

## Arizona Region of USA Volleyball New for 2019 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

### 2019 National Championship locations

Adults - Columbus, OH - May 24 - 29

Boys - Dallas, TX - June 30 - July 7

Girls 18s - Dallas, TX - Apr 26 - 28

Girls 11s - 17s - Indianapolis, IN - June 27 - July 6

HP Championships - Ft Lauderdale, FL - July 18 - 22

### Official Shortage

Let's face it, the game is growing faster than the number of officials that are being trained or retained. As officials have more opportunity to work at NQs and Bid tournaments for 3 days and with increased opportunities in our own state (HS & Collegiate Sand, Boys High School play and Men's collegiate play) we are finding it harder and harder to cover the courts we have scheduled on a weekly basis. With that said the Arizona Region is encouraging coaches that might want to pick up some extra money to become a certified official so that they can officiate the opposite wave they are coaching or on their off weekend. The other option now being offered is to credit the club \$20 for every match that the uncertified coach or other rostered adult is required to officiate as part of their team responsibility. If the coach is a certified official, they will be paid match pay according to their rating when they R1 during their team's ref assignment. Coaches that refuse to R1 when there are no officials scheduled will be fined \$100 for not fulfilling their ref assignment.

### Private Lessons During Open House Periods

In an attempt to curb illegal recruiting and clubs that have coaches hold private lessons during the Open House period in order to effectively take away the player's time to find the club that is right for them, the Arizona Region Board of Directors has enacted the following policy:

Private lessons by coaches during the Open House period prior to girls' tryouts are prohibited. If a coach is found to be holding private lessons during the Open House Period, the Club the coach is currently with or hired afterward to be with will be charged \$300 per person attending each lesson held during the Open House Period. The fee must be paid to the Arizona Region prior to the coach being listed on any roster.

Private lessons by coaches may be held 50 weeks of the year. During the Open House Period private lessons by any coach are prohibited. This has been abused by clubs and coaches for years. This is the Arizona Region's attempt to give players the right to find the club that is right for them and not be held by a club/coach from doing so.

## Updated Music/Noisemaker Policy

Because no AZ Region tournaments schedule just one court in a facility the use of noisemakers or music is prohibited. This keeps the noise from affecting any other courts in the facility. If there is any time that only 1 court is scheduled in a facility the use of music during the warm up period only will be allowed with the approval of BOTH team's coaches.

At no time is the use of artificial noisemakers allowed at any Arizona Region event or location.

## IMPACT On-Demand Changes

Beginning Sept 1<sup>st</sup> IMPACT On-Demand is a free course for all current members of USA Volleyball. The course is taken online - register through your Current Webpoint record and then take the course through the USAV Academy (also accessed through your Webpoint record). The online course is about 4 hours long and is finished by a test. The coach must notify the AZ Region that the On-Demand course has been completed so we can mark the coach eligible in the system and update their certification dates.

The Arizona Region will also provide in person IMPACT clinics. The course is 4 hours long and includes court time. The IMPACT clinic is for all 1<sup>st</sup> time coaches. The cost is \$25. The Arizona Region will also provide several refresher courses in the fall that coaches can take to fulfill continuing education requirements - so they don't have to take IMPACT again. These courses will have a cost to them.

## USAV Logo use on uniforms

USA Volleyball has created a program that will allow clubs to put the USAV Club logo on their jerseys. There will be strict requirements regarding the use of this logo. To apply, please contact USA Volleyball at [memberclublogo@usav.org](mailto:memberclublogo@usav.org)

## SafeSport Training

Beginning with the 2018-19 season, the SafeSport Training will be required every 2 seasons by the USOC. All club personnel and officials may begin taking the new season course after September 1. You must be registered for the current season to register for the course and take the modules. Register for the Core Center for SafeSport Training in Webpoint under USAV Clinics > Coach's Clinics on the left side menu - it is under August 2018. Once registered, access the modules through the USAV Academy. All modules must be completed in order to be certified.

## New Financial Policy

Effective Sept 16 the Arizona Region has a new financial policy. Any club that has an outstanding balance due to the Region will not be allowed to enter the AZ NCQ or any other Arizona Region events (Vulture Peak, Yuma Jailbreak, etc). Their teams will also be pulled from the Region Championships until the balance is paid. If the balance is paid less

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than 10 days prior to the Region Championships, the teams will not be re-entered into the tournament.

The club director or adult team rep of a team with an outstanding balance will be considered "not in good standing" with the Region. This will preclude them from voting in any elections, running for any leadership position in the Arizona Region, and voting for any items before the Jr Forum.

## Rosters at Check In

The Arizona Region requires all coaches/adult team reps to submit a current roster from Webpoint at check in for each tournament. If the registration of teams has not been completed and the club's Webpoint rosters have not yet been built, the coach must submit a copy of the Team Registration Form for that team. NO OTHER "rosters" will be accepted. Club Directors should provide all coaches with a copy of their Team Registration Form at the beginning of the season to use until their Webpoint rosters are completed. At that time, only the current Webpoint roster will be accepted for check in.

## Sunday Play for Girls Open Division

The Arizona Region Girl's Division is growing each year. In an attempt to reduce the number of officials and courts needed on any given Saturday, the Open Division will be scheduled on 4 Sundays. The first tournament is a two-day seeding tournament - Saturday/Sunday. Three other tournaments will be scheduled on Sunday. The Region Championships will not be played on Sunday for any age group except Adults. The decision to play Open Division on Sunday was made in part because many of the teams in Open Division already play on Sunday at NQ tournaments.

## Alternate Teams at AZ NCQ Tournament

Teams participating in the AZ NCQ tournament that finish in 3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> places are now required to register in AES for the GJNC in the American Division and send the entry form and payment of \$900 to the Region Office within 10 days of qualification. They must remain committed to accept a bid until ALL of the qualification and reallocation bids have been accepted. If an alternate team does not have a bid and passes on a bid that comes their way, they will forfeit the \$900 entry fee to the Region and could be further sanctioned by the Region.

## Reminders . . .

Cindy Kirk is the Arizona Region SafeSport Director. She should be contacted at [safesport@azregionvolleyball.org](mailto:safesport@azregionvolleyball.org) or 480-993-6176 to report any SafeSport violations.

## Uniforms

The USAV Rules of the Game Commission removed the solid colored jersey requirement. However, when ordering your jerseys make sure to consider TWO different contrasts as those are the items that cause all the problems with jerseys.

Contrast 1: Jersey to jersey - light and dark contrasting of the two jersey sets

Contrast 2: Number to jersey - contrast must be light to dark and the number must be solid filled. Numbers that are just a contrasting outline of the number but the body of the number is the same color as the jersey are no longer legal numbers. Numbers may be outlined to better set them off but all 3 colors must be contrasting.

The number should not get lost in the design on the jersey or the design of the jersey. It should be clearly visible and contrasting to the colors of the jersey even when wet.

Questions regarding jersey legality should be directed to Earl Capps. Please ask your questions BEFORE you order or print!

## Medical Kits

It used to be the norm that each team would carry a medical kit to take care of incidental injuries. This has gotten lost in the growth of the sport. There are more and more players and coaches coming to the site director asking for band aids, tape and ice. This is the responsibility of each team to provide. The Arizona Region cannot afford to have Athletic Trainers at our sites. The cost is prohibitive and would be impossible to staff. Our site directors are trained to contact 911 for serious injuries or to turn the player over to the parent to take them to urgent care. Each team should carry a medical kit for first aid and minor injuries.

## Player Releases

The Arizona Region and USA Volleyball agree that a commitment to a club is for the entire season - this means through the end of the Junior National Championships. Therefore, any club that attempts to pick up players for a season ending event must first have a release by the first club in order to invite or offer a player committed to another club the opportunity to play with the new club. Players/coaches/club directors/anyone else associated with the club should not be recruiting players to play with the team for any season ending event unless the players have been released - this includes AAU events.

Even though the Girls 18s JNC is in April, 18s girls will still need to be released from their club to participate with another club in a summer season ending tournament. The end date for ALL club affiliation is the end of the summer GJNC tournament.

No one will be released to or from another Region to play in Jr Nationals. This is covered in the Pre-Tournament Manuals of both the Boys JNC and Girls JNC. There are eligibility considerations associated with any release - this is the reason for Region approval for a release to happen.

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Club Directors have been asking the Arizona Region for many years to stop a player from going to another club if they owe the club money at the end of the season. We are not legally allowed to do that but we can enforce that players have a release before joining another club during the same season. In order for this to work, club directors have to buy into this and not poach players without a release to attend an AAU or other season ending tournament. We are all USAV registered clubs with USAV registered players. Regardless of the event, we must protect all clubs from being taken advantage of by players that jump clubs each season leaving a trail of debt behind them.

This policy is to protect the club.

## Purple Card

The Arizona Region is launching the use of a Purple Card by the officials. It will be used during matches when parents/spectators get out of line along the same lines as the red and yellow cards for players/coaches involved in the match.

- The first issuance of the purple card will be displayed with a yellow card and will be a warning - the coach will have the opportunity to address the parent regarding their behavior.
- The next issuance of the purple card during the match will be displayed along with a red card and will result in a point against the offending parent/spectator's team. The warning and the penalty will be to the team, so the second occurrence results in the penalty to the team regardless if it is the same parent/spectator or not - similar to a bench penalty for a team.
- The 3<sup>rd</sup> time the purple card comes out during a match there will be an ejection of the parent/spectator. The team will be assessed another penalty point. The referee will come down from the stand and bring in the site director and lead official who will remove the parent from the area/facility for the rest of the tournament day. The match will then resume.

Parent behavior is affecting all aspects of youth sports. It is getting worse and needs to be dealt with by the clubs, teams, officials and site directors. We are losing facilities, coaches and officials everywhere because of bad parent behavior.

The use of the red and yellow cards will continue to be for players and coaches during the match.

The Penalty Point Sanction Policy will be used for bad parent/spectator/coach/player behavior prior to and following matches when directed toward others.