

# Moku O Keawe Sanctioned Season, Try-out and Commitment Policy

## 2025-26

### Sanctioning Season

The Moku O Keawe (MOK) Region's sanctioned season begins on **September 1st, 2025**, and concludes on the day after the last day of the USA Junior National Volleyball Championships (GJNC/BJNC). Regardless of either event, the conclusion of the Boys and Girls Division sanctioned seasons will not extend past **July 31st, 2026**.

#### Dates:

Girls Jr. Nat'l Championships: 10 - 13 yrs. (June 19<sup>th</sup> – June 22<sup>nd</sup>), 2026.

Girls Jr. Nat'l Championships: 14 - 17 yrs. (June 25<sup>th</sup> – July 3<sup>rd</sup>), 2026.

Girls Jr. Nat'l Championships: 18 yrs. (May 1<sup>st</sup> - May 3<sup>rd</sup>), 2026.

Boys Jr. Nat'l Championships: 12 - 18 yrs. (July 8<sup>th</sup> – July 11<sup>th</sup>), 2026.

- Once a player has committed to a team during the MOK sanctioned season, club directors and coaches from other MOK clubs must respect the player's commitment and cease recruiting the player. If a recruiter contacts a player who has signed a commitment to another team, the player must notify the recruiter of the commitment. After notification, the recruiter shall not contact that player or the player's family.
- A recruiting violation occurs when a MOK registered club director and/or coach from one (1) MOK registered club makes initial verbal or written contact with an athlete, or the athlete's parents, from another MOK registered club with the intent to persuade the player to leave the present club and join another club.
- The suggested maximum penalty may include, but is not limited to, a monetary fine and/or a suspension of MOK membership for a period of one (1) year, beginning on the date of the final ruling.
- If a club director or coach is found guilty of committing a recruiting violation, the guilty party may make an appeal. The MOK Board of Directors will hear the appeal and will make a ruling. The decision of this BOD will be final.
- If a player or parent makes the initial contact, a club director or coach may answer questions and inform the player or parent about the club's specific program without fear of committing a recruiting violation. It is strongly recommended that all club directors and coaches refrain from making negative comments concerning other clubs or their staff.
- A player who has committed to a club and then wishes to transfer to another club must follow the MOK's Procedure for Player Transfer. This is irrespective of the length of a player's membership with that club.

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### Junior Try-out Policy

The Moku O Keawe Region (MOK) provides the opportunity to not only promote and grow the sport of volleyball, but to also look out for the well-being and development of its members.

Participation in interscholastic sports promotes citizenship and sportsmanship. It instills a sense of pride in the community, teaches lifelong lessons of teamwork and self-discipline and facilitates the physical and emotional development of our youth. Participation in high school activities is a valuable part of the overall high school experience.

It is the responsibility of each club and coach to operate appropriately when trying to attract athletes to their programs. Clubs and coaches are reminded to respect each athlete's commitment to their high school program and each high school athlete's agreement to abide by their state athletic association rules.

To aid in maintaining our goal the Moku O Keawe Region will be adopting the following policy:

#### **2025-26 Try-out Dates**

The Moku O Keawe Region has adopted the following Tryout Policy effective June 10, 2023:

##### Boys

- Club/team tryouts for all age divisions may begin on Sunday, July 11, 2026.

##### Girls

- Club/team tryouts for all age divisions may begin on Saturday, July 4, 2026.

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### CLUB COMMITMENT

#### **COMMITMENT DATE:**

For the 2025-26 season, all junior clubs will have a commitment date no earlier than **September 1, 2025**.

#### **ATHLETES WILL AGREE TO COMMIT TO ONE CLUB FOR THE FULL SEASON!**

Once an invitation from a club in the USAV Member management system is accepted and the athlete has registered and paid, no transfers will be allowed through the season.

Once an athlete has participated in a region sanctioned tournament, regional or national bid event, athlete transfer/release are bound by the transfer/release rules of the Girls' Junior National Bid Championships or the Boys' Junior National to the respective manual of the events above for further clarification.

Please note, for a club to be eligible to participate in the Moku O Keawe Region's age division Regional Tournament, the club must abide by the try-out and commitment dates set forth by the Moku O Keawe Region.

***In the attempt to establish a level playing field for all athletes and clubs, no official tryouts should be held prior to the tryout period. Non-compliance will result in sanction for the team/club; up to and including USAV suspension commensurate with the violation.***

***Effective 2025-26, the Moku O Keawe Region will issue the following sanction(s) for noncompliance:***

1. *The club/team will not be able to participate in any MOK Region Events to include, and not limited to, all Region tournaments, Leagues and bid qualifiers.*
2. *The club/team will be able to register and participate in USAV events outside of the MOK Region provided that the sponsoring Region and or USAV provides written consent to the MOK Region.*
3. *This sanction will be imposed for the current season following the start date of the tryouts.*