

BLUE RIBBON CLUB PROGRAM RETURNS IN 2021-2022



CEVA has announced the return, and a revamp, of the Blue Ribbon Club Program for the 2021-2022 season.

The biggest change will be a formal requirement that clubs create and publicize a DEI statement for their business. Additionally, clubs will be able to apply for the program as part of their club activation process on September 1st.

Another change will be a formalized incentive for partial reimbursement of entry fees for teams who enter the Patriot Division at GJNC from Blue Ribbon Clubs.

The COVID pandemic did not stop the program from happening, but significantly dampened the interest, with just four clubs earning the distinction.

Congratulations to YCVBC, Axiom, Webfoot, and NPJ for earning BRC status in the 2020-2021 season.

BOD & COMMITTEES

The next meetings of the CEVA Board of Directors & our standing committees can be found on our website:

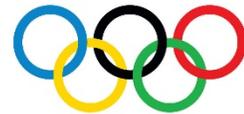
www.cevaregion.org/bod
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CLUB ACTIVATION BEGINS 9/1/21

Club activation for the 2021-2022 season begins on September 1st, the date that materials will be sent to all club directors and memberships will be available on our website. Clubs must meet certain requirements to be active in the region in the upcoming season. Those requirements can be found on www.cevaregion.org/clubactivation

TEAM USA INDOOR & BEACH TEAMS WIN GOLD

The United States Indoor Women's National Team came home with the Gold Medal from the 2020 Tokyo Summer Games, defeating rival Brazil in straight sets on Saturday night to earn the program's first title. CEVA alum **Kim Hill** was a part of the team and now can pair the 2020 Gold with the Bronze she helped the team win in 2016.



Additionally, the USA's top beach women's team of **April Ross** and **Alix Klineman** also took home the Gold in Tokyo.

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS GET HELP

CEVA announced on August 9th that Portland State University athletics

will be making a donation back to the #VTC Scholarship Fund for the 2021-2022 season. 20% of each purchase to a home volleyball match, when the code 2021CEVA is used, will be donated back to the fund.

CEVA has also received a sizeable anonymous donation that will be split between the #VTC Fund and the Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Finally, Cleveland High School's volleyball program, under the direction of Head Coach **Sydney Hammond**, made a donation to the #VTC Scholarship Fund as part of the Juneteenth outdoor tournament held on June 19th.

DEI COMMITTEE FOCUSES ON LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS

The CEVA Diversity & Inclusion Committee is vetting a number of local organizations focusing on minority communities to find opportunities to donate resources to. The Committee continues to seek ways for our organization, and our administration, to give back to the community. More information will be on the CEVA website in the near future.



BOD MAKES DEI- FOCUSED CHANGES

The CEVA Board of Directors, at their meeting on August 9th, decided to vote on two changes to the organization's Bylaws focused on bringing diversity, equity, and inclusion to the forefront of our decision-making.

The BOD will be voting to remove the capacity on membership on the Diversity & Inclusion Committee. This would be done so that anybody who is invested in the causes and wants to devote the time & energy can be allowed to join in an official capacity.

The BOD also is voting on instituting a requirement that the CEVA Finance Committee – who plays a large part in budget allocations and decision-making on funding – must have a representative from the D/I Committee as a member at all times.

Additionally, CEVA President **Nick Hacker** has asked that all committee meetings have a slot on the agenda for updates from the Diversity & Inclusion Committee, which can be delivered by a committee member or a CEVA staff member.

ESCOBAR HELPING TRANSLATE DOCS INTO SPANISH



Hector Escobar, the newly-elected Parent Representative on the CEVA Board, has jumped head-long into his job by helping to translate several documents on the CEVA website into Spanish. This

increases accessibility and availability for members, and potential members, who may speak Spanish as their first language.

Escobar continues to translate some of the most prominent and important documents on the website and is working closely with the CEVA staff to find more opportunities to get information into Spanish-speaking communities.

SITTING VOLLEYBALL OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH ASNW

Adaptive Sports NW, a Beaverton-based organization, has opportunities in the near future for sitting volleyball participation. Additionally, ASNW is looking for a program lead for the sitting volleyball athletes.

Practices happen in the Portland, Beaverton, and Hillsboro areas. ASNW is an important partner for CEVA. Not only are they currently our neighbors in our office building, they also collaborate with us on several other items and we consider them great supporters. For the last two years, CEVA has made a donation to their organization and has attended their annual auction and fundraiser.

For more information, visit www.adaptivesportsnw.org

USEFUL LINKS

Girls' Club Directory: www.cevaregion.org/club-directory

Boys' Club Directory: www.cevaregion.org/boys-club-directory

2021-2022 Season Info: www.cevaregion.org/seasoninfo

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