

## **Policies that impact both Adult and Junior Participants**

### **1. MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS / FEES for 2011**

USA Volleyball increased fees by \$10 per full member; therefore the Gateway Region has adjusted membership fees as follows:

- \$45 for Regular Adult / Junior Members (players, officials, coaches, chaperones, etc)
  - \$30 for Jr Limited Participation Membership (junior players registering after spring school vb season)
  - \$15 for 10 and Under Players (born on or after 9/1/2000) Not valid for national events
  - \$10 for Adult Summer Players (after 5/1) Not valid for national events
  - \$15 for Junior Summer Players (after 5/1) Not valid for national events
  - \$10 for One-Day Adult Membership (excluding Regular season events\*)
  - \*College students have an extension through Martin Luther King weekend
- Background screen fees remain at \$20

### **Policies specific to the Adult Program**

1. Adult Regular Season starts December 1 (formerly January 1).
2. College students can use the One-Day \$10 membership option through the Martin Luther King weekend.

### **Policies specific to the Junior Program**

1. Club name ownership - in order to retain the club name from the prior season, the club representative must become a member and submit the Team Registration Form.
2. Junior clubs in border areas may request a waiver to allow tryout dates earlier than the publicized Gateway tryout start dates.
3. For tryouts held the first available weekend, the official commitment time is Sunday night at 7 pm (formerly Monday).
4. An optional Binding Commitment Letter is available for club use to formalize verbal acceptance during the tryout process. **Players cannot be mandated to sign the letter if used.**
5. All coaches must be minimally IMPACT certified or in the process of obtaining certification (registered for an IMPACT course)
6. Warm ups: When one team has exclusive use of the court, the other team must either be at its team bench or out of the playing area. Warming up with balls at the team bench or in the spectator walkways is not permitted.
7. When players are officiating at any age level, it is mandatory that the team's coach or assistant coach be part of the officiating team or remain at or near the scorer's table throughout the entire officiating assignment.
8. Members of the officiating team may not use any electronic devices (including, but not limited to cell phones and I-pods) during their officiating assignment, except for the purpose of timing warm-ups. Officiating members found using electronic devices during a match will be subject to a five-point penalty assessed to the first set of their next match.
9. The entry fee for the 2011 Gold/Silver, Bronze/Copper and G11 Girls' Regional Championships is \$225.
10. At the Gateway Regional Championships, Gateway rule variations do not apply to divisions that award bids to the Junior National Championships.
11. If a team drops from Regionals to play in another volleyball event (i.e. Qualifier) after the entry deadline, the club will be banned from participating in Regionals the following year.

### **Policies for Tournament Directors**

1. Tie break sets are not required if all teams advance to a playoff bracket (no longer a sanction exception).
2. Accepting tournament entries: Tournament entry checks may not be cashed until a team has been accepted into the tournament. Teams on a waiting list must be notified prior to placing them into the tournament and they must be given the option to decline the spot.
3. Lost courts: If the region can confirm that a Tournament Director loses courts, the TD will have 2 weeks to find replacement courts. After 2 weeks, the sanction will be withdrawn and the tournament will be removed from the schedule. Any entries & fees must be returned to teams entered.
4. Warm ups: When one team has exclusive use of the court, the other team must either be at its team bench or out of the playing area. Warming up with balls at the team bench or in the spectator walkways is not permitted.
5. The site director must be accessible at all times throughout the tournament.
6. A Parent *Code of Conduct* document is available to post to help identify the role of parents at tournaments.