
PROCEDURES FOR FOREIGN TEAM PARTICIPATION IN REGIONALLY SANCTIONED TOURNAMENTS

In accordance with the USA Volleyball Policy on Foreign National Participation, these procedures are to be followed when foreign teams enter regionally sanctioned tournaments.

1. The coach or team rep for each foreign national team must have in his/her possession and make a legible copy available to the tournament director for each rostered member of the team:
 - a. Government issued photo Identification
 - b. Verification of registration with the team's national volleyball federation
 - c. A completed copy of Foreign Participant Registration Forms (must have all signatures on all pages)

2. Additionally, the coach or team rep of junior-age teams must also have in his/her possession and make a legible copy available to the tournament director for each participant under 18 years of age:
 - a. Copy of birth certificate
 - b. USA Volleyball's "Consent for Medical Treatment and Release" form signed by the participant's parent or legal guardian.

3. Foreign athlete insurance will be provided by USA Volleyball at a cost of \$100 per team for the first tournament and \$10 per person for additions to the original roster for subsequent tournaments during the season.
 - a. A waiver of the foreign athlete insurance fee will be granted to Canadian teams whose members can all provide written proof of 24 hour health coverage valid in the United States.
 - i. Canadian team members must have written proof of coverage in their possession and make a legible copy available to the tournament director.
 - b. Foreign teams must submit \$100, the Team Summary Form and the Foreign Participant Registration Forms (must have all signatures on all pages) for all rostered members of the team prior to participation in the first tournament of the season.
 - i. The foreign team coach or team rep will keep a copy of the summary form and all individual forms.
 - ii. The tournament director/region will forward to the USA Volleyball Events Department the insurance payment and original copy of all of the forms.
 - c. Foreign teams entering subsequent tournaments in the same season are required to submit copies of the individual registration forms and proof of payment of the original \$100 team insurance fee. Additions to the original roster will be charged at \$10 per person. The additional participants must also submit the Foreign Participant Registration Forms (must have all signatures on all pages).
 - i. Verification of payment of the initial team insurance fee by the tournament director/region can be done through the National Administrative Office Membership Department.
 - ii. The tournament director/region will forward to the USA Volleyball Region Services Department additional fees and a copy of all of the forms

4. Pre-tournament: Provide to foreign teams who inquire about entry into your tournaments the following documents in addition to your tournament entry requirements:
 - a. Foreign Participant Registration Forms (must have all signatures on all pages) (needed for each rostered member of the team) – 2 page document
 - b. Summary of Coverage (except for Canadian teams who have been waived from the insurance fee requirement)
 - c. For junior-age teams, USA Volleyball's Consent for Medical Treatment and Release Form

5. Post-tournament: Send to the National Administrative Office Membership Department:
 - a. \$100 insurance team fees and/or \$10 additional participant fees
 - b. Copies of all individual Foreign Participant Registration Forms (must have all signatures on all pages)
 - c. Team Summary Form



POLICY ON FOREIGN INDIVIDUAL AND FOREIGN TEAM PARTICIPATION

DEFINITIONS

- "Foreign Participant": A participant who is not a citizen of the United States OR a citizen residing in a U.S. territory having its own National Volleyball Federation to which the participant is affiliated.
- "Non-Resident"
Foreign Participant: A person who is not a citizen of the United States residing outside the 50 United States OR an individual residing in a U.S. Territory, having its own National Volleyball Federation to which the participant is affiliated.
- "Resident" Foreign Participant: A person who is not a citizen of the United States residing in one of the 50 United States and holding "resident" versus "visitor" status. Proof of "Resident" status includes providing documentation substantiating enrollment and attendance in an educational institution in the United States (excludes on-line courses) OR proof of employment in the United States AND a corresponding physical residence address (excludes a P.O. Box or "care of" address). A copy of a current student or work visa is required for the duration of eligibility.
- Foreign Participant "Release": Written approval by a foreign participant's national volleyball federation of origin for that person to affiliate or participate with USA Volleyball.

POLICY

- I. Concurrent registration with more than one National Volleyball Federation is prohibited.
- A. **Resident Foreign Participant**, who has competed in international competition representing his/her country/federation of origin (i.e. Youth National Team, Junior National Team, Senior National Team, or other "elite" team that has represented that country in international competition) is required to have a written release from that volleyball federation of origin before he/she can become a registered member of a Regional Volleyball Association.
 - B. This would not apply to a participant who has been in continuous legal residence in the United States and unaffiliated with a foreign national volleyball federation for greater than two years.
- II. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS – ADULT
- A. **Foreign Individual** Participation in National **Adult** Competitions (e.g. USA Volleyball Open Championships)
 1. Subject to Paragraph I, a **Resident Foreign Participant** (residing legally in the United States) may participate if he/she is duly registered with a USA Volleyball

Regional Volleyball Association (RVA) and follows all event participation policies and registration procedures.

2. A **Non-Resident Foreign Participant** may participate only with conglomerate classifications (e. g. Open and age classification tournaments) on the condition that he/she has been granted a written release from his/her national volleyball federation of origin and follows all event participation policies and registration procedures.
 3. A **Non-Resident Foreign Participant** shall not participate on a USA Volleyball Club Team (e.g. AA, A, BB and B classification tournaments).
- B. **Foreign Team** Participation for National **Adult** Competitions (e.g. USA Volleyball Open Championships). A Foreign Team (registered with its National Volleyball Federation) may participate if it duly applies for and is accepted in compliance with the event's regulations, is not representing its country in an official capacity, and the federation of origin grants permission for participation.
- C. Each Foreign Participant (on a conglomerate team) and all members of a Foreign Team must purchase foreign participant insurance, which will be provided by USA Volleyball. The expense shall be debited to the event at cost and shall be added to the entry fee.
- D. A waiver to the foreign participant insurance fee shall be granted to Canadians who provide written proof of 24-hour health coverage valid in the United States.
- E. Each Foreign Participant and all members of a Foreign Team shall have in their possession, and shall have previously filed with the Event Director, the following documents:
1. Photo identification (Driver's license, passport or comparable government issued document), and
 2. A signed copy of the USA Volleyball Code of Conduct and Waiver and Release of Liability (provided on page 2 of the Foreign Participant Registration form).

III. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS – JUNIOR

- A. **Foreign Individual** Participation in National **Junior** Competitions (e.g. USA Volleyball Junior National Championships, National Invitational and all events that qualify teams for USA Junior National Volleyball Championship Events),
1. Subject to Paragraph I, a **Resident Foreign Participant** (residing legally in the United States, e. g. exchange student) may participate if she/he is a duly registered member of a USA Volleyball Regional Volleyball Association (RVA) and follows all event participation policies and registration procedures.
 2. A **Non-Resident Foreign Participant** shall not be eligible to participate. See the Foreign Guest Coach Policy for exceptions.
- B. **Foreign Team** Participation for National **Junior** Competitions (e.g. USA Volleyball Junior National Championships, National Invitational and all Qualifying Events)
1. A Foreign Team (registered with its National Volleyball Federation) may participate if it duly applies for and is accepted in compliance with the event's regulations, is not representing its country in an official capacity, and the federation of origin grants permission for participation.
 2. Foreign Teams must purchase foreign participant insurance, which will be provided by USA Volleyball. The expense shall be debited to the event at cost and shall be added to the entry fee.
 3. A waiver to the foreign participant insurance fee shall be granted to Canadians who provide written proof of 24-hour health coverage valid in the United States.
 4. Each member of a Foreign Team shall have in his/her possession(s), and shall have previously filed with the Event Director, the following documents:
 - a. Photo identification (Driver's license, passport or comparable government issued document), and
 - b. A signed copy of the USA Volleyball Code of Conduct and Waiver and Release of Liability (provided on page 2 of the Foreign Participant Registration form).

- c. Additionally, for junior-age competitions, each foreign player (of a foreign team) must also possess and have on file with the Event Director:
 - i. Copy of birth certificate or Government Issue Identification with birth date

IV. REGIONAL ASSOCIATION PROGRAMS AND EVENTS (Not to include any events which qualify teams for any National Events)

- A. Subject to Paragraph I, a **Resident Foreign Participant** (residing legally in the United States, e. g. exchange student) may participate if he/she is a duly registered member of a USA Volleyball Regional Volleyball Association (RVA).
- B. A **Non-Resident Foreign Participant** shall not participate on a USA Volleyball club team. See the Foreign Guest Coach Policy for exceptions.
- C. For Regional Volleyball Association competitions a **Foreign Team**:
 - 1. May participate if accepted by the Regional Volleyball Association in compliance with its regulations and is not representing its country in an official capacity.
 - 2. Must purchase foreign participant insurance, which will be provided by USA Volleyball. The expense shall be debited to the event at cost and shall be added to the entry fee.
 - 3. A waiver to the foreign participant insurance fee shall be granted to Canadians who provide written proof of 24-hour health coverage valid in the United States.
 - 4. For Regional Volleyball Association (RVA) competitions, each Foreign Team member (all members of a foreign team) shall have in his/her possession, and shall have previously filed with the Event Director, the following documents:
 - a. Photo identification (Driver's license, passport or comparable government issued document), and
 - b. A signed copy of the USA Volleyball Code of Conduct and Waiver and Release of Liability (provided on page 2 of the Foreign Participant Registration form).
 - c. Additionally, for junior-age competitions, each Foreign Player (or all members of a Foreign Team) must also possess and have on file with the Event Director:
 - i. Copy of birth certificate or Government Issue Identification with birth date.

FOREIGN TEAM TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION SUMMARY FORM

TOURNAMENT	TEAM NAME
DATE(S)	DIVISION OF PLAY
REGION	NATIONAL FEDERATION

	ALL	ALL	Canadian Participant	Team
Roster (Last Name, First Name) <i>Include Players, Coaches and Support Staff</i> <i>If adding players to roster after 1st tournament, use 2nd page</i>	Registration Form	Proof of Age	Proof of Insurance	\$100 Insurance Payment
Team's \$100 Foreign Team Insurance				
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READ AND SIGN ALL FORMS. THE PARTICIPANT'S AND PARENT/GUARDIAN'S SIGNATURES ARE REQUIRED ON ALL FORMS.

1. All persons listed on the roster must provide each of the following forms:

- Foreign Participant Registration Form (all signatures are required)
- Proof of Age

2. Canadian teams must provide proof of 24 hour medical insurance coverage while in the United States in order to qualify for the insurance fee waiver.

3. Tournament Director shall send originals of all forms and the insurance fee(s) to the National Office. Make checks payable to USA Volleyball (\$100 per team).

4. Copies of all documentation should be retained by the Foreign Team and the Tournament Director/Region.

Tournament Director Signature _____ Date _____

National Office – Date received _____ Date _____

FOREIGN TEAM TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION SUMMARY FORM

TEAM NAME
DIVISION OF PLAY
NATIONAL FEDERATION AFFILIATION

Additional tournaments and additions to the roster (after participation in the first tournament) should be listed below.

TOURNAMENT _____
 DATE(S) _____ REGION _____

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 DATE(S) _____ REGION _____

		ALL	All	Canadian Participant	Insurance Fee
Date added	Roster (Last Name, First Name) Includes Players, Coaches and Support Staff	Registration Form	Proof of Age	Proof of Insurance	\$10/addition
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