

Salem High School Tryout Policy

The Salem High School Athletic Department is sensitive to the needs of all student-athletes during the tryout period. It is the school's desire to see that as many student-athletes as possible are involved in the athletic programs throughout the school year. Unfortunately, due to limitations in team size for certain sports, cuts must be made.

Tryout Procedures

1. Choosing the members of the various athletic teams is the responsibility of the coach.
2. Before tryouts begin, coaches will provide team information to all candidates as well as the parents or guardians at the team meeting. Such information will include:
 - A. Length of tryout period – minimum of three days.
 - B. Objectives used to select the members of the team.
 - C. Number of team members who will be selected.
 - D. Criteria involved in selection of team members.
 - E. Distribution of practice and competition schedule.
 - F. Explanation of commitment necessary to be a member of the team.
 - G. Clear notification that tryouts are based on performance during the selection period. Tryouts are not based on summer participation or coaching camps in which the student-athletes participated prior to team selections.
3. Sub-varsity coaches will follow the criteria for selection that have been established for that particular sport. Head coaches will be involved in sub-varsity selections to aid the other coaches.
4. During cuts:
 - A. Lists or rosters of team membership will not be posted. Each coach must meet with each candidate individually to discuss strengths, weaknesses, and team membership or the reason for being cut from a team.
 - B. The coach or coaches will discuss options or alternatives for those individuals who do not make the team, such as: participation in other sports during that season, managing the team, or other available student activities.
 - C. Each student-athlete must have had an opportunity to perform in at least one intra-squad competition, or at least perform in one game-like situation.