



2010 Approved Junior Division Changes

8/10/09 Revised

FORMAT

- ◆ No major changes to any of the Power Structure (Power 1 through Power 5, Regionals & JNQ). Split weekends Odds & Evens will remain.
- ◆ Change Division 3 back to Pool Play then crossover instead of the 8 team bracket.
- ◆ Change in Division 1 & 2 Bracket play. The non deciding mandatory 3rd set will no longer be required for matches 9 – 12. However matches 1 – 8 will require a full officiating crew (R1, R2, scorekeeper, lines) for all 3rd non deciding mandatory sets on matches 1 – 4. Scoresheet will be turned in but not recorded if it is not a deciding set. Failure to provide a full officiating crew for the mandatory non deciding 3rd set will be a fined \$125.00 per team per incident.
- ◆ Bracket Play schedule officiating schedule revised.
- ◆ Junior Open Tournament:
 - Two Day Event (January 30th & 31st) Saturday Afternoon Pool Play and Sunday Bracket or Pool Play depending on Saturday finish. No Points will be given. All matches will be the best two out of three sets.
 - Cost \$350.00 per team, officials will be provided for both days.
 - Eligibility requirements:
 - Age Division Requirement 18, 17 and 16.
 - Must declare at team registration that the team would like to be eligible to compete.
 - Team must compete in Power #1 in their age division.
 - 12 team field will consist of (5) 18's, (4) 17's and (3) 16's
 - Eligibility and seeding will be based on the result of Power #1.
 - Saturday Pool Format:

Division 1		Division 2	
Pool 1	Pool 2	Pool 1	Pool 2
18-1	18-2	17-3	18-4
17-2	17-1	17-4	16-2
16-1	18-3	18-5	16-3

- Sunday Bracket Format & Sunday Pool Format:

	Bracket	Pool
Seed 1	D1P1(1)	D2P2(2)
Seed 2	D1P2(1)	D2P1(2)
Seed 3	D1P1(2)	D2P2(3)
Seed 4	D1P2(2)	D2P2(3)
Seed 5	D1P1(3)	
Seed 6	D1P2(3)	
Seed 7	D2P1(1)	
Seed 8	D2P2(1)	

◆ Junior Proposed Schedule:

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Sun	3-Jan	RMR Friendship
Sun	10-Jan	RMR Power 1 Odd
Sun	24-Jan	RMR Power 1 Even
Sun	31-Jan	RMR Power 2 Odd; RMR Open
Sun	7-Feb	RMR Power 2 Even
Sat-Mon	Feb 13 - 15	RMR Showdown
Sun	21-Feb	RMR Power 3 Odd
Sat-Mon	Feb 27-Mar 1	Crossroads
Fri-Sun	Mar 5 - 7	Crossroads
Sun	14-Mar	RMR Power 3 Even
Sun	21-Mar	RMR Power 4 Odd
Sun	28-Mar	RMR Power 4 Even
Sun	11-Apr	RMR Power 5 Odd
Sun	18-Apr	RMR Power 5 Even
Sun	25-Apr	RMR Regionals Odd
Sun	2-May	RMR Regionals Even
Sun	16-May	RMR-JNQ

SEEDING

- ◆ The seeding committee will consist of 9 voting delegates. These delegates will be selected by the chair (Eduardo Fiallos along with the RMR). The list will be approved by the Junior Forum at the Annual Club Director's Forum, September 27th. Note: The annual seeding meeting is open to all interested parties.
- ◆ Voting Delegate break down:
 - (2) Colorado Springs Area
 - (1) South Area Representative (Pueblo, Durango, etc)
 - (3) Denver Metro Area
 - (2) North Area Representative (Greeley, Ft Collins, Wyo etc)
 - (1) At Large Member
- ◆ Steps in the seeding process
 - Seeding forms are submitted to the RMR.
 - All rosters and seeding forms are copied and placed in a book by Age Division.
 - All voting members of the seeding will have a book to review.
 - Other information used by seeding committee
 - Last Season Power Results & Rankings
 - Results from Regionals & JNQ
 - Results from National Events
 - Alphabetical list of all teams in that age division.
 - List of teams in order to what group they requested on the seeding form.
 - Seeding is done by Age Division, starting with the 12 & Under Division and then move up by age.
 - Teams are then reviewed by group order i.e. (1 – 8), (9-16), etc until all teams have been seeded for that age division.
 - Teams that are playing up in that age division from another age division are seeded based on where the committee feels where they can compete. There are no artificial ceilings placed or set format. Committee will take into consideration the number of times the team will be playing up, the past history of that team and where that team is seeded in its own age division.
 - Teams are then divided into 8 team divisions.

- Divisions will be formatted and reviewed to make sure that a club will not play another team from their club in pool play. If this occurs seeds may be switched. Note: this is only for Power 1.
- The process is completed.
- ◆ Changes to seeding form
 - Will add section to read, "If you do not take the time to fill out this form as completely as possible your seed may be at risk".
 - Will add section to read, "Do you intend to play up in an age division, if so at what age _____ also where do you feel this team should be seeded in that age division you are playing up in _____."
- ◆ Annual Seeding Meeting Sunday, December 20th starting at noon in the RMR Office.

OFFICIATING/RULES

- ◆ The Libero will be eligible to serve in all RMR Junior Sanctioned Events except for the RMR JNQ. Note: if teams will be playing outside of the region or at national events the Libero **will not be** eligible to serve.
- ◆ The R1 officials will be provided for all Division 1 age divisions Power 1 – Power 5. There will be an additional cost of \$50.00 per team per event. The additional fee of \$50.00 must be received in the RMR Office by Monday following the event. In the event the RMR can not provide officials for all of Division 1 play, officials will be assigned to the youngest age Divisions first, refunds will be given to those teams that do not have officials.
- ◆ Power 2 through Power 5 Division 1 & 2 bracket play will require a full officiating crew (R1, R2, scorekeeper, lines) on all mandatory 3rd non deciding set play on matches 1 – 8. Scoresheet will be turned in but not recorded if it is not a deciding set. Failure to provide a full officiating crew for the mandatory non deciding 3rd set will be a fined \$125.00 per team per incident.
- ◆ Significant rule change for new season. Go to the following link for examples: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y2ijNc_3vCU

RECRUITING POLICY & PLAYER INTENT

- ◆ See attached sheet
- ◆ A policy has been established to grant practice waivers for player's who may quit one club/team and want to practice with another club during the season. Guidelines and requirements are written out on the attached sheet.

FEES AND OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- ◆ Teams participating in Division 1 for Powers 1 – 5, Regionals and the RMR JNQ the tournament fee will be \$175.00/per team per event. Since it may be difficult to determine if your team will be participating at the Division 1 level, teams will have until the Monday after the event to pay the additional \$50.00 tournament entry fee.
- ◆ All coaches are required to be Impact Certified by February 1, 2010. The RMR will be hosting two FREE clinics Sunday, December 13th from 1:00 – 5:00 pm and Saturday, January 30th from 9:00 – 1:00 pm at the Embassy Suites South Denver. For those coaches that register after February 1, 2010 they will need to complete the Impact Certification via webinar on the USA Volleyball website at your own cost which may be \$60.00. This must be completed within 30 days of registration. Failure to complete Impact certification is subject to a hefty fine.
- ◆ September 1st is the opening day for the online registration. Coaches will be prompted to complete their background screening if it expires on 10/31/09. Individuals' will no longer be able to skip the background screening process if they select any role that is associated with a Junior Program. Coaches must complete the online "Coaches Code of Ethics" and print & sign the RMR Code of Ethics". We are looking in the future to requiring only the online Coaches Code of Ethics but for this year we are requiring both.
- ◆ Player's must have completed and paid for their 2009 – 2010 RMR USAV membership prior to trying out for the new season. Player's must show you a copy of their **2009 – 2010 Membership Card**.

Recruiting Policy

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Recruitment: Any contact with a prospective player, initiated by a club director, coach, parent or player representing a club, with the intent to commit the prospective player to the represented club. When in contact with a prospective player, coaches and club directors will refrain from any negative or derogatory remarks concerning other clubs and/or their staff.

Recruitment Period: Junior Female Players, the day after the last day of competition of the Girls Junior Olympic Volleyball Championships through November 30th. Junior Male Players the day after the last day of competition of the Boys Junior Olympic Volleyball Championships through October 31st.

Non-Recruitment Period: The time period for junior female players is December 1st through the last day of competition of the Girls Junior Olympic Volleyball Championships and for junior male players is November 1st through the last day of competition of the Boys Junior Olympic Volleyball Championships. Coaches, players, parents/guardians or club directors shall not initiate contact with Junior Club affiliated region members during this time period.

No Electronic Contact List: Players who have informed the RMR Office in writing that she/he does not want to be contacted by electronic means (telephone, text, email, electronic networking, etc.) by any club for the purpose of recruitment will be placed on the list. Coaches and club directors will respect the decision of these individuals on this list and will not contact them via electronic devices. Regular letter information can still be sent to these individuals. List will be posted on RMR website.

Membership: September 1st – October 31st of the following season.

Publications and Web Site Postings: Published Rosters and Members List on website or other printed material is limited to current, alumni members or after the completion of try-outs for the new season (Roster) of that club.

Try Out Dates: With respect to the Colorado High School Athletic Association and their events, RMR Junior Club teams will be allowed to schedule their try-out dates according to the following dates:

Ages 15 and Below	Starting on or after the second Saturday in October
*Ages 16 and Above	Starting on or after November 1 st

*Note: that it is customary that try-outs for these age division not be scheduled until after the Colorado State HS Volleyball Championships.

Violation of the Recruiting Policy: Should a club's violation of the Recruiting Policy be reported in writing to the RMR Office, said club will then be subject to an Incident Review. Sanctions will be determined by the Incident Review Committee.

PLAYER INTENT & COMMITMENT

The Rocky Mountain Region is committed to providing a quality program to all junior players in the Region. Given the Rocky Mountain Region's commitment we expect that all players and parents demonstrate their commitment to the program of their choice. Players and parents will adhere to the guidelines and requirements of the Rocky Mountain Region. Players and parents also understand that once a player has committed to a club for the season in the Rocky Mountain Region (Effective dates for Female Junior Players December 1st of the Current Season to the day after the last day of competition of the Girls Junior Olympic Volleyball Championships. Effective dates for Male Junior Players November 1st through the day after the last day of competition of the Boys Junior Olympic Volleyball Championships) they are affiliated with that club for the season which is defined above. There is a **"No Transfer"** policy in the Rocky Mountain Region.

AFFILIATED PRACTICE PLAYER WAIVER

In the event a current registered player would like to practice with another club, other than the club that they are affiliated with during the current season, the following steps must be completed and approved before they may be allowed to practice with the new club. If it is reported in writing to the RMR that the individual player is participating with another club other than the one they are affiliated to both the player and practice club are subject to an Incident Review Committee which are subject to an RMR sanction and or fine. **NOTE:** The player's club affiliation will remain with the original rostered club for the remainder of the current season.

- ◆ Player/member requirements:
 - Must submit in writing to the RMR Office a request to be allowed to practice with another club (state club name) other than the club (state club name) that they are affiliated to.
 - State the reason for the request.
 - Understand that all fees must be paid to the current (affiliated) club prior to submitting this request.
 - The player understands that they will only be allowed to train with the "practice" club and will not be allowed to be rostered with the said club for the remainder of the current season.
- ◆ Current (affiliated) Club requirements:
 - Must submit in writing to the RMR office a release or non release of said player with the following information, approve or disapprove the request to change practice clubs confirm that player has paid all funds due to the club and state which practice club the player will be going to.
 - The current (affiliated) club understands that the player will only be allowed to train with the "practice" club and will not be allowed to be rostered on said club for the remainder of the current season.
- ◆ Practice Club requirements:
 - Must submit in writing to the RMR Office acceptance of said player
 - The "practice" club also understands that the player will only be allowed to train with the club and will not be allowed to be rostered on the "practice" club for the remainder of the current season.
- ◆ Approval requirement:
 - All of the above written requests must be received in the RMR Office.
 - The RMR Junior Coordinator along with the RMR Commissioner will give final approval after reviewing all of the submitted written requests.
 - All parties will be notified via email/regular mail of the decision.
 - It is understood that a player will not be allowed to practice with "the practice" club until waiver has been granted.