

# Questions to Ask

## Before Tryouts

- How many tryouts are you having?
- How many players are you looking for and on which team(s)?
- What positions are you looking for and on which team(s)?
- How many teams in each age group do you have?

## GOOD TO KNOW - Tryouts

Clubs are not required to post how many players they are looking for, what positions, and for which teams. But it is something you can ask prior to tryouts. With the Pre-Season Club Commitment Offers, positions on teams could be more limited and therefore it may be worthwhile to ask.

## Before Accepting an Offer

- How much does the club cost?
- When is the payment due?
- What does the club fee include?
- Will there be any other fees? (i.e. travel costs, coaching fees, GJNC fees, etc.)
- What team will my son/daughter be on? \*
- When will we find out what team she will be on?
- What age group will she be playing?
- How many teams in her age group will there be?
- How many players will be on the roster?
- Who will be her coach?
- How many coaches will she have?
- How much travel will be involved?
- How many tournaments will her team play in?
- What level of tournaments will they participate in?
- Dates and times of practices?

## **GOOD TO KNOW - Offers**

According to the KRVA Junior Operating Codes, all offers must be sent in writing via email and offers@krva.org must be CC'd on the offer and the response in order to be binding.

Clubs and parents are bound to the details of the offer, if accepted. If it is not in writing, the club technically cannot be held accountable (and vice-versa for the parents).

Not everything needs to be in writing in the offer. Many clubs with also have contracts for parents to sign once the offer has been accepted. Those contracts will often, but not always, include more details.

Parents should decide what details they need to have in writing in the offer and what they are comfortable leaving out. Whether certain details are specified in an offer and/or contract is dependent on how important they are to each individual parent.

For example, if knowing which team your daughter will be placed on is important to you, but is not specified in the offer, you should tell the club director that you want that specified. The club director may reissue an offer with the team specified or they may not be able to commit to a team and decline to make changes to the offer.

If you require something to be in writing, it is up to you to request/negotiate that with the club director before accepting the offer. It is up to the club director to then reissue a new offer with those changes or to decline making any changes.

Please be sure to read the Frequently Asked Questions for more information on this process. These, and other helpful resources, are available on the KRVA website.

The above list includes possible questions to ask a club before tryouts or accepting a binding offer. But there may also be other important questions not listed here.

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The following is a list of possible questions to ask a club before accepting a binding offer. There may also be other important questions not listed here.

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  - When is the payment due?
  - What does the club fee include?
  - Will there be any other fees? (i.e. travel costs, coaching fees, GJNC fees, etc.)
- What team will my daughter be on?
  - When will we find out what team she will be on?
- What age group will she be playing?
  - How many teams in her age group will there be?
- How many players will be on the roster?
- Who will be her coach?
  - How many coaches will she have?
- How much travel will be involved?
- How many tournaments will her team play in?
  - What level of tournaments will they participate in?
- Dates and times of practices?

## What to Look for In Offers

All binding offers for Keystone Region Clubs must be sent via email and offers@krva.org must be CC'd on the offer and the response.

All offers MUST include the following:

- Club Name (in the Subject line and the top of the message body)
- Player Name
- Range of the Cost of the Club (\$XXXX to \$XXXX)
- What those fees include
- What fees are not included in the club cost (travel, meals, lodging, team bonding, etc.)
- Age Level of Team (i.e. 14U)
- Range of Players / max number on the team
- All offers MAY include the following but are not required to include:
  - Team Name
  - Skill Level of Team
  - Position
  - Jersey Number
  - Coach or list of possible coaches
  - Number of coaches
  - Potential schedules
  - Travel involved (potential cost for families for travel)
  - Practices – times, dates, locations