTABLE METHODS:

SENDING/DISTRIBUTING MESSAGING:

- (physical & electronic) TARGETING SPECIFIC PLAYERS REGISTERED TO OTHER NCYSA MEMBER CLUBS
- Using a database for communication *where there is a reasonable expectation that* the database includes names of players registered with a different NCYSA Member Club

COACHING CHANGES:

- A COACH announcing they're leaving to go to a new NCYSA Member Club and encouraging/enticing current players to leave as well

GUEST PLAYER ROSTERS

When does a player need a guest roster form?

- Any time an NCYSA registered player wishes to communicate about training/playing OR play, train or tryout outside the open window with a team or coach from a different NCYSA registered member club.