

2020-21 LCSL Tryout Process



Introduction

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic across Louisiana, LSA is attempting to modify the Tryout Process for the 2020-21 LCSL seasonal year. There are 2 goals in mind. First, we believe it is in everyone's best interest to limit the number of players at tryouts if possible. Second, LSA wants to help Clubs in their administrative process so they can formulate teams faster and more efficiently. This will enable the bracketing and scheduling process for 2020-21 to be accomplished in a timely manner. Again, our overriding goal in how we have responded to the COVID-19 pandemic is to get back to normalcy as soon as we can. Organizing and starting the LCSL on time this fall is a key factor in accomplishing that goal.

Pre-Tryout Check-In

We are encouraging every Club to adopt a Pre-Tryout Check-in procedure for their tryouts and urging every player and their parents to utilize it. This would require players to simply sign up for a Club's tryouts on-line BEFORE the tryouts. The purpose of this procedure is to avoid long lines at registration tables and an environment where social distancing is challenging. It will also allow Clubs to plan for each tryout session. If players simply show up for tryouts, Clubs may not have sufficient staffing, equipment or personal protective equipment (PPE) for staff and players. Please be aware that some Clubs may plan to REQUIRE Pre-Tryout Check-In before a player is allowed to participate.

Early Club Registration

LSA is also encouraging Clubs to establish an early registration procedure that allows RETURNING players to register for 2020-21 with their existing Club at any time prior to the Friday before the Tryout Period begins. As Tryouts will commence June 19th, a returning player may use the Early Club Registration process up until Monday, June 15th. This may avoid the need for a player or, in certain circumstances, the bulk of a returning team, to avoid tryouts altogether.

- A Club may require a deposit.
- Early Club Registration is binding upon the player. If a player registers with their existing club early, the expectation must be that they are not considering a move to a different Club. If they are, they should not register early.
- Early registration is not a guaranty that the player be accepted to the Club nor be placed on any specific team.
- If the Club receives an Early Club Registration from a player who the Club will not be accepting for whatever reason (e.g. disbanding the team at the player's age group), the Club must notify the player of its decision immediately and no later than Thursday, June 18th. The Club must also return any deposit. These players MUST be given the opportunity to participate in tryouts for other Clubs.

Example:

A Club receives 27 Early Club Registrations from returning players. They believe tryouts will see another 10-15 players from other clubs and/or returning players that did not register early. The Club wants to put out 2 teams of 15 players each. The Club could invite 10 of the 27 early registrants immediately to the roster and invite the remaining 17 to attend tryouts. The Club must notify those 17 players that they have not been invited, but that they are free to try out for the Club any other club.

There is no requirement that a Club adopt this Early Club Registration procedure. A Club may decide that each player must undergo some element of a tryout process. This early registration procedure is optional.

Tryout Schedule

Pre-Tryout Check-In	Any time prior to Tryouts according to Club procedures
Early Club Registration	Now through Monday, June 15 th
Club Return of Early Registration	On or before Thursday, June 18 th
Tryout Period Begins	Friday, June 19 th
Tryout Period Ends	Noon on Monday, June 29 th
Invitation Period Begins	Noon on Monday, June 29 th
Club Letters of Intent Due	Wednesday, July 15 th