

2012 Season Policy Updates

Policies that impact both Adult and Junior Participants

1. Rule books will only be issued to coaches and certified officials. Significant rule changes will be posted on the Official's page on the Gateway website.
2. Members/clubs who have sanctioned activities through the Gateway Region where USAV insurance is provided must be in good standing in the region. Good standing may be revoked if facility requirements are violated or outstanding fees are due for facility usage. If a member's/club's good standing is revoked, they may forfeit the privilege of sanctioning activities in the region for the remainder of the season or for the following season.

Policies specific to the Adult Program

1. For the adult Regular Season, once two or more adult teams form a club, they cannot de-club during the remainder of the season.
Note: Teams whose level of play is changed during the season may contact the Commissioner regarding club status.
2. Adult college teams or adult teams residing outside the Gateway Region may participate in Regular Season GW tournaments provided all individuals register using the "one-day adult membership" option. It is the responsibility of the Tournament Director to collect Individual Membership Forms and fees for all individuals prior to participating.
3. After Adult Regionals, adult players may transfer to a different club team of the same or higher level of play, as long as the transfer is within the national entry guidelines.
4. At December Regular Season tournaments the \$10 penalty fee for adults who register on site will be waived.
5. Adult tournament format will be 4 team pools, \$100 entry.
Note: In unusual circumstances, sanction exceptions allowing 5 teams on 1 court with an \$80 entry fee may be allowed.
6. Adult Rec level for men and women added. Notes:
 - a. 15s and older age divisions are eligible.
 - b. 4 teams per court format.
 - c. \$125 per team maximum entry fee: \$100 to the Tournament Director, \$25 to the Gateway Office.
 - d. Rec Team Roster / Membership Form must be completed. Everyone (even current members) must sign the team form.
 - e. Tournament must be sanctioned, no sanction fee and no results required.
 - f. The Tournament Director must submit the Rec Team Roster / Membership Form and \$25 to the GW office within one week of the tournament.
 - g. Teams must provide capable officials; region will send an adult mentor.
 - h. No uniforms, unlimited subs, flip score only.

Policies specific to the Junior Program

1. Girl's teams with age waived players (registered with the region at the beginning of the season) will not be allowed to participate in any event in which a bid to the USAV National Championships is awarded (includes Gold/Silver GW Regional Championships) and/or the National Championships at any age.
2. Awards for junior tournaments must be medals. No other award is acceptable.
3. 10s player's membership fee is \$15. Players using this option are ineligible for national level events. 10s teams that would like to be eligible to play in 11s events must pay the Regular \$45 membership fee per player. If the team pays the higher membership fees and is therefore eligible for 11s tournaments, the team is then restricted from playing in 10s Regionals and/or any 10s tournaments.

4. An 8 and under membership option is available; \$5 fee charged per member. Players using this option are ineligible for national level events. To be eligible for 10 and Under or older events, the team and players must register in the appropriate age division and the corresponding membership fee for that age category must be paid.
5. Teams may only play in one Regional Championship Event.
6. Split Girl's 11s Regionals into separate gold/silver and bronze/copper events. Continue to have all 11s, no matter which tourney they enter, play the weekend of bronze/copper. 11s teams with waivers may play in the gold/silver division since no bids are awarded.

Reminder: Junior Club Directors have club admin access in Webpoint. In order to retain club admin status, you must renew your membership (apply in Webpoint AND send fees to the Gateway Office) prior to October 31.

Policies that impact Tournament Directors

1. It is recommended that the tournament schedule be sent out by the Monday before the tournament.
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