



# **2012 Junior Handbook & Registration Guide**



**2012 JUNIOR HANDBOOK REGISTRATION GUIDE**  
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<b>2012 RMR IMPORTANT JUNIOR DATES &amp; DEADLINES</b>		
Date		Description
12/1/2011	DEADLINE	Seeding Forms, Schedule of Intent to Play Form, Power #1 Tournament Entry Fee, Team Deposit, and All Team Registration Material. Due in RMR Office by 5:00 p.m.
12/1/2011	DEADLINE	Junior Friendship Tournament (\$125) and RMR Classic (\$250) 2-Day Tournament. Payable and due in the RMR Office.
12/11/2011	CLINIC	IMPACT Clinic 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. @ Embassy Suites Denver Southeast
12/20/2011	MEETING	RMR Junior Seeding Meeting Starting at 5:00 pm at the RMR Office.
12/30/2011	UPDATE	Junior Friendship Tournament and RMR Classic sites and times will be sent to Club Directors and Posted on the RMR Website.
1/8/2012	TNMT	Junior Friendship Tournament (All Age Divisions)
1/14/12 - 1/15/12	TNMT	RMR Classic (All Age Divisions)
1/20/2012	DEADLINE	Proper Notification to Change (18/16/14/12) Age Divisions Power #2 by noon in the RMR Office and Tournament Entry Fee Due (\$125).
1/22/2012	TNMT	Power #1 Tournament (18/16/14/12)
1/27/2012	DEADLINE	Proper Notification to Change (17/15/13) Age Divisions Power #2 by noon in the RMR Office and Tournament Entry Fee Due (\$125).
1/28/2012	CLINIC	IMPACT Clinic 12:30 pm - 4:30 pm @ Embassy Suites Denver Southeast
1/29/2012	TNMT	Power 1 Tournament (17/15/13)
2/3/2012	DEADLINE	Proper Notification to Change (18/16/14/12) Age Divisions Power #3 by noon in the RMR Office and Tournament Entry Fee Due (\$125).
2/5/2012	TNMT	Power #2 Tournament (18/16/14/12)
2/10/2012	DEADLINE	Proper Notification to Change (17/15/13) Age Divisions Power #3 by noon in the RMR Office and Tournament Entry Fee Due (\$125).
2/12/2012	TNMT	Power #2 Tournament (17/15/13)
2/18/12 - 2/20/12	TNMT	RMR Showdown

<b>2012 RMR IMPORTANT JUNIOR DATES &amp; DEADLINES.</b>		
Date		Description
3/9/2012	DEADLINE	Proper Notification to Change (18/16/14/12) Age Divisions Power #4 by noon in the RMR Office and Tournament Entry Fee Due (\$125).
3/11/2012	TNMT	Power #3 Tournament (18/16/14/12)
3/16/2012	DEADLINE	Proper Notification to Change (17/15/13) Age Divisions Power #3 by noon in the RMR Office and Tournament Entry Fee Due (\$125).
3/18/2012	TNMT	Power #3 Tournament (17/15/13)
3/23/2012	DEADLINE	Proper Notification to Change (18/16/14/12) Age Divisions Power #5 by noon in the RMR Office and Tournament Entry Fee Due (\$125).
3/25/2012	TNMT	Power 4 Tournament (18/16/14/12)
3/30/2012	DEADLINE	Proper Notification to Change (17/15/13) Age Divisions Power #4 by noon in the RMR Office and Tournament Entry Fee Due (\$125).
4/1/2012	TNMT	Power #4 Tournament (17/15/13)
4/11/2012	DEADLINE	JOVC Paperwork and Entry fee (\$900) due in RMR Office not post marked by noon. See RMR Junior Registration and Tournament Guide for details (this paperwork must be sent in to be eligible to participate in the RMR JNC Qualifier.
4/13/2012	DEADLINE	Proper Notification to Change (18/16/14/12) Age Divisions Junior Regionals by noon in the RMR Office and Tournament Entry Fee Due (\$125).
4/15/2012	TNMT	Power #5 Tournament (18/16/14/12)
4/20/2012	DEADLINE	Proper Notification to Change (17/15/13) Age Divisions Junior Regionals by noon in the RMR Office and Tournament Entry Fee Due (\$125).
4/22/2012	TNMT	Power #5 Tournament (17/15/13)
4/27/2012	DEADLINE	Deadline to withdraw team from the RMR JNC Qualifier by noon in the RMR.
4/28/2012	TNMT	Junior Regional Tournament (14/13/12).
4/29/2012	TNMT	Junior Regional Tournament 18/17/16/15)
5/6/2012	TNMT	RMR JNC Qualifier (All Age Divisions)

## 2012 ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION JUNIOR FEES & REQUIRED PAPERWORK

### RMR FEES

(All checks made payable to RMR-USAV. Fees may be paid with one check.)

RMR Team Fee \$50.00/per team

RMR Power Tournament Deposit \$125.00/per team

RMR **New** Referee and Scorekeeper Clinic Fee - \$10/per each clinic & attendee

RMR **Maintaining** Referee and Scorekeeper Clinic Fee - \$8/per each clinic & attendee

\* RMR Administrative Fee of \$100.00 will be applied per team if online registration is not used.

*\*Fees due if individual did not make payment through the online system.*

### CLUB FORM

Clubs must keep on file player's proof of date of birth, i.e. birth certificate, driver's license or passports are acceptable forms.

### RMR TEAM FORMS REQUIRED

RMR Team Registration File Sent via email to wendy@rmrvolleyball.org

RMR Team Seeding Form per team

RMR Club Intent to Play Schedule

RMR Referee and Scorekeeper Clinic Registration Form (If Applicable)

**\*\*\*All fees and forms mentioned above must be submitted for a team to be considered completely registered. An individual must be completely registered in order to participate in any Rocky Mountain Region event.**

### TOURNAMENT FEES

**Entry Fee for RMR Junior Friendship Tournament (1/8/12) \$125.00 per team**

**Entry Fee for RMR Classic 2-Day Tournament (1/15/12 & 1/16/12) \$250.00 per team.**

**\*Entry Fee for Power #1, #2, #3, #4 and #5 is \$125.00 per team per Power Tournament. Division I and 2 teams must pay an additional fee that will be invoiced by the region.**

**Entry Fee for RMR Junior Showdown is \$450.00**

**Entry Fee for RMR Regional Championships \$125.00 per team.**

(Team Deposit will be used for Regional Championship entry fee if the team participates in all Power Tournaments as per their schedule of intent to play. Division I teams must pay an additional \$50.00 by Monday after the event.)

**Entry Fee for RMR JNVC Qualifier is \$175.00 per team.**

RMR JNC Qualifier deadline is 4/8/11 contact RMR Office for details on required paperwork.

**Entry Fee for the Junior National Volleyball Championships is \$900.**

RMR JNC Qualifier deadline is 4/8/11 contact RMR Office for details on required paperwork.

(Checks made payable to "USA Junior National Volleyball Championships".)



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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR THE 2012 SEASON

### Club Administration Information:

- ◆ All players and coaches must be a current member of the upcoming season of the RMR USAV in order to participate in open gyms, try outs and practices after August 31<sup>st</sup>. Coaches must also have a cleared background screening in order for the season to be eligible to coach. For example if trying out for the 2011 – 2012 season the individual must be a current member of the 2012 RMR USAV Season. Registration for the new season opened on September 1<sup>st</sup>. Individual RMR Membership information and payment will be submitted through the USAV Online Registration System. See page 9.
- ◆ Coaching Requirement Standards for RMR see pages 14.
- ◆ All coaches are required to be "Impact Certified". The RMR will offer two free Impact Clinics December 11<sup>th</sup> and January 28<sup>th</sup>. Coaches must be certified by February 1, 2012. If coaches register after February 1<sup>st</sup> they have 30 days in which to complete the certification process. Failure to complete impact certification is subject to a \$100.00 fine per individual.
- ◆ Deadline for Friendship, RMR Classic and Power #1 is Thursday, December 1, 2011 by 12:00 p.m. received in the RMR Office and not postmarked. Teams must be completely registered including background screening checks on all Junior Club Staff members, have submitted the team seeding information, submitted the club registration file via email and filled out the Club Intent to Play Form for the RMR Junior Power Structure and paid all applicable fees.
- ◆ Teams are required to submit the Team's Seeding Form when registering the team. If the Seeding form is not submitted to the RMR Office by noon on 12/1/11 the team will be considered not registered and will be seeded at the bottom of the age division.
- ◆ **"NEW"** all clubs will be required to have their teams rostered in the USA Volleyball Webpoint System no later than January 14, 2012. This is a requirement so that all teams of the RMR will be registered in the National Ranking System. See Club Admin Manual to the USAV Webpoint System for Directions.
- ◆ If any fees from the previous year are not paid the offending club director will not be able to register their teams or enter any RMR sanctioned tournament until all past due fees are paid. Club Director's membership will be placed on a "Region Hold" status until paid. The offending team/club may be required to pay upfront all RMR fees by money order or guaranteed check. All additional fees for Division 1 & Division 2 teams must be paid in order to be in good standing with the RMR. Failure to pay fees within net 15 days of the date of the invoice will result in club not being allowed to play in events.

**Tournament & Format Information:**

- ◆ **Power #1 Tournament formats have changed**, see pages 33 - 35 for details. It is highly recommend that all junior teams begin participating in the Junior Power Structure with Power #1. Teams that do not participate in the Junior Power #1 Tournament will enter the Junior Power Structure at the bottom of their age division.
- ◆ Teams that elect to play up in any age division must follow the following criteria:
  - ◆ Must pre-register the team by filling out the 2012 Schedule of Intent to Play.
  - ◆ Team must participate in Power #1 in the age division in which they elect to play up, unless there is a conflict on that date and must play in Power #1 of the youngest age group in which they elect to play up. If deciding to play up after Power #1 the team will be seeded at the bottom of the age division in which they are playing up.
  - ◆ Tournament Entry Fee for all Power Events in which a team plays up an age division(s) must be prepaid on December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011. There are no exceptions, transferring of dates, or refunds.
  - ◆ Clubs are limited to two teams playing up per age division.
- ◆ If a team elects to play in an older age division and not play within its registered age division for an entire season, the team shall not be required to play in Power #1 of its registered age division. The team is required to play Power #1 in its chosen age division.
- ◆ If a team elects to play in multiple older age divisions but not within its registered age division for an entire season, the team shall not be required to play in Power #1 of its registered age group. The team is required to play in Power #1 of all possible divisions with non-conflicting dates or, in the event of conflicts, in Power #1 of the youngest age group in which it is entered.
- ◆ Official (R1) will be provided for all ages, Division 1 and 2 Power Events, except for the Regional Tournament which will only be for Division 1. The additional fee for officials and change in format (\$115.00) will be invoiced to teams after the event and must be paid prior to the Regional Event in order to be eligible to participate.
- ◆ Power #2 through Power #5 will be played in Single Age Groups. Divisions 1 and 2 in each single age group will play a six team pool match play best 2 out of 3 sets page 36. Division 3 and below in each age group will play pool play followed by a crossover set to 25 points. See 2012 RMR Junior Power Structure for details pages 36-37.
- ◆ Due to liability concerns, it is required that all Tournament Directors confirm that all rostered adults be verified with proper I.D, prior to the start of the event, no exceptions.
- ◆ The use of a "Golf" style point system will be used for all Powers 1 through 5 and the RMR Junior Regional Tournament. Teams will establish a Point Average Age Ranking on their three best finishes. See pages 38.
- ◆ The RMR Junior Regional Tournament will be held on two different dates April 28, 2012 will be for the 14, 13 and 12 Age Groups and April 29, 2012 for the 18, 17, 16 and 15 Age Groups. Regionals will be seeded based on the "Point Average Age Ranking" (average of the top three finishes per team) after Power 5 results have been tabulated. Points will be distributed for the Regional Tournament.
- ◆ 12 & Under Special Rules:
  - ◆ 12 & Under teams competing in the 13's Division must play by all rules of the 13 & Under Division when playing up an age division.
  - ◆ All register 12 & Under Boys teams will be allowed to play in the Girls 12 & Under Division Power Events.

- ◆ 12 & Under will allow coed teams to compete within the RMR Power Structure only. Any registered coed team will not be considered eligible for the RMR JNQ. The maximum number of boys on the court during play is three players. Coed rules concerning the number of contacts per gender will not apply. The uniforms for the boys must match with the other boys on the team, and the same for the girls no duplicate uniform numbers will be allowed on the team.
- ◆ The RMR will recognize an RMR All Regional team at the Regional Tournament. Division 1 site only, a coach from each team must nominate/submit to the tournament director when checking in a list of 3 individuals ranked in order with the top individual being #1 and then so on. The RMR All Regional team will consist of 12 players (1<sup>st</sup> Place Team gets (3) individuals, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place & 3rd gets (2) individuals and 4<sup>th</sup> Place through 8<sup>th</sup> Place gets (1) individual on the team). Teams must be in Division 1 and playing in the Regional Event.
- ◆ The RMR JNQ on Sunday May 6, 2012 will be a true 8-team double elimination tournament. The winner of the bracket will receive the National Bid and second place will receive the American Bid. If the RMR receives less than 2 bids to the JNC the winner will receive the RMR's bid.

### **2011 – 2013 Domestic Competition Regulations Information**

- ◆ Clarification of Player's Uniform: The players' jersey must be numbered from 1 – 99. Duplicate numbers are not allowed. The numbers must be a minimum of (4") in height on the chest and a minimum of (6") in height on the back. It is recommended that the numbers be a minimum of (6") in height on the chest and a minimum of (8") in height on the back. Uniform numbers must be centered on the chest and on the back of the uniform. See page 16 - 18 of the 2011 – 2013 USA Volleyball Domestic Competition Regulations (4.3 Equipment).
- ◆ Clarification on the Libero Uniform: the Libero must wear a uniform (or jacket/bib for the re-designated Libero) whose jersey at least must contrast in color with that of the other members of the team. The Libero uniform may have a different design, but it must be numbered like the rest of the team members. See page 57-58 of the 2011 – 2013 USA Volleyball Domestic Competition Regulations (19.2 Equipment). \*USAV 19.2: A jacket or bib can only be worn by the re-designated Libero. If a jacket or bib is worn by the re-designated Libero, the uniform number must still be visible.
- ◆ The Libero will be eligible to serve in all RMR Junior Sanctioned Events (including the RMR Showdown) except for the RMR JNQ. Teams that play outside of the region or at national events the Libero will not be eligible to serve.
- ◆ A registered RMR Coach is required to officiate or be at the scorekeeper's table during the assigned match.
- ◆ New Two Libero Rule pages 58 – 61, 2011 – 2013 USA Volleyball Domestic Competition Regulations:
  - ◆ Add to 19.1.3: "One Libero designated by the coach before the start of the match will be the starting Libero. The Libero on court is the Acting Libero. If there is another Libero, he/she will act as the second Libero.
  - ◆ Add 19.1.4: "Only one Libero may be on court at any time.
  - ◆ Add 19.1.5: "The Libero cannot be either team captain or game captain at the same time as performing the Libero function."
  - ◆ Add to 19.3.2.1: "Replacements involving the Libero are not counted as substitutions. They are unlimited, but there must be a completed rally between two replacements involving a Libero (unless a penalty causes a rotation to position 4, or the Acting Libero becomes unable to play, making the rally incomplete.) The Libero can only be replaced by the player whom he/she replaced."
  - ◆ Add 19.3.2.2: "The Acting Libero can only be replaced by the regular replacement player for that position, or by the second Libero. The regular replacement player may replace either Libero. The coach has the right to replace the Acting Libero with the second Libero for any reason after a completed rally at any time during the match."

## **2012 Rocky Mountain Region - USA Volleyball Junior Registration and Tournament Information**

This guide contains:

- Information on the Junior Committee.
- RMR-USAV individual membership. Club and team registration information for junior players, coaches, tournament and site directors, and anyone who is actively involved with the Junior Program.
- Tournament information.
- Tournament formats and seeding information.
- Officiating rules and requirements for Junior Tournaments.
- Financial assistance available through RMR Funds individual and club.
- All RMR registration forms.

This is a "guide" only; additional information that becomes available at a later date will be sent to the club/team representative for distribution. All comments, suggestions and complaints about the RMR Junior program, must be directed, in writing, to the RMR Office. The RMR Office will acknowledge all correspondence received and will forward it to the proper authority for disposition.

### **Junior Committee**

The RMR Board of Directors recognizes the Junior Committee as an advisory committee. This committee meets throughout the year. The Junior Committee (JC) has been established to meet the needs of the Junior Community. The Junior Committee shall consist of the following individuals: Junior Coordinator, Junior Girl's Representative, Junior Boy's Representative, Junior Referee Chair, Junior Scorekeeper Chair, Junior Beach Representative, Academic Representative, and those individuals appointed by the RMR Commissioner. This Committee shall recommend action on all junior issues for approval of the RMR Board of Directors.

- ◆ All issues or policies addressed by the JC will be through the guidance of the Junior Coaches Forum, and the Junior Policies/Handbook.
- ◆ This committee will address only those issues received in writing to the Junior Coordinator as well as daily issues based on the guidelines within the Junior Registration and Tournament Guide approved by the RMR Board of Directors. The Junior Coordinator will contact the committee members not having a conflict of interest for a vote on the issue. Eligible JC members will vote on the issue and the majority of the vote will determine their decision.
- ◆ Any conflict of interest by a member of the JC will automatically disqualify them from the voting on the issue. For example, club affiliation or a relative.
- ◆ The Junior Coordinator will only vote in the case of a tie, provided that there is no conflict of interest. In the event of a conflict of interest and a tie vote, the RMR Commissioner will vote.
- ◆ A written copy of all decisions and actions made by the JC will be sent to the following individuals for their files; the RMR Commissioner, RMR Secretary, RMR office, and the parties involved in the issue. The result of the vote will be public record available at the RMR Office. The opinion and vote of the individuals will be respectfully held confidential.
- ◆ The RMR Board of Directors has the right to consider appeals of the JC actions based on further review, only if the RMR Board feels that the committee has not followed the guidelines, policies and procedures that have been established by the Junior Coaches Forum.

### **2011 - 2012 Junior Committee Members**

Kirk Rowland, Junior Coordinator  
Doug Miller, Junior Boys Representative  
Jim Henthorn, Junior Referees Chair  
Bill Peer, Junior Scorekeeper's Chair

Frank Gray, Junior Girls Representative  
Cathy Mahaffey, At Large Member  
Beth Kuwata, Academic Representative  
Bruce Clark, Junior Beach Representative

## **Appeals and Grievances**

- ◆ All junior issues and grievances not covered by the policies of the Junior Handbook will be handled and addressed in writing by the Junior Committee. Parents should make every effort to settle club issues with the Club Director first. Appeals to the RMR Board will be considered only after the Junior Committee has made a decision.
- ◆ The RMR Board has established an Incident Review Policy. See pages 57 - 61.

## **Junior Coaches Forum**

The Junior Coaches Forum meets about three times a year to develop and implement policies. All Junior Club Representatives are encouraged to attend the Junior Coaches Forum meetings to support the interests of the region. The voting structure for this forum is based on the number of teams each club registers in the previous season. If a new club enters the RMR region they will receive one vote until the following season when it can be determined exactly how many registered teams they have in their club. A quorum is determined by the number of votes present. A majority vote by the quorum will determine the outcome of any issues voted upon.

### **Vote distribution per club:**

- 1 – 7 teams in a club receive 1 vote
- 8 – 14 teams in a club receive 2 votes
- 15 or more teams in a club receive 3 votes

The Junior Coordinator will presided over all committees (Format, Handbook, Recruiting and Seeding) in the Junior Division and has no vote unless of a tie. The Junior Coordinator will report directly to the RMR Board of Directors.

## **INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP**

Team representatives, players, coaches, officials, chaperones, tournament directors, and anyone actively involved in a tournament must become members by registering with the Rocky Mountain Region (RMR) USA Volleyball. All adult individuals who are affiliated with a Junior Club Program must submit to a background check and be cleared by the background screening company of USA Volleyball before being allowed to participate with the Junior Program. See below "Background Screening Policy". Note: an Adult member needs to only register once per year. For example, if a person is a coach for a junior team and a player on an adult team, he/she should complete one registration form.

### **Background Screening Policy**

It is the policy of the Regional Volleyball Associations (RVAs) that any entity intending to hire or use registered individuals in any sanctioned junior volleyball activities will accept and abide by this background screening policy. The following individuals will be screened: Club Directors, Club Administrators, Team Representatives, Coaches, Chaperones, Officials and Trainers who intend to register, affiliate and/or participate with a junior volleyball club or team in an RVA. Additionally the entity will enforce the penalties resulting from a negative background screening report. Failure to do so is grounds for automatic suspension of membership privileges to participate in sanctioned junior events and/or activities. All registered individuals of USAV and each RVA have the Right of Due Process as printed in their respective documents.

The Rocky Mountain Region of USAV will not register, or allow to be registered any individual who refuses to consent to a background screen if they intend to participate in RVA sanctioned events with registered junior members. Junior members are members under the age of 18. A background screen will not be required for those individuals who will be classified as junior players or those members not associated with junior activities.

Members who are subject to background screening will be screened every two years. The RVAs retain the right to require additional background screens at anytime.

## Types of Membership

1. **Adult Membership (\$55.00):** coach, team representative, club director, chaperone, officials and parent(s) assisting in Junior team practices, tournaments, etc. These individuals are required to have a background check and must receive an approval rating by the background screening company of USA Volleyball. No exceptions. Parents who want to be certified as an official or scorekeeper must be an Adult (Regular) member and must have a cleared background screening prior to officiating a junior event. No exceptions.
2. **Other Membership (\$35.00):** adult individuals who do not actively (adult player) participate in RMR sanctioned tournaments, (insurance regulations require that all Tournament and Site Directors must be at least (Other Members \$35).
3. **Junior Membership (\$55.00):** players who meet the age definitions & requirements and will be participating in Regional and National USAV events see page 14 for age definitions.
4. **Junior League Membership (\$35.00):** players who meet the age definitions and requirements and will be participating in RMR sanctioned Recreational League play only.
5. **8 & Under Membership (FREE):** individuals who meet the age definition for this age group may participate in practice. If individual wants to be rostered on a Junior club team they must upgrade their membership to a full Junior Membership (\$55).

## Individual Membership Fees

Adult and Junior membership includes mandatory Excess Coverage Sports Accident Insurance [secondary] that covers all practices, tournaments, direct travel to and from practices and tournaments. "Other" membership category does not cover practices for Adults nor Regional or National Tournaments for Junior players.

- ◆ Adult Membership: \$55 (All club directors, coaches, assistant coaches, scorekeepers, referees, and chaperones) affiliated to a Junior team.
- ◆ Background screening fee \$17.50 per application every two years. (All club directors, coaches, assistant coaches, scorekeepers, referees, and chaperones) affiliated to a Junior team.
- ◆ Junior Membership: \$55 (All junior players participating in regional and national sanctioned events)
- ◆ Other Membership (Adults): \$35 (All Junior Tournament Directors and Junior Site Directors) will use this membership.
- ◆ Junior League Membership: \$35 All junior league players only, individual will not be participating in regional or national events. Participation only in league play and practices.
- ◆ The above fees are for those individual's that use and complete the online registration process. If membership forms are submitted without using the online system a \$100.00/per team administration fee will be added.

## Steps to Registering Individual Members

1. Individual must be a member in good standing and can not be on the "Membership on Hold List" see page 12.
2. Adult members affiliated with a Junior Club must pass a background screening check.
3. Register online from the RMR web page or use the current individual membership form that can be downloaded from the RMR Website. Do not use previous year's material.
4. Each player, coach, official, chaperone and team representative must personally fill out and complete the individual online registration process or use the hard copy of the RMR Membership Form and SIGN/VERIFY IT IN ALL DESIGNATED PLACES. The insurance carrier requires signatures/verifications of all members. Anyone with a serious medical condition must contact the Region office for a special waiver.
5. For all junior players a copy of their birth certificate (driver's permit, driver's license and passport are also acceptable forms of proof of birth) must be submitted to the Club Director. Club Directors will need to keep proof of the date of birth for each player. The RMR may request proof of the date of birth of a player at anytime. If proof of the date of birth can not be verified by the Club Director within 3 business days, the club may be sanctioned.
6. A player and parents of the player are no longer required to sign the Player/Parent Intent and Letter of Commitment Form. However it is understood that once a Club submits a roster to the RMR with the

individual player's name on or after December 1<sup>st</sup> of the current season the player is committed to that Club. See page 10 - 11 Club Staff and Player Intent and Commitment

7. Coaches, club & team representatives must accept (online acceptance) the USA Volleyball Junior Club Personnel Code of Ethics and Background Screening Application (if applicable). If the USA Volleyball Junior Club Personnel Code of Ethics is not completed online it must be submitted to the Club Director and forwarded to the RMR Office. The Background Screening Application must be completed through the online registration system. If individual does not use the online registration system attach the above forms to the hard copy of the RMR individual membership form and then submit to the RMR Office with payment.
8. Individuals must be registered by Wednesday before the event in which they wish to participate. Registration forms will not be accepted at tournament sites. **You may NOT join at the tournament site and expect to play.**

**REFUND POLICY** All players must be a current (Junior Regular \$55.00) member of the upcoming season of the RMR USAV in order to participate in open gyms, try outs and practices starting after September 1st. For example if trying out for the 2011 – 2012 season the individual must be a current member of the 2012 RMR USAV season. Registration for the new season will open up on September 1<sup>st</sup>. Occasionally a player, after registering as a Junior Regular member (\$55), finds he/she is unable to play or does not get selected to a team they may decide to cancel his/her membership. A full refund will not be given due to insurance reasons, however a partial refund of \$20.00 will be given to the individual and their membership status will be changed to an "Other Junior" membership. The request of this partial refund must be sent in writing to the RMR Office.

#### **CLUB STAFF AND PLAYER INTENT & COMMITMENT**

There is a "**No Transfer**" policy in the Rocky Mountain Region (RMR). The RMR is committed to providing a quality program to all junior players in the Region. Given the RMR's commitment we expect that all club staff, players and parents demonstrate their commitment to the Junior Club program of their choice. Club Staff, players and parents will adhere to the guidelines and requirements of the RMR. Club Staff, players and parents also understand that once an individual has committed to a club, they are affiliated to that club for the entire RMR season (Effective dates for Female Junior Players December 1<sup>st</sup> of the Current Season to the next day after the last day of competition of the Girls Junior National Volleyball Championships). Individuals may not change club affiliation prior to the conclusion of the designated season. This would include, but not limited to, post season competitions including the AAU Championships, Volleyball Festival as well as any other competitions organized by any USA Volleyball affiliated organizations.

#### **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. See Club Staff and Player Intent & Commitment paragraph above.

- ◆ 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. See Club Staff and Player Intent & Commitment paragraph above.
- ◆ 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. See Club Staff and Player Intent & Commitment paragraph above.
- ◆ 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.

#### **AFFILIATED COACH WAIVER**

This policy is being instituted so that all individual parties are in agreement to prevent any misconception of recruitment of coaches. In the event a current registered coach would like to work 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 participate with the new club. If it is reported in writing to the RMR that the individual coach is participating with another club other than the one they are affiliated to both the coach and practice club are subject to an Incident Review Committee which are subject to an RMR sanction and or fine. **NOTE:** The coach's club affiliation will remain with the original rostered club for the remainder of the current season.

- ◆ Coach/member requirements:
  - Must submit in writing to the RMR Office a request to be allowed to work with another club (state club name) other than the club (state club name) that they are affiliated to.
  - The coach 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. See Club Staff and Player Intent & Commitment paragraph above.
- ◆ Current (affiliated) Club requirements:
  - Must submit in writing to the RMR office a release or non release of said coach with the following information, approve or disapprove the request to work with another club.
  - The current (affiliated) club understands that the coach will only be allowed to work with the "practice" club and will not be allowed to be rostered on said club for the remainder of the current season. See Club Staff and Player Intent & Commitment paragraph above.
- ◆ Practice Club requirements:
  - Must submit in writing to the RMR Office acceptance of said coach/individual.
  - The "practice" club also understands that the coach will only be allowed to work with the club and will not be allowed to be rostered on the "practice" club for the remainder of the current season. See Club Staff and Player Intent & Commitment paragraph above.
- ◆ 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.

## Membership on Hold Policy

The Rocky Mountain Region (RMR) will honor requests from clubs that are registered and in good standing within the region to place a hold on a membership application of any person who, during the most recent regional competition season, was registered with the RMR as a rostered participant in the club and who failed to pay legitimate charges for goods and services received from the club that are evidenced by a written contract between the person and the club.

- ◆ The club must submit the RMR Membership Renewal Hold List Form, a list of persons for the Hold List to the RMR in writing between the end of the club's competitive season and August 15 of the same year, together with the person's RMR Registration Number and the amount due from the current season.
  - The club must verify that it has made all reasonable efforts to collect the debt prior to placing a person on the Hold List.
- ◆ The club will pay a fee to the RMR in the amount of \$25.00 per name to add an individual to the list.
- ◆ The RMR will only recognize signed contracts between players/parents and clubs in regards to the RMR Membership on Hold Policy according to the following dates:
  - Ages 15 and Below: Contracts signed on or after the third Saturday of October
  - Ages 16 and Above: Contracts signed on or after the first Sunday of November
- ◆ No person may be added to the Hold List after August 15<sup>th</sup> of that year of competition.
- ◆ A club may only place a person on the Hold List who was rostered with the club and incurred the debt claimed during the current season in excess of \$100.
- ◆ Once placed on the Hold List, the person must settle the debt with the club or present sufficient evidence to refute the club's claim.
  - The club may determine what settlement it will accept, up to and including insisting on full payment of the debt.
  - The RMR may remove a person from the Hold List if that person produces evidence sufficient, in the RMR's opinion, to refute the club's claim. This determination will be made by a panel of (3) three members of the Junior Committee.
- ◆ The club must verify that it will be in operation for the competition season after placing a person on the Hold List.
  - In the event a club fails to register with the RMR for any subsequent season, the RMR will remove all names placed on the Hold List by that club.
- ◆ The club must be prepared to submit to the RMR, within seven (7) business days of receiving a written request from the RMR to do so, a copy of the written contract and supporting documents evidencing the debt owed by the person named to the Hold List. As well as all documentation as to reasonable efforts to collect the debt. If the club fails to submit such a contract and documentation within this time frame, the RMR will remove the person in question from the Hold List.
- ◆ The club must assure accuracy in placing a person on the Hold List. The RMR will sanction a club that names a person, who does not owe a legitimate debt to the club, or with whom the club does not have a written contract and/or documentation as evidence of the debt which the club claims it is owed. This determination will be made by a panel of (3) three members of the Junior Committee.
- ◆ The club must communicate in a reasonable and timely manner with any person on the Hold List attempting to settle his or her debt with the club. The RMR may sanction a club that refuses or neglects to respond in a timely manner to a person attempting to settle such a debt.
- ◆ The club must release a person who settles the debt with the club from the Hold List by notifying the RMR in writing of the settlement within two (2) business days of the settlement.

All clubs must refuse to accept as a new participant any person who is on the Hold List. The RMR will supply each club director, upon written request, a current copy of the Hold List which will be available at the Annual Junior Club Director's meeting held in Late September or Early October.

- ◆ Each club is expected to provide reasonable security for its copy of the Hold List. The list, or its contents will not be published to anyone except on a "need to know" basis. The RMR may sanction a club that is negligent in protecting the information on the List.
- ◆ The RMR may sanction a club that fails to screen prospective participants for being on the Hold List.

## **USA VOLLEYBALL JUNIOR PLAYER AGE DEFINITION** **For use during the 2011 - 2012 Season**

Once a player participates (including but not limited to practicing, training, attending workouts and/or competing) in a club or varsity program for any university, college, community college, or junior college, he/she is ineligible to take part in any regional and national programming, which includes but is not limited to national JNC qualifying and championship events.

### **18 and Under Division:**

Players who were born on or after September 1, 1993

or

Players who were born on or after September 1, 1992 and a high school student in the twelfth (12<sup>th</sup>) grade or below during some part of the current academic year.

### **17 and Under Division:**

Players who were born on or after September 1, 1994

### **16 and Under Division:**

Players who were born on or after September 1, 1995

### **15 and Under Division:**

Players who were born on or after September 1, 1996

### **14 and Under Division:**

Players who were born on or after September 1, 1997

### **13 and Under Division:**

Players who were born on or after September 1, 1998

### **12 and Under Division:**

Players who were born on or after September 1, 1999

### **Boys 14 and Under Division:**

Regionally waived boys teams in the 14 and under age group will be allowed to participate at the USA Junior Olympic Volleyball Championships using the following age/grade definition:

Players who were born on or after September 1, 1997

or

Players who were born on or after September 1, 1996 (15 years or younger) who shall neither have completed nor are in a grade higher than the eighth grade (8<sup>th</sup>) grade during the current academic year. (This exception is based on the net height difference of 7'4 1/8" to 7' 11 5/8" between the 14 and Under Division to the 15 and Under Division.)

**Note:** These age definitions are used for/used by domestic club programs and are NOT the same as the age definitions for the International and Domestic High Performance programs for 2012.

The classification cut-off date of the September 1 was reviewed by the USAV Youth/Junior Olympic Volleyball Division (YJOVD) prior to the USAV 2008 Annual Meetings and research justified the continuation of the cut-off date of September 1. Additional information can be found on the USA Volleyball Website.

The Age Definition Policy was most recently revised by the USA Volleyball Board of Directors on January 19, 2002.

**USA VOLLEYBALL AGE FALSIFICATION POLICY**  
(Adopted by USA Volleyball Board of Directors, January 19, 2002)

For all USA Volleyball corporate events, any person who alters any document that certifies the age of a participant, or falsifies any statement which lists the age of a participant, will be sanctioned as follows:

Any team representative, coach, program director or responsible adult found to be party to such action shall:

1. Be immediately suspended from registration with USA Volleyball and barred from further participation in the event; and
2. Be barred from participation in any USAV Corporate events in any capacity, for a minimum of two (2) years; and
3. Have a minimum probation of one additional year, to run consecutively to the suspension.

A junior player who knowingly plays in a lower age classification than he or she is actually eligible for, or an adult player who knowingly plays in a higher age classification than he or she is actually eligible for shall:

1. Be immediately suspended from registration with USA Volleyball and barred from further participation in the event;
2. Be barred from participation in any USAV Corporate events in any capacity, for a minimum of two (2) years; and
3. Have a minimum probation of one additional year, to run consecutively to the suspension.

When discovered and confirmed during an event, these penalties shall be the required minimum penalty imposed by the Event Arbitrator or the Event Ethics and Eligibility Appeals Committee.

The Event Arbitrator or the Event Ethics and Eligibility Appeals Committee may recommend a more severe penalty. The Event Arbitrator or the Event Ethics and Eligibility Appeals Committee shall file a report of any age violation with the Corporation's Ethics and Eligibility Committee and with the registering Member Organization with its recommendations.

**Coaching Requirement Standards for RMR rostered and non rostered individuals**

- ◆ Head Coach minimum requirements.
  - Adults: Must be a registered adult member with a cleared background screening and impact certified.
  - Juniors: Are not allowed to be a head coach.
- ◆ Assistant Coach minimum requirements.
  - Adults: Must be a registered adult member with a cleared background screening and impact certified.
  - Juniors: Must be a registered junior member with a cleared background screening if applicable, impact certified and must be supervised by an Adult who has met the requirements of a Head Coach at all times.
- ◆ Coaching minimum requirements.
  - Any Adult Coach (head or assistant): Must be a registered adult member, at least 18 years of age, with a cleared background screening and impact certified.
  - Junior Coach (only assistant): Must be a registered junior member with a cleared background screening if applicable, impact certified and must be supervised by an Adult who has met the requirements of a Head Coach at all times

## **CLUB & TEAM INFORMATION**

### **CLUBS**

A club is a team or group of teams of various age levels or genders under the direction of one club director or team representative. Each club may have as many teams at any age level. For example, Club Dig might have four 18's, three 16's and two 14's teams under its structure. Players from the younger age division teams could move up and play on any of the older age division teams or players within the same age division could move between the teams. **Note:** An older age player cannot move down and play in a lower age group; they must meet the age definition for that team.

### **CLUBBING (Two or more clubs under the same club code/name)**

Two or more clubs that join together under a common club code/name. Each club can have separate policies, procedures and finances, but must designate the team codes based on the number of teams within the Club. For example, Mountain Club ABC has (2) 18's team and (1) 17's team while Mountain Club XYZ has (1) 18's team, (2) 17's team and (1) 16's team. The club name is "Mountain Club" with the club code of "MOUNT". Mountain Club will now have to designate which team will receive which team code for each age group (FJ8MOUNT1RM, FJ8MOUNT2RM, FJ8MOUNT3RM, FJ7MOUNT1RM, FJ7MOUNT2RM, FJ7MOUNT3RM and FJ6MOUNT1RM). Players can move between Mountain Club ABC and Mountain Club XYZ teams as long as they meet the age definition of that team. For more information and specifics contact the RMR Office.

### **ROLE AS A CLUB DIRECTOR/TEAM REPRESENTATIVE**

The club director/team representative is the person from each club/team to whom the Region provides registration information at the beginning of the year, tournament results during the year, and periodic updates on decisions made by the Junior Coaches' forum or Junior Representatives. They are responsible for ensuring that each player, coach, and team representative completes and signs their registration forms. The team representative sends the completed registration material and tournament entries for his/her team to the RMR Office. In other words, they are the liaison between Parents/Players and the Region Office. There is only one point of contact per club.

### **TEAM INFORMATION**

Anyone playing in an RMR-USAV or USA Volleyball sanctioned tournament must be a registered member on a registered team/club. On or after December 1<sup>st</sup> of the current season a player is registered/rostered and participates in a practice or sanctioned event with a team, he/she may not play with any other RMR-USAV registered junior club for the remainder of the season. All junior teams participating in tournaments from January to July must be officially registered with the RMR Office.

### **TEAM NAME**

EACH team must have a unique team name. The registered team name must be used for all sanctioned events unless prior notification is given to the RMR Office. In addition, teams that are "clubbed" must also designate a club name.

### **TEAM CODE**

Each team will be assigned a unique team code, usually the first five letters of the club name. The team code will be assigned by the RMR Office at the time of registration. This team code is frequently requested by various National Qualifier Event Directors and USA Volleyball Events.

### **TEAM ROSTER**

Players must be of the same gender except for 12 & Under Division where Coed Rosters will be allowed. Players may be added to a roster for the RMR Junior Power #1 - #5 by registering in the RMR Office by the Wednesday before the scheduled event. There are different restrictions when adding players to rosters for the RMR Junior Regional Championships and RMR JNC Qualifier, see pages 20 - 21. A team may have a maximum of 15 players on each roster. Requirements for Junior National Volleyball Championship Tournament may be different. Check the USAV Official Guide or pre-tournament manual before entering.

### **TEAM FEE**

A team registration fee of \$50.00 is required for each team. **Note:** if only one team fee has been paid, only one team can participate in any one tournament.

**TEAM TOURNAMENT DEPOSIT**

All teams are required to pay a tournament deposit of \$125 per team (made payable to RMR-USAV) when registering a team. A club may make a multiple team deposit on one check. **Note:** If a deposit is made out for five teams (\$625) and the deposit is used for only one team, the check will be deposited into the RMR account. When the team tournament deposit is used for a missed tournament a new deposit of \$125 will be required in the RMR Office before the team can play in another RMR sanctioned tournament. If the deposit is not used at the end of the Junior Power Tournament Schedule it will be applied to the RMR Junior Regional Championship Tournament entry fee.

**TEAM AGE REQUIREMENT**

All teams will be required to determine and declare their age classification by submission of their roster at the beginning of the season prior to the first junior tournament the team enters. The team age is determined by the age of the oldest player on the roster. It is the responsibility of the Club Director/Team Representative to verify the age of the players listed on the roster by checking the date of birth on the birth certificate provided by the player.

**CHANGING TEAM AGE CLASSIFICATION**

If during the year a situation presents itself that the age classification needs to be changed for a team, the team will be allowed to move up or down to the appropriate age classification, and will be seeded at the bottom of that age division. The team will be required to register as a new team, which includes a new team with a new team fee of \$50. Any requests for change in team age classification must be submitted in writing and approved by the Junior Committee.

## Recruiting Policy

Approved 8/14/11 RMR Junior Forum

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

**Recruitment Period:** **Junior Club Coach and/or** Junior Female Players, the next day after the last day of competition of the Girls Junior National Volleyball Championships through November 30<sup>th</sup>. Junior Club Coach and Junior Male Players the next day after the last day of competition of the Boys Junior National Volleyball Championships through October 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Non-Recruitment Period:** The time period for coaches and junior female players is December 1<sup>st</sup> through the last day of competition of the Girls Junior National Volleyball Championships and for coaches and junior male players is November 1<sup>st</sup> through the last day of competition of the Boys Junior National 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 1<sup>st</sup> – October 31<sup>st</sup> 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 designated contract signing date 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 are recommended 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 <sup>st</sup>

**Contract Signing Dates:** The RMR will only recognize signed contract between players/parents and clubs in regards to RMR Policies according to the following dates:

Ages 15 and Below	On or after the third Saturday of October
Ages 16 and Above	On or after the first Sunday of November

**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. Below are possible sanctions for violation of the Recruiting Policy;

- Probation, meaning a warning that any additional violation of ethics or the rules may result in suspension of participation (roles) within the RMR-USAV or suspension of RMR-USAV membership for a designated period of time;
- Fine(s) to be paid before further participation in RMR events;
- Suspension from participation (roles) within the RMR-USAV for a designated period of time.
- Suspension of rights to participate in designated policies of the RMR such as but not limited to the "Members On Hold Policy".
- Suspension of USAV membership for up to 12 months;
- Expulsion from USAV membership for more than 12 months.

## Registering Teams & Clubs

1. Teams must be registered at least two weeks before the first event in which they wish to participate. Exception for the RMR Junior Power #1 Tournament the deadline is **12/1/11** it must be received in the RMR Office by 12:00 p.m. and not post marked.
2. The membership registration year begins September 1st of the current year and ends October 31st of the following year.
3. Completed team roster must be submitted to the RMR Office in paper form or transmitted via email. Junior Team Registration Forms are available on the RMR webpage or by email, contact the RMR Office to have one sent to you.
4. Individuals will be allowed to play with their team only after they have completely registered with the RMR Office. The following forms must be submitted before a player or team will be allowed to participate, NO EXCEPTIONS!

### FEES DUE TO RMR OFFICE:

RMR Team Registration - \$50/per team  
RMR Power Deposit - \$125/per team  
(These fees can be included on one check)

### FORMS DUE TO RMR OFFICE:

RMR Team Roster  
RMR Team Seeding Form  
2012 Schedule of Intent to Play Form

5. The above fees and forms must be submitted to the RMR Office, 4155 East Jewell Ave Suite #909 Denver, CO 80222.

## TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

The 2012 Junior Girl's Tournament Schedule and Tournament Director's List are on the RMR website "rmrvolleyball.org". The girls' tournament schedule includes RMR Junior Friendship Tournament, RMR Classic, (5) Junior Power Tournaments, RMR Junior Showdown, RMR Junior Regional Tournament, RMR JNC Qualifier, Colorado Crossroads a "USAV National Qualifier" and the USA Junior National Volleyball Championships.

For more information on the USA Junior Qualifiers and USA Junior National Volleyball Championships check the USA Volleyball web site for current information ([www.usavolleyball.org](http://www.usavolleyball.org)).

### JUNIOR GIRL'S SANCTIONED TOURNAMENT SEASON

Begins January 1 and extends through the last day of competition at the USA Junior National Volleyball Championships.

### PROPER NOTIFICATION OF INTENT TO CHANGE SCHEDULE OF PLAY

Teams must give written notice to the RMR Office to change their "Schedule of Intent to Play" form that is submitted at the December 1<sup>st</sup> deadline. A change is considered when a team withdrawals or adds to their "Schedule of Intent to Play" form this must be submitted prior to the appropriate deadline for the event they want to make a change. The deadline is the Friday before the previous power tournament it will affect. For example, team A wants to miss Power 3 they must give notice to the RMR Office by the Friday before Power 2.

### INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

The RMR does not dictate whether teams or participants should or should not travel in any inclement weather or other conditions. Club/Team travel to any RMR event is always at your own risk and expense. In the event of road closures (verifiable by State Patrol) due to inclement weather on the date of the tournament, it is the responsibility of the Club/Team Representative to notify the Tournament Director that the team will not be participating in the tournament. Only notify the RMR Office if the Tournament Director can not be reached. The team will forfeit all matches which will result in receiving last place in that division. If deemed appropriate, the Junior Committee of the RMR Board of Directors may reimburse tournament entry fee (s) based on the above noted criteria.

## Types of RMR Tournaments

### FRIENDSHIP TOURNAMENT SCHEDULED DATE 1/8/12.

This tournament will be played in single age divisions with a maximum of 20 teams per division. Seeding and format for this event will be determined by the Seeding Committee. Tournament entry fee of \$125.00/per team is due and payable to the RMR Office by 12/1/11.

Showdown

### RMR CLASSIC (2) DAY TOURNAMENT DATE 1/14/12 AND 1/15/12.

This tournament will be played in various areas of the region. Teams will be seeded by ages and in areas in which they reside. Ages may be combined in order to help facilitate the event at the facility. The first day of the event will consist of pool play and the second day will either be a bracket format or pool play depending on the number of teams participating. Teams will be seeded in single age divisions with a maximum of 12 – 15 teams per division per facility. Tournament entry fee of \$250.00/per team is due and payable to the RMR Office by 12/1/11.

### POWER #1 – #5 TOURNAMENTS

The Power Tournaments will be played in single age divisions however; younger teams may choose to play up an age division (s). For example a 15's team may choose to play in the 16's age division and will be seeded accordingly. It is highly recommend but not required that teams participate in Power 1. All teams will be seeded into this event by the Junior Seeding Committee. Teams that enter the Junior Power Structure after Power #1 will be seeded at the bottom of their registered age division. Tournament entry fee of \$125.00 per team except for teams in Division 1 and Division 2 which will pay an additional fee of \$115.00 per team will be invoiced to the club following the event. Payment of this invoice must be received in the RMR Office, net 15 days from the date of the invoice. See format pages 33 - 37.

Power tournaments are scheduled in alternating age groups 18/16/14/12 and 17/15/13 will play on different weekends. Teams may choose to play in an older age group and/or play in their single age group. Teams that choose to play up an age divisions must follow certain criteria, see page 33. All girls' teams, regardless of age, may play in the power tournament structure. Some Boys teams are eligible to participate in the girls' power structure. (See Boys Division page 54). The purpose of the alternating weekends is to give teams an opportunity to play up an age division while also playing in their own age group and the development of club coaches.

- ◆ Power #1 - #5 Tournaments will be played in single age divisions. (See Boys Division page 54)
- ◆ If teams wish to play in the Junior Power Structure, they may enter at any time in their registered age division prior to the appropriate deadline. The Junior Power #1 Tournament will be seeded by the Junior Seeding Committee. Power # 2 and after will be seeded by the result of the previous Power Tournament. Teams entering after the RMR Junior Power #1 Tournament will be seeded at the bottom of their register age division.
- ◆ If "Proper Notification of Intent to Change Schedule of Play" form is received, in writing on or before the deadline in the RMR Office the team will not receive points for that event. However, there is no guarantee that a team will not lose a seed, if not more, for the next Power Event.
  - ◆ Teams that give proper **written notification** will not receive points for that event. **Note:** There is no guarantee that a team will not lose a seed, if not more, for the next Power Event.
  - ◆ Teams that do not give **written notification** and do not send a tournament entry fee will be dropped to the bottom of their age division. The team will then forfeit their team deposit. A new team deposit will be required before the team may play in the next power tournament.

- ◆ Teams that are scheduled to participate in a Power and have paid for the tournament but do not show up due to unforeseen circumstances, will finish last in their respective pool, and will forfeit their cross-pool set thus receiving last place in that division for that Power. **NOTE:** If more than one team fails to compete within the same bracket, pool/division, those teams are seeded at the conclusion of pool play according to the highest original seed. Again, all matches are recorded as forfeits.

### **RMR JUNIOR SHOWDOWN SCHEDULED DATES 2/18/12 – 2/20/12**

This tournament is designed to give teams an opportunity to compete in a multi-day tournament within the Rocky Mountain Region. The tournament sites will be the Island Grove Facility, the Jesus Rodarte Center in Greeley, the NORCO Facility and the Arena. The RMR Office will accept tournament registration beginning 12/1/11. The deadline is January 6, 2012 or until the tournament is full. **Note:** this event tends to fill quickly. Entries will be accepted first by walk ins on 12/1/11 followed by mailed in entries. See Showdown Registration material for more information.

### **RMR JUNIOR GIRL'S REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

The RMR Junior Regional Tournament will be held on two different days April 28, 2012 for the 14/13/12 Age groups April 29, 2012 for the 18/17/16/15 age groups. All RMR Junior Regional teams will be seeded into the RMR Junior Regional Tournament, unless they notify the RMR Office by the specified deadline that they will not be participating. Note: it is not required to play in this event but points will be awarded which may or may not affect a team's Point Average Age Ranking for eligibility into the RMR JNQ Tournament.

1. 1-Day Tournament/All Age Division's 18/17/16/15/14/13/12 single age divisions.
2. Changing/Adding Players to Roster:
  - ◆ A Player may only participate in one Jr Regional Championship i.e. an individual can not participate on both days.
  - ◆ Teams can only participate in one Jr Regional Championship.
  - ◆ You may add a player (s) from another registered team within your club.
  - ◆ You may add a player (s) that has not been registered in the current RMR-USAV season.
  - ◆ You may not add a player that is registered with another Club.
  - ◆ Player must be added to the roster in the RMR Office by noon on Wednesday, prior to the Tournament.
3. All teams competing in Division 1 of each age division must have competed in (3) three Point Events (Powers 1 – 5 are Point Events) within their age group. An exception may be made for the 12 & Under Division which may not have 12 teams in the entire age division.
4. Division 1 teams that did not participate in (3) three Point Events will be seeded into Division 2 and below based on their Point Average Age Ranking.
5. All Junior Girls teams are eligible to participate in the RMR Junior Regional Championships. An RMR region team that has not participated in the RMR Junior Power Structure can play in the RMR Junior Regional Championships; however, they will be seeded last in their respective age division and are not eligible to participate in Division 1 Championships at any age division.
6. Match Play format is used unless denoted: Best 2 out of 3 sets, non-deciding sets are rally scoring to 25 points, no cap and win by two points. The deciding set is rally score to 15 points, no cap, switch sides at 8 points, and win by two points.
7. Seeding for the RMR Junior Regional Tournament:
  - ◆ This event will be seeded based on the "Point Average Age Ranking" after Power #5 results have been tabulated for each age division.

## 8. Tournament Format will be separated into single age divisions:

- ◆ Division 1 in each age group will consist of 12 teams. Round 1 will consist of four pools of three teams each. The top two teams from each pool will move to the Gold Bracket and the bottom two teams will move to the Silver Bracket. Round 2 will be a single elimination bracket play, best two out of three sets on the winner side of the bracket, losing side of the bracket will be one set to 25 points switching sides at 12 points.
  - **NEW This Year:** The RMR will recognize an RMR All Regional team at the Regional Tournament. Division 1 site only, a coach from each team must nominate/submit to the tournament director when checking in a list of 3 individuals ranked in order with the top individual being #1 and then so on. The RMR All Regional team will consist of 12 players (1<sup>st</sup> Place Team gets (3) individuals, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place & 3rd gets (2) individuals and 4<sup>th</sup> Place through 8<sup>th</sup> Place gets (1) individual on the team). Teams must be in Division 1 and playing in the Regional Event.
- ◆ Division 2 and below in each age group will consist of eight teams per division. The tournament format will be (2) pools of 4 teams followed by a crossover set. The best two out of three set formats will be played (non deciding set to 25 points and the deciding set to 15 points if necessary). If the division has less than 7 teams pool play will be played. The result of pool will be the final finish for that division.

## RMR JNC QUALIFIER TOURNAMENT

The RMR Junior National Qualifier (JNQ) Tournament is the event that determines which team (s) will receive the Region's bid (s) to the Junior National Volleyball Championships. Teams must meet all specific criteria in order to be eligible to participate in this event.

1. In order to be considered eligible to participate in this event each team must meet the following criteria:
  - ◆ The team must play in a minimum of (3) three Point Events (Powers 1 – 5 and Junior Regionals are Point Events) within their registered age group. This will establish the team's Point Average Age Ranking. The top three results will be averaged.
  - ◆ All paperwork must be turned into the RMR Office by noon on the stated deadline (4/11/12) not post marked.
    - Online tournament registration must be completed on the Advanced Event Systems (AES). Teams should select "National" Division. Once bids are distributed by USA Volleyball the RMR will contact USA Volleyball with the RMR Bids.
    - A hard copy of the above tournament entry form must be submitted to the RMR.
    - A separate tournament entry check per team for \$900.00 made out to "USA Volleyball" must be submitted to the RMR.
    - A separate tournament entry check (for the RMR JNQ Tournament) per team for \$175.00 made out to "RMR – USAV" must be submitted to the RMR.
  - ◆ The team must be one of the top eight teams in the "Final Point Average Age Ranking" which will be tabulated after the results of the Junior Regional Championships
  - ◆ In the event of a tie (two or more teams) in the RMR Final Point Average Age Ranking, the tie will be broken in the following order:
    - The team that played most recently.
    - If teams played in the same most recent tournament it will then be broken by the finish in that most recent tournament.
    - **Note:** depending on where the tie occurs it may affect teams getting into the RMR JNQ.
  - ◆ If one of the top eight teams in the RMR Final Point Average Age Ranking receives any type of bid (Open, Open at Large, National or American) through a National Qualifier, the next team in the "Final Point Average Age Ranking" will be eligible for the RMR Junior National Qualifier and will be seeded accordingly.

**Note:** In some cases not all teams want to compete in this event. A team that is ranked 8th or below in the "Final Point Average Age Ranking" that has submitted their required paperwork and participated in a minimum of

(3) three Point Events (Powers 1 – 5, Junior Regionals are Point Events) within their registered age group may be accepted. It is recommended that if your team is ranked within the top 15 teams that you complete the paperwork for acceptance into the RMR JNQ.

2. 1-Day Tournament/All Age Division's 18/17/16/15/14/13/12. Eight total teams maximum per age division.

3. Changing/Adding Players to Roster:

- ◆ A player (s) from another registered team within your club, player may not be from a team that has previously qualified at another National Qualifier event.
- ◆ You can not add a player that has not been registered in the current RMR-USAV season.
- ◆ You may not add a player that is registered with another Junior Club.
- ◆ Player must be added to the roster in the RMR Office by noon on the Wednesday prior to the Tournament.

4. Tournament format will be a double elimination tournament bracket; all play will be the best 2 out of 3 sets (match play). The winner of the double elimination tournament will receive the National Bid and the second place team will receive the American Bid if the RMR is allocated one. All other bids that are granted to the RMR will trickle down according to finish in this event.

5. Teams not eligible to participate in this tournament:

- ◆ RMR Junior teams that have previously qualified at a 2012 Junior National Qualifier.
- ◆ RMR Junior teams that have received an "Open At Large" bid to the 2012 JNVC.
- ◆ Out of Region teams.

6. Deadline to remove a team from the RMR JNC Qualifier is April 27, 2012. This must be in writing and received in the RMR Office by noon.

7. Tournament entry fee of \$175.00 will be returned to those teams that do not get into the tournament due to the eight team limitation.

8. There are no guarantees that more than one team from RMR will get a bid to the Junior National Volleyball Championships. In the event the RMR receives more than one bid it will trickle down based on the results of the RMR Junior National Qualifier.

#### **RMR JUNIOR TOURNAMENT ENTRY FEES**

- ◆ RMR Junior Friendship Tournament Entry Fee \$125.00 per team.
- ◆ RMR Classic (2) Day Tournament Entry Fee \$250.00 per team.
- ◆ \*RMR Junior Power #1, #2, #3, #4 and #5 Tournament Entry Fee \$125.00/per team. Teams participating in Division 1 and Division 2 will be charged an additional fee for officials and change of format of \$115.00 which will be invoiced after the event. All invoiced fees must be paid net 15 days from the date of the invoice.
- ◆ RMR Junior Showdown \$450.00 per team.
- ◆ \*RMR Junior Girls Regional Championships \$125.00 per team (If you have attended all Power Tournaments your Power Deposit of \$125 will be used as your Regional Championship entry fee). Teams participating in Division 1 will be charged an additional fee for officials of \$50.00 which will be invoiced after the event.
- ◆ \*RMR JNC Qualifier Tournament Entry Fee \$175.00 per team. Note: see other requirements page 43.

\*If Tournament Entry Fees have not been paid from the previous year or previous tournament, the offending club will not be able to register their teams or enter any RMR sanctioned tournament until all past due fees are paid. Club Director's membership will be placed on a "Region Hold" status until paid. The offending team/club may be required to pay upfront all RMR fees by money order or guaranteed check. All payment for officials must be paid in order to be in good standing with the RMR. Failure to pay fees within the net 15 days will result in team not being allowed to play in events.

## SEEDING

- ◆ A Seeding Committee has been established and recognized by the Junior Coaches Forum, Junior Committee and the RMR Board of Directors. The 2012 seeding committee chairperson is Kirk Rowland, RMR Junior Coordinator. The seeding committee will consist of 9 voting delegate approved at the Annual Club Directors meeting. Note: all interested parties are welcome to attend the seeding meeting held in late December.
- ◆ The Seeding Committee will be responsible for seeding the RMR Junior Friendship, RMR Classic and Power #1 Tournaments and will base their decision on a combination of the following criteria listed below:

Last year's results	Seeding information supplied to the committee by the teams
Club size, strength & history	Roster information supplied by the teams

Teams are required to supply information to help the seeding process by submitting the "RMR Team Seeding Form". Clubs and teams who do not supply the "RMR Team Seeding Form" are considered not registered in the RMR and will be seeded at the bottom of the age division. If a team enters the Power Structure in their registered age division after the RMR Junior Power #1 Tournament, the team will be seeded at the bottom of the age division.

The seeding committee will consist of 9 voting delegates.

- ◆ Voting Delegate break down:
  - (3) Colorado Springs Area
  - (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. (1-6), (7-12), (13-20), (21-28) 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 placed into the Power 1 Tournament Formats.
  - 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.

## WHAT TO EXPECT FROM TOURNAMENT AND SITE DIRECTORS

Prospective tournament hosts must attend a mandatory pre-season meeting. Failure to attend may result in the loss of tournament(s) scheduled with the host. Tournament and site directors may not change the format of any sanctioned tournament unless authorized by the RMR Office.

### SITE CRITERIA FOR JUNIOR TOURNAMENTS IN PRIORITY ORDER

- Percentage of junior registration in surrounding area
- Effective tournament management and consistent tournament director
- RMR membership or volleyball affiliation
- Facility meeting overall requirements (court space, padding, ceiling heights, spectator area, officials stands, etc)
- Volleyball club that own their own facility that have met the overall requirements.

### NOTIFICATION OF ACCEPTANCE:

Tournament Directors must notify all Club Directors of their team's acceptance no later than Thursday prior to the tournament. **NOTE:** As a Club Director, if you do not get a phone call or email from the Tournament Director by THURSDAY prior to the tournament, it is the CLUB'S responsibility to call the tournament director. Never assume you are in a tournament and arrive that day.

### TOURNAMENT ENTRIES:

All entries must be received 10 days prior to the event. Send all entries to the RMR Office, 4155 East Jewell Ave Suite 909 Denver, CO 80222; payable to RMR-USAV. Tournament entries may be paid all at once on one check or paid per tournament.

### STARTING TIMES, COACHES MEETINGS, AND WARM-UPS:

All Junior Tournaments are required to start at 8:00 a.m. with a Coaches meeting beginning at 7:30 a.m., unless stated on the Tournament Schedule. The RMR Office must approve any tournament start time changes. The coaches' meeting is mandatory. The warm-up time for all matches will be 10 minutes (2-minute shared ball handling, 4-minute serving team and 4-minute receiving team, including serving). The captains meeting will begin immediately following the previous match. Upon the release of the captains the 10-minute warm-up begins.

### TOURNAMENT DUTIES:

- Tournament Directors must HAND OUT rosters prior to or during their coaches' meeting to EACH coach to be update the morning of the tournament. Coaches must cross off anyone not physically present at the start of the tournament (players who come late may be added later), add any newly-registered players eligible to play, add uniform numbers, add certified officials, then initial it so the RMR Office knows that each coach has seen the roster for that day. Failure to update and initial a roster will result in a warning to the coach for a procedural violation. The use of an unregistered or ineligible player could result in a coach sanction and/or forfeiture of a match or matches.
- **REQUIREMENT**, tournament director must verify all rostered adults with a driver's license or some form of identification. You must sign the verification slot on the roster for proof of verification. **No exceptions!**
- **BE SURE TO RETURN THE ROSTER BACK TO THE TOURNAMENT OR SITE DIRECTOR BEFORE YOUR FIRST MATCH.** Rosters must be available for inspection by all, and should be posted close to pool result sheets.

## AWARDS

The RMR Office will provide all awards at a fee of \$15.00 per court to each tournament host. Additional awards are optional.

- For RMR Junior Friendship Tournaments, awards must be given to the first place winners in each Division. If a playoff bracket is not required in that division the first place finisher of the pool will receive the award.
- For RMR Junior Power Tournaments #1, awards must be given to the FIRST PLACE CROSS BRACKET WINNERS in each Single Age Division. If a cross bracket match is not required in that division the first place finisher of the pool will receive the award.
- For RMR Junior Power Tournaments #1 - #5 Division 1 and 2, awards must be given to the FIRST PLACE TEAM IN THE RESULT OF POOL.
- For RMR Junior Power Tournaments #2 - #5 Division 3 and below, awards must be given for the FIRST PLACE CROSS BRACKET WINNERS in each Single Age Division. If a cross bracket set is not required in that division the first place finisher of the pool will receive the award.
- For RMR Junior Regional Tournament, all Division winners will receive team awards. Division 1 only in each age group 1<sup>st</sup>. 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place team awards will also be given. Individual awards will be given to the 1<sup>st</sup> place finisher in Division 1 Only. The RMR All Regional team will consist of 12 players (1<sup>st</sup> Place team gets (3) individuals, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place get (2) individuals and 4<sup>th</sup> Place through 8<sup>th</sup> Place gets (1) individual on the team) Teams must be in Division 1 and playing in the regional event
- For RMR JNC QUALIFIER Tournament, team award will be given for each age division for the National Bid and American Bid Winners.

## POOL PLAY SCHEDULE FOR POWER 1 - 5

**Single Age Pool Play Schedule** 3-team and 4-team pools will be match play. A 3-team pool will play best three out of five and 4-team pool best two out of three sets. Non-deciding sets are rally score to 25 points and the deciding set is rally to 15 points switch sides at 8 points. All sets are no cap and must win by two points. \*In a pool with more than 4 teams, pool play will consist of two sets to 25 points; no match play. \*Power 2 – 5 Division 1 and Division 2 **Only** will play a six team pool **Match Play** best 2 out of 3 sets.

<b>3 Teams (1 COURT)</b>		
(3 total matches)		
Best 3 out of 5 sets.		
1st 4 sets rally to 25 points		
5th set rally to 15 points if necessary		
Mandatory 1/2 hr break between Matches		
1	1 - 3	(2)
2	2 - 3	(1)
3	1 - 2	(3)

<b>4 TEAMS (1 COURT)</b>		
(6 Matches)		
Best 2 out of 3 sets.		
1st 2 sets rally to 25 points		
3rd set rally to 15 points if necessary		
1	1 - 3	(2)
2	2 - 4	(1)
3	1 - 4	(3)
4	2 - 3	(1)
5	3 - 4	(2)
6	1 - 2	(4)

<b>5 TEAMS (1 COURT)</b>		
(10 Total Rounds)		
Automatically play two sets to 25 Points		
No Deciding set will be played if the two teams split		
1.	2 - 5	(3)
2.	1 - 4	(2)
3.	3 - 5	(1)
4.	2 - 4	(5)
5.	1 - 3	(4)
6.	4 - 5	(1)
7.	2 - 3	(4)
8.	1 - 5	(2)
9.	3 - 4	(5)
10.	1 - 2	(3)

<b>*6 TEAMS (2 COURTS)</b>			
(15 Total Rounds On Two Courts)			
Automatically play two sets to 25 Points			
No Deciding set will be played if the two teams split			
	<u>Court 1</u>		<u>Court 2</u>
1	4-6 (1)	1	3-5 (2)
2	1-6 (4)	2	2-5 (3)
3	1-4 (6)	3	2-3 (5)
4	4-5 (1)	4	3-6 (2)
Take Short Lunch Break			
5	1-5 (3)	5	2-6 (4)
6	1-3 (5)	6	2-4 (6)
7	3-4 (1)	7	5-6 (2)
8	1-2 (3)		

**Single Age Pool Play Schedule with 1 pool per Division** A 4-team pools will be the same schedule as above however they will play three sets to 25 points, 5 and 6 team pools will play 2 sets to 25 points. The results of pool are final. There are no playoffs or crossover sets.

<b>5 TEAMS (1 COURT)</b>		
(10 Total Rounds)		
Automatically play two sets to 25 Points		
No Deciding set will be played if the two teams split		
1.	2 - 5	(3)
2.	1 - 4	(2)
3.	3 - 5	(1)
4.	2 - 4	(5)
5.	1 - 3	(4)
6.	4 - 5	(1)
7.	2 - 3	(4)
8.	1 - 5	(2)
9.	3 - 4	(5)
10.	1 - 2	(3)

<b>*6 TEAMS (2 COURTS)</b>			
(15 Total Rounds On Two Courts)			
Automatically play two sets to 25 Points			
No Deciding set will be played if the two teams split			
<u>Court 1</u>		<u>Court 2</u>	
1	4-6 (1)	1	3-5 (2)
2	1-6 (4)	2	2-5 (3)
3	1-4 (6)	3	2-3 (5)
4	4-5 (1)	4	3-6 (2)
Take Short Lunch Break			
5	1-5 (3)	5	2-6 (4)
6	1-3 (5)	6	2-4 (6)
7	3-4 (1)	7	5-6 (2)
8	1-2 (3)		

### TIE BREAKING PROCEDURES

In the event of a three way tie (see below to determine if a three way tie exists and in which order sets should be played), the tie breaker is one deciding set to 25 points, switch sides at 13 points, no cap, and win by 2 points. See pages 28 – 30.

## **TIE BREAKING PROCEDURE** **DIVISION 1 & 2 ONLY POWERS 1 – 5**

**Two-Way Tie:** If two teams have the **SAME MATCH PERCENTAGE** the tie is broken by the head-to-head result in pool.

**Three-Way Tie For First Place:** If three teams have the **SAME MATCH PERCENTAGE, SAME SET PERCENTAGE** and the **SAME TOTAL POINT DIFFERENTIAL** (total points earned minus total points against). All three of these factors must be met before it is considered a three-way tie. Teams will be seeded according to the original seed in pool. Seed 2 plays Seed 3 and Seed 1 officiates. The loser will be third in pool. Winner of the previous set plays Seed 1 and the loser of the previous set officiates. Winner of this set will be first, while the loser is second in pool.

**Three-Way Tie For Second Place:** If three teams have the **SAME MATCH PERCENTAGE, SAME SET PERCENTAGE** and the **SAME POINT PERCENTAGE** (total points scored divided by total points against). All three of these factors must be met before it is considered a three-way tie. Teams will be seeded according to the original seed in pool. Seed 2 plays Seed 3, and Seed 1 officiates. The loser of this set is fourth in pool. Winner of the previous set plays Seed 1 and the loser of the previous set officiates. Winner of this set will be second, while the loser is third in pool.

**Example #1:** All three teams have the same match percentage of 80% (4-1 match record), the same set percentage 80% (8 – 2 set record) however the point percentage is as follows: for Team A is 0, Team B is +5, and Team C is -8, this is NOT a 3-way tie. The finish in pool would be Team B=First, Team A=Second, and Team C=Third.

**Example #2:** All three teams have the same match percentage of 75% (4-1 match record), the same set percentage 80% (8 – 2 set record) however the point percentage is as follows: Team A is +17, Team B is +11, Team C is +11, and this is a 2-WAY TIE and would be broken by a head-to-head result in pool. Team C beat Team B in pool. The finish in pool would be Team A= First, Team C=Second and Team B=Third because Team C had beaten Team B in pool.

**Example #3:** All three teams have the same match percentage of 80% (4-1 match record) however the set percentage is Team A is 80%, Team B is 72% and Team C is 72% this is a 2-WAY TIE and would be broken by the head-to-head match between Team B and Team C in pool. Team B beat Team C in pool. The finish in pool would be Team A= First, Team B=Second and Team C=Third because Team B beat Team C when playing head to head.

**Example #4: Three-way tie for First Place.** All three teams have the same match percentage 80% (4 – 1 match record), the same set percentage of 80% (8 – 2 set record) and the same total point differential. This is a three-way tie. Teams will be seeded according to the original seed in pool. Team A (Original Seed 1 in Pool), Team B (Original Seed 3 in Pool) and Team C (Original Seed 5 in Pool). Team C will play Team B and Team A officiates loser of this set will be 3rd. Winner of the previous set will play Team A for first place and the loser of the previous set officiates.

**Example #5: Three-way tie for Second Place.** Assuming that all factors are the same as in Example #4, Team C will play Team B and Team A officiates. Team C will play Team B and Team A officiates, loser of this set will be 4<sup>th</sup>. Winner of the previous set will play Team A for second place and the loser of the previous set officiates.

### **Tie Breaking Definitions**

**Match Percentage:** Total matches won divided by total matches played in that pool.

**Set Percentage:** Total sets won divided by total sets played in that pool.

## **TIE BREAKING PROCEDURE**

### **POWER TOURNAMENTS WITH (2) POOLS AND A SCHEDULED CROSSOVER**

**Two-Way Tie:** If two teams have the **SAME MATCH RECORD** the tie is broken by the head-to-head result in pool.

**Three-Way Tie For First Place:** Three teams have the **SAME MATCH RECORD** and the **SAME SET PERCENTAGE**. Both of these factors must be met before it is considered a three-way tie. Seed teams according to total point differential (total points earned minus total points against). Seed 2 plays Seed 3 and Seed 1 officiates. The loser will be third in pool. Winner of the previous set plays Seed 1 and the loser of the previous set officiates. Winner of this set will be first, while the loser is second in pool.

**Three-Way Tie For Second Place:** Three teams have the **SAME MATCH RECORD** and the **SAME SET PERCENTAGE**. Both of these factors must be met before it is considered a three-way tie. Seed teams according to total point differential (total points earned minus total points against). Seed 2 plays Seed 3, and Seed 1 officiates. The loser of this set is fourth in pool. Winner of the previous set plays Seed 1 and the loser of the previous set officiates. Winner of this set will be second, while the loser is third in pool.

**Example #1:** All three teams have a 2-1 match record but the set percentage for Team A is 75%, Team B is 67%, and Team C is 50%, this is NOT a 3-way tie. The finish in pool would be Team A=First, Team B=Second, and Team C=Third.

**Example #2:** All three teams have a 2-1 match record, but the set percentage for Team A is 75%, Team B is 67%, Team C is 67%, this is a 2-WAY TIE and would be broken by a head-to-head result in pool. Team C won the pool play match against Team B. The finish in pool would be Team A= First, Team C=Second and Team B=Third because Team C had beaten Team B in pool.

**Example #3: Three-way tie for First Place.** All three teams have the same match record, and the same set percentage of 75%. This is a three-way tie. Teams will be seeded according to total point differential. The total point differential is: Team A (-4), Team B (+15) and Team C (+7). Team C will play Team A and Team B officiates. Winner of this set will play Team B for first place.

**Example #4: Three-way tie for Second Place.** Assuming that all factors are the same as in Example #3, Team A will play Team C and Team B officiates. Winner of this set will play Team B for second place.

### **Tie Breaking Definitions:**

**Match Percentage:** Total matches won divided by total matches played in that pool.

**Set Percentage:** Total sets won divided by total sets played in that pool.

**Total Point Differential:** Team's total points earned minus the total points against.

## **TIE BREAKING PROCEDURE**

### **POWER TOURNAMENTS WITH (1) POOL PER DIVISION, DIV 3 AND BELOW**

**Two-Way Tie:** If two teams have the **SAME SET PERCENTAGE** the tie is broken by the head-to-head result in pool. If both teams split sets in the head to head competition, use total point differential (total points earned minus total points against) of the head to head competition as the next determining factor.

**Three-Way Tie For First Place:** Three teams have the **SAME SET PERCENTAGE** and the **SAME TOTAL POINT DIFFERENTIAL** (total points earned minus total points against). Both of these factors must be met before it is considered a three-way tie. Teams will be seeded according to the original seed in pool. Seed 2 plays Seed 3 and Seed 1 officiates. The loser will be third in pool. Winner of the previous set plays Seed 1 and the loser of the previous set officiates. Winner of this set will be first, while the loser is second in pool.

**Three-Way Tie For Second Place:** Three teams have the **SAME SET PERCENTAGE** and the **SAME TOTAL POINT DIFFERENTIAL** (total points earned minus total points against). Both of these factors must be met before it is considered a three-way tie. Teams will be seeded according to the original seed in pool. Seed 2 plays Seed 3, and Seed 1 officiates. The loser of this set is fourth in pool. Winner of the previous set plays Seed 1 and the loser of the previous set officiates. Winner of this set will be second, while the loser is third in pool.

**Example #1:** All three teams have the same set percentage of 75% (6-2 set record) however the total point differential is as follows: for Team A is +30, Team B is +5, and Team C is -8, this is NOT a 3-way tie. The finish in pool would be Team A=First, Team B=Second, and Team C=Third.

**Example #2:** All three teams have the same set percentage of 75% (6-2 set record) however the total point differential is as follows: Team A is +17, Team B is +11, Team C is #11, and this is a 2-WAY TIE and would be broken by a head-to-head result in pool. Team C won two sets when playing Team B. The finish in pool would be Team A= First, Team C=Second and Team B=Third because Team C had beaten Team B in pool.

**Example #3:** All three teams have the same set percentage of 75% (6-2 set record) however the total point differential is as follows: Team A is +18, Team B is -5, Team C is -5, and this is a 2-WAY TIE and would be broken by a head-to-head result in pool. While playing head to head in pool, Team B and Team C each won 1 set each causing a split, the scores of the set were 25-20 and 23-25 respectively. The finish in pool would be Team A= First, Team B=Second and Team C=Third because Team B had a higher point differential when playing head to head.

**Example #4:** All three teams have the same set percentage of 75% (6-2 set record) however the total point differential is as follows: Team A is +12, Team B is +8, Team C is +8, and this is a 2-WAY TIE and would be broken by a head-to-head result in pool. While playing head to head Team B and Team C each won 1 set each causing a split the scores of the set were 25-23 and 23-25 respectively. Since Team B & Team C were tied in all of the following categories same set percentage, same total point differential, head to head sets split, and same point differential in the head to head pool play round. Team B & Team C will play 1 set to 25 points to break the tie. All factors must be the same in order to have this tiebreaker set.

**Example #5: Three-way tie for First Place.** All three teams have the same set percentage of 75% and the same total point differential. This is a three-way tie. Teams will be seeded according to the original seed in pool. Team A (Original Seed 1 in Pool), Team B (Original Seed 3 in Pool) and Team C (Original Seed 5 in Pool). Team C will play Team B and Team A officiates. Winner of this set will play Team A for first place and the loser of the previous set officiates.

**Example #6: Three-way tie for Second Place.** Assuming that all factors are the same as in Example #4, Team C will play Team B and Team A officiates. Winner of this set will play Team A for second place and the loser of the previous set officiates.

**Set Percentage:** Total wins divided by total sets played in that pool.

**Total Point Differential:** Team's total points earned minus the total points against.

## 2012 USA JUNIOR VOLLEYBALL NATIONAL QUALIFIER TOURNAMENTS

(Contact the following for more information or [usavolleyball.org](http://usavolleyball.org))

**Event:** **Colorado Crossroads Qualifier (Denver, CO)**  
**Date:** February 25 – 27, 2012 (14O, 14C, 13C, and 12C)  
**Date:** March 2 – 4, 2012 (18O, 18C, 17O, and 17C)  
\*Dates for the 16 & 15 Age group were not available at the time of production check website for information.  
**Contact:** Front Range Staff  
**Phone:** (303) 770-9435  
**Email:** [info@frvbc.com](mailto:info@frvbc.com)  
**Webpage:** [www.coloradocrossroads.org](http://www.coloradocrossroads.org)

**Event:** **Mizuno Hoosier Mid East Qualifier**  
**Date:** March 16 – 18, 2012 (14O, 14C, 13C, and 12C) site St. Louis  
**Date:** March 23 – 25, 2012 (18O, 18C, 17O, 17C, 16O, 16C, 15O, and 15C) site Indianapolis  
**Contact:** Qualifier Staff  
**Phone:** (317) 839-5222  
**Webpage:** [www.capitolsportscenter.com/csc/mhmeq.asp](http://www.capitolsportscenter.com/csc/mhmeq.asp)

**Event:** **Pacific Northwest Qualifier (Spokane, WA)**  
**Date:** March 23 – 25, 2012 (16C, 14O, 14C, 13C, and 12C)  
**Date:** March 30 – April 1, 2012 (18O, 18C, 17O, 17C, 16O, 15O, and 15C)  
**Contact:** April Stark  
**Phone:** (509) 235-6285  
**Email:** [april@evergreenregion.org](mailto:april@evergreenregion.org)  
**Webpage:** [www.evergreenregion.org](http://www.evergreenregion.org)

**Event:** **Southern California Qualifier (Anaheim, CA)**  
**Date:** March 16 – 18, 2012 (18O, 18C, 17O, 17C, 16O, and 16C)  
**Date:** March 30 – April 1, 2012 (15O, 15C, 14O, 14C, 13C, and 12C)  
**Contact:** Ann Davenport  
**Phone:** (714) 917-3595  
**Email:** [ann@scva.org](mailto:ann@scva.org)  
**Webpage:** [www.scvavolleyball.org](http://www.scvavolleyball.org)

**Event:** **Big South Qualifier (Atlanta, GA)**  
**Date:** March 30 – April 1, 2012 (All Ages)  
**Contact:** Lauri Dagostino  
**Phone:** (813) 837-8115  
**Email:** [info@tampabayvolleyball.org](mailto:info@tampabayvolleyball.org)  
**Webpage:** [www.bigsouth.us](http://www.bigsouth.us)

**Event:** **Mizuno Northern Lights (Minneapolis, MN)**  
**Date:** April 13 – 15, 2012 (18O, 18C, 17O, 17C, 16O, 16C, 13C, and 12C)  
**Date:** April 20 – 22, 2012 (15O, 15C, 14O, and 14C)  
**Contact:** Northern Lights Staff  
**Phone:** (952) 808-0110  
**Email:** [northernlights@midwestvolleyball.com](mailto:northernlights@midwestvolleyball.com)  
**Webpage:** <http://www.midwestvolleyball.com/nlj/nljhome.htm>

**Event:** **Far Western Qualifier (Reno)**  
**Date:** April 21 – 23, 2012 (15C, 14O, 14C, 13C and 12C)  
**Date:** April 27 – 29, 2012 (18O, 18C, 17O, 17C, 16O, 16C, and 15O)  
**Contact:** Donna Donaghy  
**Phone:** (415) 550-7582  
**Email:** [vball@ncva.com](mailto:vball@ncva.com)  
**Webpage:** <http://ncva-new.d4sportsclub.com/page.aspx?id=839>

**Event: Lone Star Classic (Dallas, TX)**  
Date: April 13 – 15, 2012 (15O, 15C, 14O, 14C, and 13C)  
Date: April 20 – 22, 2012 (18O, 18C, 17O, 17C, 16O, 16C, and 12C)  
Contact: Evan Bouilly  
Phone: (512) 479-8776 ext. 5122  
Email: evan@austinsportscenter.com  
Webpage: austinjuniors.com

**Event: Northeast National Qualifier (Baltimore, MD)**  
Date: March 31 – April 2 (16O, 16N, 16A, 14O, 14N, 14A, 13C, and 12C) site Baltimore Convention Center  
Date: April 6 – 8, 2012 (18O, 18N, 18A, 17O, 17N, and 17A) site Baltimore Convention Center  
Date: April 7 – 9, 2012 (15O, 15N, and 15A) site Gaylord national Hotel and Convention Center  
Contact: Julie Rife  
Phone: (717) 764-6229  
Email: eastcoastvb@earthlink.net  
Webpage: www.eastcoastvb.org

**Event: Show-Me Qualifier (Kansas City, MO)**  
Date: April 13 – 15 (18O, 18C, 17O, 17C, 16O, and 16C)  
Date: April 20 – 22 (15O, 15C, 14O, 14C, 13C, and 12C)  
Contact: USA Volleyball/Events Department  
Phone: (719) 228-6800  
Webpage: www.showmenq.org

### **2012 USA JUNIOR NATIONAL GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

The 2012 USA Junior National Volleyball Championships (JNVC) will be held Columbus, Ohio dates June 28 – July 7, 2012 and will have championship tournaments for all age groups. The Rocky Mountain Region will receive 1 automatic club bid per age group; this bid will be awarded to the winner of the RMR JNC Qualifier. If more than one bid is received it will be awarded to the second place finisher of the RMR JNC Qualifier and so on.

A team can qualify for the "Open" Division of the 2012 USA Junior National Volleyball Championships by participating and qualifying through a National Qualifier Tournament such as Colorado Crossroads.

### **2012 USA JUNIOR NATIONAL BOYS' VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

The 2012 USA Junior National Boys' Volleyball Championships will be in Dallas, Texas dates July 1 – 8, 2012 and will have championship tournaments for all age groups. **NOTE:** Tournament information and qualifying information will be posted on the USA Volleyball webpage in January, 2012.

## INFORMATION FOR TEAMS PLAYING UP AN AGE DIVISION (S)

If a team elects to play in an older age division and not play within its registered age division for an entire season, the team shall not be required to play in Power #1 of its registered age division. The team is required to play Power #1 in its chosen age division.

If a team elects to play in multiple older age divisions but not within its registered age division for an entire season, the team shall not be required to play in Power #1 of its registered age group. The team is required to play in Power #1 of all possible divisions with non-conflicting dates or, in the event of conflicts, in Power #1 of the youngest age group in which it is entered.

Teams that elect to play up in any age division must follow the following criteria:

- ◆ Must pre register for events by team filling out the 2012 Schedule of Intent to Play.
- ◆ Team must participate in Power #1 in the age division in which they elect to play up, unless there is a conflict on that date and must play in Power #1 of the youngest age group in which they elect to play up.
- ◆ Tournament Entry Fee for all Power Events in which a team plays up must be prepaid on December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011. There are no exceptions, transferring of dates, or refunds.

Clubs are limited to two teams playing up per age division.

## JUNIOR GIRLS POWER #1 TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

### Single Age Divisions:

18 & Under Age Division  
17 & Under Age Division

16 & Under Age Division  
15 & Under Age Division  
14 & Under Age Division

13 & Under Age Division  
12 & Under Age Division

### **Tournament Format:**

**Divisions 1 & 2:** will consist of a 6 team pool playing on two courts. Teams will play match play best 2 out of 3 sets. Officials will be provided for these divisions. The results of pool are the final result for the event

**Divisions 3 and below** (except for the 12 & Under Age Division) will consist of 16 teams per division, (4) pools of 4 teams (Pool A, Pool B, Pool C and Pool D). Pools A & C and B & D will be together at a two court facility. Play will be pool play followed by a crossover match between A & C and B & D.

Divisions at the bottom of the age division that consist of 12 teams or less will be formatted based on the discretion of the Format Committee.

**Seeding:** Teams for this event will be seeded by the Junior Seeding Committee.

### **Movement Between Power 1 and Power 2:**

- ◆ Between Division 1 to Division 2 one team down (6<sup>th</sup> Place) and one teams up (1<sup>st</sup> Place).
- ◆ Between Division 2 to Division 3 two teams down (5<sup>TH</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Place Finishers and two teams up (Winner of A vs. C, Winner B vs. D).
- ◆ Between Division 3/4 to Division 5/6 teams 4 teams down (Winner of B vs. d, Winner of A vs. C, Loser of B vs. D and Loser of A vs. C) and 4 teams up (Winner of A vs. C, Winner of B vs. D, Loser of A vs. C and Loser of B vs. D).
- ◆ Last Division of the Age Division if it is less than 7 teams only 2 teams will move up and 2 teams will move down.

See seeding example for Power 1 page 35.

## **12 & Under Age Division**

12 and under teams will follow the same criteria for all other age divisions. 12 and under teams may compete in older age divisions and must play according to all rules of play for that age divisions. Teams will be ranked according to their results in the 12 & under age division events.

1. If a team plays in the 12 & Under Division the following rules apply.
  - ◆ Teams will play on a 7' net,
  - ◆ All play will be with the Volleylite ball (7 to 8 ounces).
  - ◆ Players will not be allowed to step into the court while serving
2. All registered 12 & Under Boys teams will be allowed to play in the Girls 12 & Under Division for Power Events.
3. Coed teams will be allowed to register in the 12 & Under Division Only with the following rules:
  - ◆ Any registered coed teams will not be considered eligible for the RMR JNQ.
  - ◆ The maximum number of boys on the court during play at one time is (3) three players.
  - ◆ Coed rules concerning the number of contacts per gender will not apply.
  - ◆ The uniforms for the boys must match with other boys on the team and the same for the girls.
  - ◆ No duplicate uniform numbers at all on the team.

\*Tournament format subject to change depending on the number of teams in the 12 & Under Division.

### Power 1 Seeds & Formats

No changes for Div 1 and Div 2  
or for the 12's, except flips  
between Div 1, 2 and 3 will be  
2 teams.

New for Div 3 and below. 16 team divisions with pool A playing pool C, pool B playing pool D

Div 1	Div 2
Seed 1	Seed 7
Seed 2	Seed 8
Seed 3	Seed 9
Seed 4	Seed 10
Seed 5	Seed 11
Seed 6	Seed 12

Div 3/4			
Pool A	Pool C	Pool B	Pool D
Seed 13	Seed 15	Seed 14	Seed 16
Seed 20	Seed 18	Seed 19	Seed 17
Seed 21	Seed 23	Seed 22	Seed 24
Seed 28	Seed 26	Seed 27	Seed 25

Teams play crossmatch after pool play.

(Pool A & C) and (Pool B & D) 1 v 1, 2 v 2, 3 v 3, 4 v 4

DIV 5/6			
Pool A	Pool C	Pool B	Pool D
Seed 29	Seed 31	Seed 30	Seed 32
Seed 36	Seed 34	Seed 35	Seed 33
Seed 37	Seed 39	Seed 38	Seed 40
Seed 44	Seed 42	Seed 43	Seed 41

Teams play crossmatch after pool play.

(Pool A & C) and (Pool B & D) 1 v 1, 2 v 2, 3 v 3, 4 v 4

Div 7/8			
Pool A	Pool C	Pool B	Pool D
Seed 45	Seed 47	Seed 46	Seed 48
Seed 52	Seed 50	Seed 51	Seed 49
Seed 53	Seed 55	Seed 54	Seed 56
Seed 60	Seed 58	Seed 59	Seed 57

Teams play crossmatch after pool play.

(Pool A & C) and (Pool B & D) 1 v 1, 2 v 2, 3 v 3, 4 v 4

Div 9/10			
Pool A	Pool C	Pool B	Pool D
Seed 61	Seed 63	Seed 62	Seed 64
Seed 68	Seed 66	Seed 67	Seed 65
Seed 69	Seed 71	Seed 70	Seed 72
Seed 76	Seed 74	Seed 75	Seed 73

Teams play crossmatch after pool play.

(Pool A & C) and (Pool B & D) 1 v 1, 2 v 2, 3 v 3, 4 v 4

## RMR JUNIOR POWER STRUCTURE

### Power Events #2 - #5

All Junior Teams are eligible to participate in the RMR Junior Power Structure. The Power Structure has been redesigned to play certain age groups (18/16/14/12) on one weekend and others (17/15/13) on the other. The reason for the split weekends is to allow teams more opportunities to participate in their own age division and compete in an older age divisions. A split weekend also gives the clubs an opportunity to develop their coaches in other age division.

**Seeding for the Junior Power Structure:** Seeding for all Power Events after Power #1 will be based on the results of the previous Power and not on the Point Average Rank per Age Division. **See starting Matrix for Power 2 page 37.** Teams that chose not to play in Power #1 will be seeded at the bottom of that age division.

**Tournament Format for Division 1 - 2:** will consist of a 6 team pool playing on two courts. Teams will play match play best 2 out of 3 sets. Officials will be provided for these divisions. The results of pool are the final result for the event

**Tournament Format for Division 3 and Below:** will consist of 2 four team pools playing match play best 2 out of 3 sets followed by a crossover deciding set to 25 points, between the pools (1 vs. 1, 2 vs. 2, 3 vs. 3 and 4 vs. 4).

For all pools at the bottom of the age group that have four teams in the division will play, pool play only which will consist of three sets to 25 points. Set percentage and not match record will be the determining factor when calculating pool finish.

For all pools at the bottom of the age group that have five or six teams will play, pool play only which will consist of two sets to 25 points. A third set or deciding set will not be played. Set percentage and not match record will be the determining factor when calculating pool finish.

#### **Movement in Single Age Division:**

- ◆ Between Division 1 to Division 2 one team down and one teams up.
- ◆ Between Division 2 to Division 3 two teams down and two teams up.
- ◆ Between Division 3 to Division 4 three teams down and three teams up.
- ◆ Last Division of the Age Division if it is less than 7 teams only 2 teams will move up and 2 teams will move down.

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12 and under teams will follow the same criteria for all other age divisions. 12 and under teams may compete in older age divisions and must play according to all rules of play for that age divisions. Teams will be ranked according to their results in the 12 & under age division events. All registered 12 & Under Boys teams will be allowed to play in the Girls 12 & Under Division for Power Events.

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- ◆ The uniforms for the boys must match with other boys on the team and the same for the girls.
- ◆ No duplicate uniform numbers at all on the team.

\*Tournament format subject to change depending on the number of teams in the 12 & Under Division.

## Movement from Power 1 Results to Power 2 Seeds

Movement between Division 1 and Division 2 (1) team up and (1) team down.

Movement between Division 2 and Division 3/4 (2) teams up and (2) teams down

>Movement between Division 3/4 and Division 5/6 (4) teams up and (4) teams down

\* All 16 team division after division 5/6 will move (4) teams up and (4) teams down. If at the bottom of the age division there are less than 16 teams but more than 6 teams movement will be three teams up and three teams down. (less than 7 teams will be two teams up and two teams down.

**Teams that are denoted in Bold and Shaded reflect teams that moved up from Power 1.**

*Teams that are Italicized and Underlined reflect teams that moved down from Power 1.*

Div 1	Div 2	Division 3		Division 4		Division 5		Division 6	
Seed 1	<u>Seed 6</u>	Pool A	Pool B	Pool A	Pool B	Pool A	Pool B	Pool A	Pool B
Seed 2	Seed 8	<u>Seed 11</u>	<u>Seed 12</u>	Seed 21	Seed 22	<u>Seed 25</u>	<u>Seed 26</u>	Seed 37	Seed 38
Seed 3	Seed 9	Seed 16	Seed 15	Seed 24	Seed 23	<u>Seed 28</u>	<u>Seed 27</u>	Seed 40	Seed 39
Seed 4	Seed 10	Seed 17	Seed 18	<b>Seed 29</b>	<b>Seed 30</b>	Seed 33	Seed 34	<b>Seed 45</b>	<b>Seed 46</b>
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		<u>Seed 41</u>	<u>Seed 42</u>	Seed 53	Seed 54	<u>Seed 57</u>	<u>Seed 58</u>	Seed 70	Seed 71
		<u>Seed 44</u>	<u>Seed 43</u>	Seed 56	Seed 55	<u>Seed 60</u>	<u>Seed 59</u>	Seed 69	Seed 72
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\*Seed 73 - 76 Will Drop to the Next Division

**Movement in Single Age Division after Power 2:**

- ◆ Between Division 1 to Division 2 one team down and one team up.
- ◆ Between Division 2 to Division 3 two teams down and two teams up
- ◆ Between Division 3 to Division 4 three teams down and three teams up.

**Point Distribution per Event:** Points will be distributed prior to movement (flips are made) for the next Power event. See Point Distribution Table Below:

<b>Power Events</b>	
<b>Finish</b>	<b>Points</b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	1
2 <sup>nd</sup>	2
3 <sup>rd</sup>	3
4 <sup>th</sup>	4
5 <sup>th</sup>	5
6 <sup>th</sup>	6
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29 <sup>th</sup>	29
30 <sup>th</sup>	30
*Points will be expanded depending on # of Teams	

**Point Average Definition:** Each team will receive points for each event that they enter. Point average will be calculated on the best three finishes. **Note:** A team will not be able to drop points from an event until they have played in at least (4) four "Point" awarding events. If a team only plays one or two events the average will be based on those events.

- ◆ **Scenario 1:** Team ABC finishes 3rd in Power 1 Tournament (3 points), 2<sup>nd</sup> in Power 2 (2 points) and 3<sup>rd</sup> in Power 3 (3 points). Team ABC's point average will be 2.66 points until they play their next event.
- ◆ **Scenario 2:** Team DEF finishes 4<sup>th</sup> in Power 1 Tournament (4 points) and 3<sup>rd</sup> in Power 2 (3 points). Team DEF's point average will be 3.5 until they play in their next event.
- ◆ **Scenario 3:** Team ABC finishes 3rd in Power 1 Tournament (3 points), 2<sup>nd</sup> in Power 2 (2 points), 3<sup>rd</sup> in Power 3 (3 points) and 4th in Power 4 (4 points). Team ABC's point average will be 2.67 points, this is calculated by dropping the Power 4 Points (4 points) and adding Power 1 (3 Points), Power 2 (2 points) and Power 3 (3 points) and dividing by 3 events.

**Seeding for Power Events:** Seeding for Power Events will be based on the Previous Power and not the "Point Average Age Ranking". The following steps will be used when reseeding Power Events:

- ◆ Calculate order of finish per age division (1 through the number of teams that participated in the event).
- ◆ Distribute points based on finish before flips have been inserted.
- ◆ Insert the movement of teams (flips) between divisions.
- ◆ Seed the next event based on the results of this event after movement between divisions have been done.
- ◆ Add teams that were missing into their designated seed based on point average with teams that have been seeded for that event, event of a tie the team that played most recent will receive the higher seed.
- ◆ Remove teams not playing in the event.
- ◆ Example below:

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**Step 3 (Distribute Points):**

<b>Distribute Points</b>		<b>Pts Rec For Pwr 4</b>
Team A	1st	1
Team B	2nd	2
Team C	3rd	3
Team D	4th	4
Team E	5th	5
Team F	6th	6
Team G	7th	7
Team H	8th	8
Team J	9th	9
Team K	10th	10
Team L	11th	11

**Step 4 (Insert Flips):**

<b>*This is an example when One Teams Flip</b>	
Team A	1st
Team B	2nd
Team C	3rd
Team D	4th
Team E	5th
Team G	7th
Team F	6th
Team H	8th
Team J	9th
Team K	10th
Team N	13th

**Step 5 Seed Power Event**

<b>Seed Power 5</b>		<b>Pts Rec For Pwr 4</b>
Team A	1	1
Team B	2	2
Team C	3	3
Team D	4	4
Team E	5	5
Team G	6	7
Team F	7	6
Team H	8	8
Team J	9	9
Team K	10	10
Team N	11	13
Team O	12	14

**Step 6 Insert Missing Teams**

<b>Power 5 Seeding Insert Missing Team</b>	
Team A	1
Team B	2
Team C	3
Team D	4
Team E	5
Team G	6
Team F	7
Team H	8
Team J	9
Team I	9 Avg
Team K	10
Team N	11

**Step 7 Remove Teams Not Playing in the Event**

## JUNIOR GIRLS REGIONAL TOURNAMENT FORMATS

### Single Age Divisions:

18 & Under Age Division  
17 & Under Age Division

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13 & Under Age Division  
12 & Under Age Division

**Tournament Format:** Division 1 only will consist of 12 teams (4 pools of 3-teams match play, followed by bracket play) while Division 2 and below will consist of 8 teams per division playing an 8 team bracket played out. In the event a division has less than 7 teams the format will be pool play only.

**Seeding:** Seeding for the RMR Junior Girls Regional Tournament will be based on the Point Average Age Ranking after Power #5 results have been tabulated and not the result of the previous Power Event. See sample below for seed and division designation.

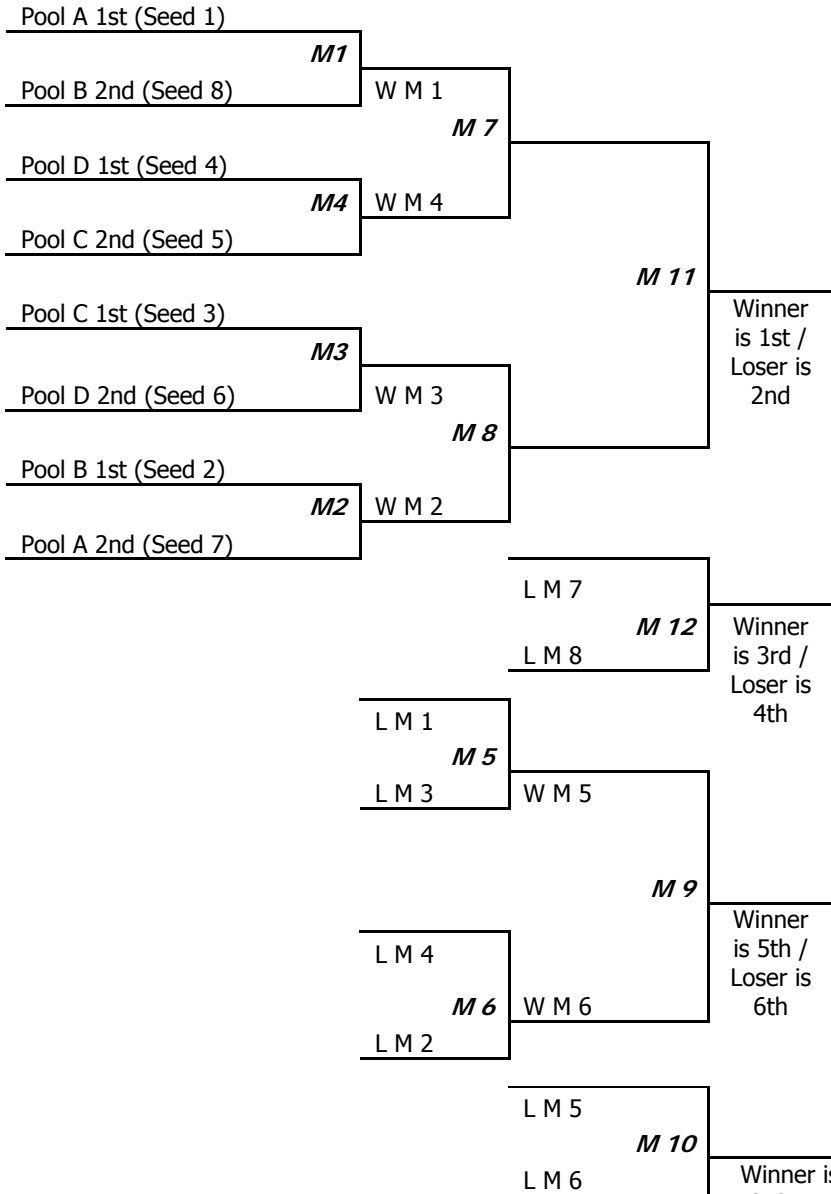
**Division 1:** 12 teams will play in four 3-team pools match play 2/3, followed by the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place pool finishers play off for places 1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>. 3<sup>rd</sup> place pool finishers will play for places 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>. See page 43.

- **NEW This Year:** The RMR will recognize an RMR All Regional team at the Regional Tournament. Division 1 site only, a coach from each team must nominate/submit to the tournament director when checking in a list of 3 individuals ranked in order with the top individual being #1 and then so on. The RMR All Regional team will consist of 12 players (1<sup>st</sup> Place Team gets (3) individuals, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place & 3<sup>rd</sup> gets (2) individuals and 4<sup>th</sup> Place through 8<sup>th</sup> Place gets (1) individual on the team). Teams must be in Division 1 and playing in the Regional Event.

**Division 2 and below:** will consist of an 8 team division, 2 pools of 4 teams playing match play followed by a crossover deciding set to 25 points. If a division has less than 7 teams the format will be pool play only and the result of pool will be the final result.

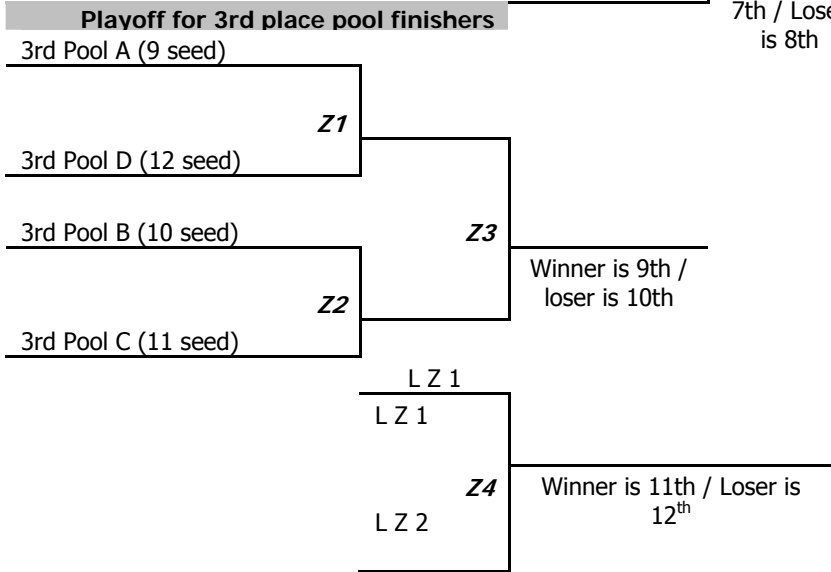
<b><u>Matrix for Junior Regional Tournament</u></b>					
<b><u>Sample 15 &amp; Under Age Division</u></b>					
<b><u>Division 1 Pool Play &amp; Bracket</u></b>		<b><u>Division 2</u></b>		<b><u>Division 3</u></b>	
<b>Pool A</b>	<b>Pool B</b>	15-13	15-14	15-21	15-22
15-1	15-2	15-16	15-15	15-24	15-23
15-7	15-8	15-17	15-18	15-25	15-27
15-10	15-9	15-20	15-19	15-28	15-26
<b>Pool C</b>	<b>Pool D</b>	<b><u>Division 4</u></b>		<b><u>Division 5</u></b>	
15-3	15-4	15-29	15-30	15-37	15-38
15-5	15-6	15-32	15-31	15-40	15-39
15-12	15-11	15-33	15-34	15-41	15-42
		15-36	15-35	15-44	15-43
		<b><u>Division 6</u></b>		<b><u>Division 7</u></b>	
		15-45	15-46	15-53	15-54
		15-48	15-47	15-56	15-55
		15-49	15-50	15-57	15-58
		15-52	15-51	15-60	15-59

**Junior Regional Tournament Bracket Division 1**



**Winner's Bracket Best 2 out of 3 Sets.**  
**Match #'s are Bolded**  
 Loser's Bracket 1 deciding set to 25 points.

<u>Round</u>	<u>Ct #1</u>	<u>Referee</u>
#1	<b>M1</b>	3rd Pool A
#2	M5	Winner M1
#3	<b>M7</b>	Loser M5
#4	M12	Winners M7&M8
#5	<b>M11</b>	Loser M12
<u>Round</u>	<u>Ct #2</u>	<u>Referee</u>
#1	<b>M2</b>	3rd Pool B
#2	M6	Winner M2
#3	<b>M8</b>	Loser M6
#4	M10	Loser M9
<u>Round</u>	<u>Ct #3</u>	<u>Referee</u>
#1	<b>M3</b>	3rd Pool C
#2	Z1	Winner M3
#3	M9	Loser Z1
#4	Z4	Loser Z3
<u>Round</u>	<u>Ct #4</u>	<u>Referee</u>
#1	<b>M4</b>	3rd Pool D
#2	Z2	Winner M4
#3	Z3	Loser Z2



Consolation Bracket 1 set to 25 points.

## RMR JNC QUALIFIER TOURNAMENT

The RMR Junior National Qualifier Tournament is the final event of the RMR season, and it decides which team (s) will receive the Region's bid to the Junior National Volleyball Championships. Teams must meet all specific criteria in order to be eligible for this event.

In order to be considered eligible for this event each team must meet the following criteria:

- ◆ The team must play in (3) Junior Point Events (Power Tournaments and Jr Regional Championships are Junior Point Events) within their age division. This will establish the team's point average.
- ◆ All paperwork must be turned into the RMR Office by the stated deadline date 4/15/11 and by 5:00 p.m.
  - Online registration must be completed on the Advanced Event Systems (AES).
  - A hard copy of the above tournament entry form must be submitted to the RMR.
  - A separate tournament entry check per team for \$900.00 made out to "USA Volleyball" must be submitted to the RMR.
  - A separate tournament entry check (for the RMR JNQ Tournament) per team for \$175.00 made out to "RMR – USAV" must be submitted to the RMR.
- ◆ The team must be one of the top eight teams in the "RMR Final Point Average Age Ranking" which will be tabulated after the Regional Tournament.
- ◆ In the event of a tie (two or more teams) in the RMR Final Point Average Age Ranking, the tie will be broken in the following order:
  - The teams that played most recently.
  - If teams played in the same most recent tournament it will then be broken by the finish in that most recent tournament.
  - **Note:** depending on where the tie occurs it may affect teams getting into the RMR JNQ.
- ◆ If one of the top eight teams in the RMR Final Point Average Age Ranking receives any type of bid (Open, Open at Large, National or American) through a National Qualifier, the next team in the "Final Point Average Age Ranking" will be eligible for the RMR Junior National Qualifier and will be seeded accordingly.

**Note:** In some cases not all teams want to compete in this event. A team that is ranked 9th or below in the "Final Point Average Age Ranking" that has submitted their required paperwork and participated in the (3) Junior Point Events (Power Tournaments are Junior Point Events) within their age division may be accepted. It is recommended that if your team is ranked within the top 15 teams that you complete the paperwork for acceptance into the RMR JNQ.

**Tournament Format:** will be a double elimination tournament bracket; all play will be Match Play the best 2 out of 3 sets except for the double final if necessary will be 1 set to 25 points. The winner of the bracket will receive the National Bid and the 2<sup>nd</sup> place team will receive the American Bid if the RMR is allocated one. There are no guarantees that more than one team from RMR will get a bid to the Junior National Volleyball Championships. All other bids that are granted to the RMR will trickle down according to finish in this event.

Teams that are NOT eligible to participate in this tournament:

- ◆ RMR Junior teams that have previously qualified at a 2012 Junior National Qualifier.
- ◆ RMR Junior teams that have received an at large bid to the 2012 JNVC.
- ◆ Out of Region teams.

## **OFFICIATING DUTIES AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES AT JUNIOR TOURNAMENTS**

### **RMR Junior Friendship, Power, Regional & JNC Qualifier Tournaments**

1. Friendship Tournament, all divisions, a Local (or higher) Certified Adult referee or a Local (or higher) Certified Junior Player is acceptable (provided the second official is a Local Certified Adult or higher).
2. Power 1 – 5 Division 1 & 2 Only, paid officials will be provided; an additional fee will be invoiced to clubs where this applies.
3. Power 1 a Local (or higher) Certified Adult, must be the first referee (Provisional Certified Juniors are NOT allowed).
4. Power 2, 3, 4 and 5 all divisions a Local (or higher) Certified Adult referee or a Local (or higher) Certified Junior Player is acceptable (provided the second official is a Local Certified Adult or higher).
5. RMR Regional & JNC Qualifier all divisions a Local (or higher) Certified Adult, must be the first referee (Provisional Certified Juniors are NOT allowed).
6. Junior Provisional Scorekeepers (or higher) in all Divisions.

All officials must be registered members of the RMR (adults must have a current cleared background screening on record) provide their own whistles, red and yellow cards, and a timing device with second hand or equivalent. **NOTE:** A REGISTERED RMR COACH IS REQUIRED TO OFFICIATE OR BE AT THE SCOREKEEPER'S TABLE DURING THE ASSIGNED OFFICIATING MATCH. Coaches and spectators verbally or physically abusing any official may be removed from courtside or the event facility at the discretion of the Tournament Director and/or head referee.

**LEAVING THE TOURNAMENT SITE.** Coaches must get permission from the Tournament (or Site) Director whenever leaving the building because they may find out that their next match or officiating duties running ahead of time, resulting in their team's set(s) being forfeited. THIS IS ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT AT THE END OF THE DAY WHEN YOU THINK YOU ARE THROUGH; YOU MAY NOT BE! There is a fine in the amount of the tournament entry for leaving without fulfilling scheduled officiating duties or team areas that are not picked up (trash).

### **Guidelines for Addressing Inappropriate Spectator Conduct**

The Rocky Mountain Region has experienced a rash of unruly and unsportsmanlike behavior by spectators at volleyball matches during the past season. The following RMR guidelines for referees are intended to prepare our referee to address these situations fairly and consistently and to send a clear message to spectators that such behavior will not be tolerated at RMR events.

Note that our guidelines call for the first referee to take the lead in dealing with troublesome spectators as the official responsible for the match. However, those guidelines call for a cooperative effort by the referee and the tournament director or site coordinator, hereinafter in this document called the "site official", to fully resolve any problems. Furthermore, we have directed referees to call on captains and coaches to not only be responsible for the conduct of their teams as required in the USAV rules, but also to accept responsibility for the behavior of their fans.

### **GUIDELINES**

We have structured the RMR Guidelines for addressing inappropriate spectator conduct in three tiers as follows;

- **Tier 1**

As you referee a match, you should also monitor the activities of the spectators. Enthusiastic support for the play is encouraged. Derogatory remarks about players, coaches and officials are to be discouraged. Profane language or gestures or aggressive behavior is not to be tolerated. Refer to the conduct scale in the rulebook for additional guidance.

If you decide there is a potential problem with spectators, take the following actions:

1. Stop the match.
2. Call the second referee to the stand (DO NOT get off the stand) and ask him or her to bring the site official to the court.
3. Call the captains to the stand and have them bring the head coaches to you.
4. Give the coaches and captains a verbal warning about the conduct of the spectators and charge them with the responsibility of correcting the situation.
5. Notify the captains and coaches that if they fail to correct the problem you will sanction the responsible coach or stop the match.
6. Give the captains and coaches time to address the spectators.

When the site official is called to a court relative to a potential behavior problem, he or she should bring a Conduct Situation Form and a writing instrument. He or she should stay at the court writing down specific observations about behavior of the spectators, teams and officials until the match ends or the first referee agrees that the situation is under control.

If it is difficult to determine when to initiate Tier 1, then to make this decision, focus on the match, and observe spectators peripherally. Ignore whatever can reasonably be overlooked, but address loud outbursts or flagrant behavior.

- **Tier 2**

If the first referee believes that the problems that initiated Tier 1 are continuing, he or she may sanction the team for the conduct of the spectators. This sanction will take the form of a team yellow card and; therefore, it will result in awarding a point to the opponent. This sanction should only be taken when it is clear that the problem is associated with a particular team. It is intended to serve notice of the gravity of the situation.

If the problem persists, move to Tier 3. Do not assess another penalty to the team.

- **Tier 3**

If a behavior problem with spectators persist.

1. Stop the match.
2. Confer with the site coordinator or tournament director (who should by this time be present at the court).
3. Resume the match only when all individuals who are perceived to be the cause of the problem have left the gym under the supervision of the site official.

### **SUMMARY**

This procedure should be followed as a coordinated effort by the first referee and site official. The first referee should take the lead in determining how to proceed. The site official should support the first referee and document the process. A Conduct Situation Form should be filled out and submitted to the RMR.

### **POSTMATCH**

After any match, the officials should leave the area, at least temporarily. No official should discuss the match with anyone. The first referee should see that all members of the officiating team follow these guidelines. If fans or team members persist in addressing the officials after the match, the officials should move without comment to the site official's table. The site official should assist in separating the officials from spectators and team members.

## **Referee and Scorekeeper Certification**

Each club is responsible for the management of their players and members attending a Rocky Mountain Region sponsored referee and scorekeeper clinics. The Region has determined that clubs who participate in a clinic must have 1 adult for every 10 juniors participating at a clinic at all times. If a club does not meet this requirement, then the club forfeits the right to complete the clinic certification. The players will be required to attend another clinic. The clinic fee will not be refunded and another clinic fee will be charged to complete their certification.

Clinics are offered approximately 12 times each season between November and February. The Adult clinic dates and Junior clinic dates are published on the RMR web page under the "Officials" page. Separate club clinics can be arranged by contacting the RMR Office and must meet special requirements.

### **Requirements for a separate club clinic:**

- ◆ Contact the RMR Office to arrange date and time.
- ◆ Once confirmed by the RMR Office, send a list of participants (email, fax or mail) one week prior to the clinic to the RMR Office.
- ◆ Domestic Competition Regulations for each participant should be obtained from the RMR office prior to attending a clinic.
- ◆ Minimum of 20 individuals attending the clinic.
- ◆ Adequate chairs and tables for participants.
- ◆ TV & VCR, Screen or DVD equipment and Overhead Projector (scorekeeper's clinic only).
- ◆ TV & DVD, Screen equipment (referee clinic only).
- ◆ The club is responsible to pay for the facility costs when requesting a separate clinic.
- ◆ Adult Supervision 1 adult per every 10 Junior participants.
- ◆ New scorekeeping clinics take 2.5 - 3 hours depending on # of participants and age/experience. Maintaining scorekeeping clinics take 45-60 minutes.
- ◆ Referee clinics take approximately 3 hours.

Attending a new or maintaining clinic each year is required to become a certified referee or scorekeeper. Clinic costs for maintaining referees or scorekeepers are \$8.00 per person for each clinic, and for new referee or scorekeeper the fee is \$10.00 per person for each clinic.

### **Junior Club Team Certification Requirements.**

All junior teams are required to have certified officials (First Referee & Scorekeeper) by the RMR Junior Power 1 Tournament. It is recommended at a minimum that each team has (2) certified referees and (2) certified scorekeepers.

Officials transferring to the Rocky Mountain Region should contact the Referee or Scorekeeper Chair, to transfer level of certification in the previous region. Transfer of certification level needs to be approved by the Referee or Scorekeeper Chair. The RMR office needs a copy of the Official's Certification card from the previous region.

## **Specific Certification Requirements for Referees**

### **Minimum Standards for Junior Division Second Referees at RMR Sanctioned and USAV National Events (where permitted)**

- \* Register as a Junior Regular or Adult member of the RMR-USAV
- \* Per USA Volleyball, any person working with the Junior Division must have a cleared background screening associated with their individual membership record (Junior players are exempted)
- \* No use of electronic devices during the match
- \* No food or drink on the scoring table or on barrels

### **To Achieve Local Referee Certification**

- Must be at least 15 years old, and register as a regular member of the Rocky Mountain Region (RMR-USAV)
- Per USA Volleyball, any person working with the Junior Division must have a cleared background screening associated with their individual membership record
- Attend Rocky Mountain Region (RMR) Official's Referee Clinic
- Receive passing grade (70%) on written examination (exam must be corrected to 100% with rule references cited)
- Referee Clinic and Exam (corrected) must be completed before officiating an RMR-sanctioned tournament (excludes Friendship Events)

### **To Retain Local Referee Certification**

- Register as a regular member of the Rocky Mountain Region (RMR-USAV)
- Per USA Volleyball, any person working with the Junior Division must have a cleared background screening associated with their individual membership record
- Attend or view online the RMR Official's Referee Clinic
- Receive passing grade (70%) on written examinations (exam must be corrected to 100% with rule references cited)
- Referee Clinic and Exam (corrected) must be completed before officiating an RMR-sanctioned tournament (excludes Friendship Events)
- Failure to complete the above listed requirements may result in the forfeiture of your Local Certification

### **To Achieve Provisional Referee Certification**

- Must be at least 15 years old, and register as a regular member of the RMR-USAV
- Per USA Volleyball, any person working with the Junior Division must have a cleared background screening associated with their individual membership record
- Must attend RMR Official's Referee and Scorekeeping Clinics
- Receive passing grade (70%) on written/on-line examinations (all exams must be corrected to 100% with rule references cited)
- Referee/Scorekeeping Clinics and Exam (corrected) must be completed before officiating an RMR-sanctioned tournament (excludes Friendship Events)
- Receive at least three (3) passing practical evaluations from a member of the RMR Officials Commission. One (1) evaluation must be as a Second Referee (R2)
- Have general knowledge of the USAV Domestic Competition Regulations
- Exhibit sound USAV mechanics

### **To Retain Provisional Referee Certification**

- Register as a regular member of the RMR-USAV
- Per USA Volleyball, any person working with the Junior Division must have a cleared background screening associated with their individual membership record
- Attend or view online RMR Official's Referee and Scorekeeping Clinics
- Receive passing grade (70%) on written/on-line examinations (all exams must be corrected to 100% with rule references cited)
- Referee/Scorekeeping Clinics and Exam (corrected) must be completed before officiating an RMR-sanctioned tournament (excludes Friendship Events)
- Annually, receive at least one (1) passing practical evaluation as First Referee and at least one (1) passing evaluation as Second Referee from a member of the RMR Officials Commission
- Failure to complete the above listed requirements may result in the forfeiture of your Provisional certification

### **To Achieve Regional Referee Certification**

- Register as a regular member of the RMR-USAV
- Per USA Volleyball, any person working with the Junior Division must have a cleared background screening associated with their individual membership record
- Serve at least one (1) year as a Provisional Referee
- Must attend RMR Official's Referee and Scorekeeping Clinics
- Receive passing grade (75%) on written examinations (all exams must be corrected to 100% with rule references cited)
- Receive a recommendation for Regional Certification from a Junior National or National Referee. Recommendation must be submitted in writing to the RMR-USAV Office, Attention: Officials Commission
- Demonstrate a professional attitude on and off court
- Demonstrate competence officiating all levels of play within the RMR
- Exhibit and comply with time and match management protocols
- Exhibit proficient USAV mechanics and advanced knowledge of the USAV Domestic Competition Regulations
- Be knowledgeable with the USAV score sheet and be able to fix most errors created by inexperienced scorekeepers
- Receive two (2) passing evaluations as First Referee and two (2) passing evaluations as Second Referee from a member of the RMR Officials Commission
- Score a match as an Alternate Scorekeeper at an RMR Sanctioned event and submit to RMR Office Attn: Scorekeeper Chair

### **To Retain Regional Referee Certification**

- Register as a regular member of the RMR-USAV
- Per USA Volleyball, any person working with the Junior Division must have a cleared background screening associated with their individual membership record
- Attend or view online RMR Official's Referee and Scorekeeping Clinics
- Receive a minimum score of 80% on written/on-line examinations (all exams must be corrected to 100% with rule references cited)
- Demonstrate a professional attitude on and off court
- Demonstrate competence officiating all levels of play within the RMR
- Exhibit and comply with time and match management protocols
- Exhibit proficient USAV mechanics and advanced knowledge of the USAV Domestic Competition Regulations
- Be knowledgeable with the USAV score sheet and be able to fix most errors created by inexperienced scorekeepers
- Consistently exhibit competence in the R2 position, including coach/player management
- Attain/Maintain Regional Scorekeeper Certification

- Unless stipulated by the Officials Commission, within a period of two (2) USAV sanctioned seasons, a Regional official must receive at least three (3) passing evaluations from a member of the RMR Officials Commission. Two evaluations must be as a First Referee (R1), one (1) evaluation must be as a Second Referee (R2)
- Failure to complete the above listed requirements may result in the forfeiture of your Regional certification

**To be considered for Junior National Candidacy Recommendation**

- Register as a regular member of the RMR-USAV
- Per USA Volleyball, any person working with the Junior Division must have a cleared background screening associated with their individual membership record
- Attend or view online RMR Official's Referee and Scorekeeping Clinics
- Receive a minimum score of 90% on written/on-line examinations (all exams must be corrected to 100% with rule references cited)
- Be able to meet the USAV-posted Junior National requirements and deadlines for candidacy
- Serve a minimum of one (1) year as a REGIONAL Referee within the RMR
- Demonstrate excellent court/time, people/coach management skills
- Show a high level of professionalism at all times
- Demonstrate excellent R2 skills and techniques
- Remain in complete control of the match without being controlling
- Demonstrate competence officiating all levels of play within the RMR
- A minimum score of 90 is expected on all ratings conducted by RMR Officials Commission
- Assist the RMR Officials Commission with referee development after receiving Jr. National rating

**To be considered as a Paid Junior Division Official within the RMR**

- Register as a regular member of the Rocky Mountain Region (RMR-USAV)
- Per USA Volleyball, any person working with the Junior Division must have a cleared background screening associated with their individual membership record
- Must attend annual RMR Paid Junior Division Officials Meeting and Evaluation Clinic
- Must hold a Provisional or Above Certification, and have satisfied all criteria set forth in the RMR Referee Certifications Criteria
- Perform Paid Officiating Services as an Independent Contractor with the RMR

## **Specific Certification Requirements for Scorekeepers**

### **NEW PROVISIONAL SCOREKEEPERS**

1. Must be an Adult Regular or Junior member of RMR-USAV.
2. Adults officiating junior events must also have a cleared background screening on the online membership system.
3. Pre-register for and pay the new candidate clinic fee of \$10.00
4. Attend a new candidate scorekeeper clinic.
5. Take the provisional test, correcting errors to 100%
6. Pass one rating by a Regional or higher rated scorekeeper at the clinic.

### **MAINTAINING PROVISIONAL SCOREKEEPERS**

1. Must be an Adult Regular or Junior member of RMR-USAV.
2. Adults officiating junior events must also have a cleared background screening on the online membership system.
3. Pre-register for and pay the maintaining clinic fee of \$8.00
4. Attend a maintaining provisional scorekeeper clinic each year.
5. Take the modified test, correcting errors to 100%.

### **NEW REGIONAL SCOREKEEPERS**

1. Must be an Adult Regular or Junior member of RMR-USAV.
2. Adults officiating junior events must also have a cleared background screening on the online membership system.
3. Be a Provisional Scorekeeper for at least one year.
4. Pre-register for and pay the maintaining clinic fee of \$8.00.
5. Attend a maintaining scorekeeper clinic each year.
6. Take the regional scorekeeper test correcting errors to 100%.
7. Pass two ratings on separate matches by a Junior National or higher rated scorekeeper at a tournament.

### **MAINTAINING REGIONAL SCOREKEEPERS**

1. Must be an Adult Regular or Junior member of RMR-USAV.
2. Adults officiating junior events must also have a cleared background screening on the online membership system.
3. Pre-register for and pay the maintaining clinic fee of \$8.00.
4. Attend a maintaining scorekeeper clinic each year.
5. Take the modified test, correcting errors to 100%.
6. Assist Scorekeeper Chair with ratings at clinics.

### **NATIONAL SCOREKEEPERS**

If you are a Regional scorekeeper in good standing and are interested in becoming a National Scorekeeper, contact the RMR Scorekeeper Chair and review the information provided in the USA Volleyball Official Guide. Must be available to attend the U.S. Open Tournament.

### **NATIONAL SCOREKEEPERS WHO WISH TO REMAIN IN GOOD STANDING IN THE RMR:**

1. Must be an Adult Regular or Junior member of RMR-USAV.
2. Adults officiating junior events must also have a cleared background screening on the online membership system
3. Pre-register for and pay the maintaining clinic fee of \$8.00.
4. Attend a maintaining scorekeeper clinic each year within the region.
5. Assist the Scorekeeper Chair at annual scorekeeper clinics.

## FUNDS AVAILABLE THROUGH THE RMR

### RMR JUNIOR PROGRAM FUNDS – TOTAL AMOUNT BUDGETED \$8,000.00 FOR NEWLY FORMED JUNIOR CLUB FUND & JUNIOR HARDSHIP ASSISTANCE FUND.

#### RMR NEWLY FORMED JUNIOR CLUB FUND

1. Club must be a completely new club registering for the first time with the RMR and:
  - a. 80% of the new club must be new RMR-USAV members.
  - b. Club must have a minimum of one team.
  - c. The club must participate in at least 50% or more of the scheduled RMR sanctioned Junior Tournaments, and the RMR Junior Regional Championships.
2. Application Deadline. Submit the official team(s) roster with a written request for funds postmarked by January 31<sup>st</sup> of the current season to the RMR office.
3. Reimbursement will not exceed \$300.00 per club, and is subject to approval of the RMR Board of Directors. **NOTE:** Funds will not be distributed until all above requirements are completed and confirmed.
4. Funds will be distributed in April, after approval has been given by the Board of Directors at the Annual March meeting.
5. Maximum amount allocated for this fund is \$1,000 and is subject to available funds from the Hardship Assistance Fund.

#### RMR INDIVIDUAL HARDSHIP ASSISTANCE FUND

1. Individual must be a current RMR-USAV Junior member in Good Standing.
2. Assistance cannot exceed \$350.00 per applicant.
3. Letter from parent or guardian to Junior Coordinator stating needs.
4. Statement from club director/head coach including:
  - a. Current fund raising opportunities within the club.
  - b. Is applicant participating in fund raising opportunities? If so, how much as been raised to date, and how much is applicant expected to raise for the year.
  - c. Cost of club dues and anticipated or actual travel expenses.
5. Copy of parents' most recent tax return (confidentiality assured).
6. Fill out RMR Individual Hardship Assistance form (see back pocket for form).
7. All forms and application must be submitted in order to be considered for this fund.
8. Application deadline postmarked January 31 of the current season. Send to RMR Office % Junior Coordinator 4155 E Jewell Ave Suite 909 Denver, CO 80222.
9. Monies will be paid at the discretion of the RMR- USAV Board of Directors. Once approved checks will be mailed in April directly to the Club Director and a letter of confirmation will be sent to the player.
10. Maximum amount allocated for this fund is \$8,000.

### JUNIOR ENTRY FEE REIMBURSEMENT FUND – AMOUNT BUDGETED \$13,500.00 RMR TEAM REIMBURSEMENT FUND FOR ENTRY FEE INTO THE GIRLS' JOVC.

A "RMR JNC Entry Fund" has been set up for all junior girls' teams that qualify for the Junior National Championships. The minimum amount for this fund is \$13,500.00; more funds may become available through the unused portion of the RMR Junior Program Funds. All teams that qualify and complete the entry fee reimbursement policy for the RMR will receive a partial reimbursement of their entry fee. This fund will be distributed equally among those teams who meet the criteria based on the entry fee in each age division. A team must participate in four Junior RMR Sanctioned Point events within their age division to qualify to receive these funds.

1. Conditions: At the end of the season, teams must request funding in writing to the RMR Office prior to entering the National Tournament. It is the Team Rep's responsibility when entering a USAV National Tournament to know exactly what the dates and rules are for that particular event (as printed in the pre-

tournament book and posted at the Tournament). If a team enters a tournament, it must stay in the event until eliminated by play in order to be eligible for entry fee assistance from RMR. No-shows, teams declared ineligible by the USAV Championship Division or Tournament Committee (e.g., illegal players, etc.), or teams forfeiting (players not arriving on time or leaving early causing the team to be reduced to less than 6), will not be eligible for entry assistance from RMR. A doctor or trainer on duty or emergency room doctor must verify in writing injuries to players causing a team to forfeit before it is eliminated from play. There must be written proof of such injuries presented to the RMR Board in order for entry fee assistance to be considered.

2. Before any reimbursement will be sent, a short article for the newsletter must be received in the RMR Office within 1 month of competition, regarding your play in the tournament (e.g., how you finished, most competitive opponents, suggestions regarding future events, etc.). A team photo with players identified is always welcomed. Clubs that send more than one team can submit one article, but the article must include information on all teams that are eligible to receive these funds.

**JUNIOR ENTRY FEE REIMBURSEMENT FUND – AMOUNT BUDGETED \$1,000 RMR TEAM REIMBURSEMENT FUND FOR ENTRY FEE INTO THE BOYS' JOVC**

A "RMR JNC Entry Fund" has been set up for all junior boys' teams that qualify for the Junior National Volleyball Championships. The amount budgeted for this fund is \$1,000.00. All teams that qualify and complete the entry fee reimbursement policy for the RMR will receive a partial reimbursement of their entry fee. . A team must participate in two RMR Sanctioned events (Men's or Juniors). This fund will be distributed equally among those teams who meet the criteria based on the entry fee in each age division.

1. Conditions: At the end of the season, teams must request funding in writing to the RMR Office prior to attending the National Tournament. It is the Team Rep's responsibility when entering a USAV National Tournament to know exactly what the dates and rules are for that particular event (as printed in the pre-tournament book and posted at the Tournament). If a team enters a tournament, it must stay in the event until eliminated by play in order to be eligible for entry fee assistance from RMR. No-shows, teams declared ineligible by the USAV Championship Division or Tournament Committee (e.g., illegal players, etc.), or teams forfeiting (players not arriving on time or leaving early causing the team to be reduced to less than 6), will not be eligible for entry assistance from RMR. A doctor or trainer on duty or emergency room doctor must verify in writing injuries to players causing a team to forfeit before it is eliminated from play. There must be written proof of such injuries presented to the RMR Board in order for entry fee assistance to be considered.
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## **REGIONAL FINES/PENALTIES**

Fines must be paid prior to entering a tournament in the Region

### **UNIFORM CODE VIOLATION - \$25.00 FINE.**

A new RMR team in the Region will receive a warning; all other teams will be fined.

### **FAILURE TO SHOW AT A TOURNAMENT – Current Tournament Entry Fee.**

In addition to the fine, a team that fails to give notice to the Tournament Director (or as a last resort the RMR office 303-584-0377 or 800-503-0969) prior to the start of the 7:45 a.m. Captain's Meeting. Team may have to sit out the next tournament depending on the circumstances.

### **FAILURE TO FOLLOW DESIGNATED TOURNAMENT FORMAT-Current Tournament Entry Fee.**

Teams that fail to follow the stated tournament formats as posted will be fined. Tournament formats can not be changed based on a vote of the coaches. Any change to a tournament format must be approved through the RMR Office via the tournament director. Teams failing to comply with posted tournament format will be fined the current tournament entry fee.

### **VIOLATION OF TOURNAMENT SITE REGULATIONS - \$100.00 FINE.**

A team will incur a fine if it violates ANY tournament site regulation such as those listed below.

1. There are NO SMOKING, TOBACCO USE, and CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL rules in every facility we use for tournaments.
2. Any player, parent or coach caught by any Tournament Director with ANY alcoholic beverage (i.e. beer) or illegal drugs inside any school building or public tournament facility, or on any premises which prohibits this usage (i.e. school grounds or parking lots), will not be allowed to continue playing in the tournament from that point on. The team will be fined \$50.00, and he/she will not be allowed to participate in any sanctioned (or friendship) event in the Region for ONE CALENDAR MONTH following the violation. (See Court Conduct Code, located on the back cover)
3. Bringing in items to the facilities that are banned such as crock pots, chairs, balloons, etc.

### **FAILURE TO HAVE/USE A CERTIFIED REFEREE/SCOREKEEPER AFTER THE RMR JUNIOR FRIENDSHIP TOURNAMENT - \$25.00 FINE.**

After the Junior Friendship Tournament only fully certified 1<sup>st</sup> referees and scorekeepers may officiate. This fine does not buy the team officials; you must still provide the officials for each match for which your team is scheduled. A team may only pay the \$25.00 fine twice. It will be the RMR Board decision as to whether the team will be allowed to enter future RMR tournaments that season.

### **FAILURE TO OFFICIATE OR CONTINUE TO PLAY WHEN ASSIGNED – FINE IS THE CURRENT TOURNAMENT ENTRY FEE.**

Any team that fails to perform officiating duties as assigned by the Tournament Director must pay the fine. Before leaving the tournament, the Team Representative for the day must check out with the Tournament Director (not their assistant(s)).

### **COACH ELIGIBILITY RULES - \$100.00 FINE.**

If it is discovered that a coach is participating in a RMR Sanctioned Event who is not eligible (i.e. not registered, no cleared background screening on file, not impact certified), a \$100.00 team fine will be assessed. The RMR Board, depending on the infraction, may assess further disciplinary action.

### **PLAYER ELIGIBILITY RULES - \$50.00 FINE.**

If it is discovered that a player is participating in a RMR Sanctioned Event who is not eligible (i.e. not registered, wrong club, wrong division, etc.), a \$50.00 team fine will be assessed. The RMR Board, depending on the infraction, may assess further disciplinary action.

### **BAD CHECK CHARGE - \$25.00.**

**UNSPORTSMANLIKE BEHAVIOR - \$50.00 FINE PLUS COSTS TO REPAIR OR REPLACE EQUIPMENT.**

Intentional damage to equipment or behavior that is deemed unacceptable by the Tournament Director will be reported to the RMR office and the player, parent or coach will be fined plus the cost to repair or replace damaged equipment.

Tournament Directors should notify the team of the infraction at the time it occurs or as soon as it is discovered. The RMR office will be notified by Monday following the tournament, and the Tournament Director will record all details on the "Violation Report" form submitted with tournament results.

The RMR Board's Officials Committee and ultimately the Incident Review Committee resolve penalty and grievances/fines.

## **JUNIOR BOYS DIVISION**

The Junior Boys teams are subject to the same rules and regulations as the Junior Girls teams in the Rocky Mountain Region, unless otherwise noted. Until there is an increase in the number of Boys teams in the RMR they will be allowed to participate in the following divisions:

18 & Under through 15 & Under Boys Teams are eligible to participate in the RMR Men's Division and will be seeded accordingly.

14 & Under Boys Teams are eligible to participate in the RMR Junior Girls Power Structure in the 16's Age Division. The Boys teams will be seeded accordingly. The same requirements that pertain to a Junior Girl's Team also pertain to a 14 & Under Boys teams.

13 & Under Boys Teams are eligible to participate in the RMR Junior Girls Power Structure in the 15's Age Division. The Boys teams will be seeded accordingly. The same requirements that pertain to a Junior Girl's Team also pertain to a 13 & Under Boys teams.

12 & Under Boys Teams are eligible to participate in the RMR Junior Girls Power Structure or RMR Junior Power Division 12 & Under Single Age Division. The same requirements that pertain to a Junior Girl's 12 & Under Team also pertain to a 12 & Under Boys teams.

Junior Boys Teams cannot participate in the RMR Junior Girls Regional Championships or RMR JNC Qualifier.

Once the RMR has (4) fully registered and committed teams in an age division a tournament format will be designed by the Junior Format Committee. Should two teams within the same age division wish to participate in the Boys Junior National Volleyball Championships a playoff match best 2 out of 3 sets will be played to designate their ranking within the region.

### **Important Information Boys Division**

- The 2012 USA Junior National Boys' Volleyball Championships will be held in Dallas, Texas July 1 – 8, 2012.
- The Boy's Commitment is in effect from November 1<sup>st</sup> through the day after the last day of competition of the Boys Junior National Volleyball Championship.
- Boys Age Definitions see pages 13.

## BOYS CLUB STAFF AND PLAYER INTENT & COMMITMENT

There is a “**No Transfer**” policy in the Rocky Mountain Region (RMR). The RMR is committed to providing a quality program to all junior players in the Region. Given the RMR’s commitment we expect that all club staff, players and parents demonstrate their commitment to the Junior Club program of their choice. Club Staff, players and parents will adhere to the guidelines and requirements of the RMR. Club Staff, players and parents also understand that once an individual has committed to a club, they are affiliated to that club for the entire RMR season (Effective dates for Male Junior Players November 1<sup>st</sup> of the Current Season to the next day after the last day of competition of the Boys Junior National Volleyball Championships). Individuals may not change club affiliation prior to the conclusion of the designated season. This would include, but not limited to, post season competitions including the AAU Championships, Volleyball Festival as well as any other competitions organized by any USA Volleyball affiliated organizations.

## AFFILIATED PRACTICE PLAYER WAIVER BOYS

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. See Club Staff and Player Intent & Commitment paragraph above.
- ◆ 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. See Club Staff and Player Intent & Commitment paragraph above.
- ◆ 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. See Club Staff and Player Intent & Commitment paragraph above.
- ◆ 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.

## AFFILIATED COACH WAIVER

This policy is being instituted so that all individual parties are in agreement to prevent any misconception of recruitment of coaches. In the event a current registered coach would like to work 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 participate with the new club. If it is reported in writing to the RMR that the individual coach is participating with another club other than the one they are affiliated to both the coach and practice club are subject to an Incident Review Committee which are subject to an RMR sanction and or fine. **NOTE:** The coach's club affiliation will remain with the original rostered club for the remainder of the current season.

- ◆ Coach/member requirements:
  - Must submit in writing to the RMR Office a request to be allowed to work with another club (state club name) other than the club (state club name) that they are affiliated to.
  - The coach 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. See Club Staff and Player Intent & Commitment paragraph above.
  
- ◆ Current (affiliated) Club requirements:
  - Must submit in writing to the RMR office a release or non release of said coach with the following information, approve or disapprove the request to work with another club.
  - The current (affiliated) club understands that the coach will only be allowed to work with the "practice" club and will not be allowed to be rostered on said club for the remainder of the current season. See Club Staff and Player Intent & Commitment paragraph above.
  
- ◆ Practice Club requirements:
  - Must submit in writing to the RMR Office acceptance of said coach/individual.
  - The "practice" club also understands that the coach will only be allowed to work with the club and will not be allowed to be rostered on the "practice" club for the remainder of the current season. See Club Staff and Player Intent & Commitment paragraph above.
  
- ◆ 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.

## RMR INCIDENT REVIEW POLICY

- I. **Purpose.** The purpose of the Incident Review Policy (Policy) to provide a process for adjudicating complaints of violations of ethics, the United States Volleyball Association (USAV) Participant Code of Conduct and the USAV Substance Abuse Policy under the RMR's jurisdiction, Rocky Mountain Region - USAV (RMR) rules, policies and procedures, and actions that are contrary to the fundamental objectives and best interests of the USAV or the RMR with fairness and due process for any individuals, teams or organizations involved, and to determine appropriate disciplinary actions, if needed.
- II. **Incident Review Committee.** There shall be an Incident Review Committee (IRC) to adjudicate complaints. The IRC shall have four (4) members:
  1. The RMR Commissioner (or his/her designee), who shall serve as Chair (Chair) of the Committee;
    - a. The Chair shall preside over all IRC adjudication proceedings.
    - b. The Chair shall have no vote in the IRC adjudication proceedings.
    - c. The Chair shall investigate all complaints, gather information necessary for the IRC adjudication proceedings (or appoint a neutral party to do so), and distribute the information gathered to members of the IRC.
  2. A current RMR Board of Director;
  3. The Secretary/Treasurer for matters involving an Adult member or team, or the Junior Coordinator for matters involving a junior member or team;
  4. The Adult Player Representative for matters involving an Adult member or team, or the Junior Girls' or Junior Boys' Board Rep, as appropriate, for matters involving a junior member or team.
  - A. If a designated IRC member is unavailable, or if a designated IRC member has a conflict of interest, the Chair shall appoint an alternative, impartial IRC member. This member may be, but need not be, from the Board of Directors.
  - B. IRC deliberations shall take place at a meeting of the full IRC.
    1. If a meeting is not practical or if all IRC members are unable to attend a meeting, the IRC may meet or member(s) may attend via any means of communication by which all IRC members may hear each other during the meeting. The Region shall assume the cost of providing any such communication.
    2. Once appointed, IRC members shall refrain from one-on-one discussions with the parties or any witnesses prior to the adjudication, unless directed to do so by the Chair.
  - C. IRC action requires an affirmative vote by a simple majority of the IRC.
  - D. Whenever possible, IRC meetings shall take place on the same night and at the same location as a scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors.
  - E. All IRC adjudication deliberations shall be closed meetings.
  - F. The IRC shall announce its decisions in writing. The writing shall include the rationale for the decision and a statement of the appeals process.
    1. The Chair shall send copies of the written decision by USPS Certified Mail, return receipt requested, to the accused individual or team and by regular mail or email to all members of the IRC, all Board members and the complaining party within five (5) business days of the date of the decision.

2. The Chair may, as a courtesy, notify the parties of the decision by telephone or email prior to mailing copies.

III. **Complaints to be Adjudicated.** The IRC shall investigate and adjudicate all Complaints where the penalty imposed could result in probation or suspension of an individual's, a team's or an organization's "Designated Role" or loss of RMR - USAV membership for a period of time.

IV. **Complaints** All Complaints to be adjudicated by the IRC must be submitted to the Commissioner in writing or if the complainant presents themselves to the RMR Office personally and agrees to sign a statement that they verbally presented their complaint with the RMR Office. The complainant's personal information must be verifiable.

- A. Upon receipt of a Complaint, the Commissioner shall appoint and notify the IRC members within five (5) business days by email, FAX or regular mail, in that order of preference.

IRC members' notification shall include copies of the written complaint or signed statement.

- B. The Chair shall determine the type of action that is needed:

1. If a Complaint requires immediate action and if necessary a special meeting of the IRC for adjudication will be called.

- a. If the complaint requires immediate action and the IRC is unable to meet in person, adjudication may be conducted by any means of communication by which all IRC members may hear each other during the adjudication. The RMR shall assume the cost of providing any such communication.
- b. This adjudication may be without notice to the accused.

2. If a Complaint does not require immediate action, the Chair shall notify the individual, Team Rep of the team or the organization alleged to have committed a violation (the accused) and the IRC members within five (5) business days of receipt of the complaint.

- a. Notice to the accused shall be in writing, sent USPS Certified Mail, return receipt requested, and by regular mail.

- b. The notice shall include the following:

- ◆ A summary of the complaint, including a specific statement of the alleged violation(s);
- ◆ A statement that the accused has the right to respond, accompanied by a specific statement of how the accused may respond (in writing or by attendance at an IRC hearing);
- ◆ A description of any immediate actions taken;
- ◆ The date, time and location of a hearing, if the IRC deems one desirable or necessary;
- ◆ A statement that a penalty may be imposed on an individual, a team or an organization as a result of the IRC adjudication;

V. **Complaints that require immediate response.**

- A. Complaints that require immediate response may be adjudicated without notice to the accused prior to the imposition of penalties.

1. Such adjudication shall be at an IRC meeting specially called for that purpose or by any means of communication by which all IRC members may hear each other during the adjudication. The Region shall assume the cost of providing any such communication.

2. Complaints in this category may involve but are not limited to urgent safety concerns, child molestation, violence, or significant property destruction.

B. The Chair shall notify the accused in writing of the complaint and the IRC's decisions according to the specifications in Sections II and IV.

1. Following any such adjudication, the accused shall be offered the opportunity to present evidence in defense of the allegations and given reasonable time (10 business days) to prepare a presentation. The IRC shall determine the form of the presentation, whether in writing or at a hearing.

Failure by the accused to respond in a reasonable time (10 business days) shall constitute a waiver of the accused's right to present evidence in defense of the allegations and shall permit the IRC to proceed with adjudication.

2. Following any such presentation of evidence, the IRC shall reconvene to determine, considering all the evidence, if any further action shall be taken or if any action taken shall be changed.
3. The accused may request a hearing before the full IRC. The IRC shall, in its sole discretion, determine if it shall hold a hearing.

VI. **Complaints that require prompt response.**

A. Complaints that require response before the next scheduled Board meeting shall be adjudicated at an IRC meeting specially called for that purpose or, if necessary, by any means of communication by which all IRC members may hear each other during the meeting. The RMR shall assume the cost of providing any such communication.

Complaints in this category may include, but are not limited to issues that impact tournament play, occurring before the next scheduled Board meeting.

B. The Chair shall send the accused notice of the complaint according to the procedures stipulated in Section IV. B. 2. above.

1. Before any adjudication, the accused shall be offered the opportunity to present evidence in defense of the allegations and given reasonable time (10 Business Days) to prepare a presentation of a defense. The IRC shall determine the form of the presentation, whether in writing or at a hearing.

Failure by the accused to respond in a reasonable time ten (10) business days shall constitute a waiver of the accused's right to present evidence in defense of the allegations and shall permit the IRC to proceed with adjudication.

2. Following any such presentation of evidence, the IRC shall consider the evidence to determine what action shall be taken.
3. The accused may request a hearing before the full IRC within ten (10) business days of receipt of the complaint. The IRC shall, in its sole discretion, determine if it shall hold a hearing.

C. The Chair shall send notice of the IRC's decision according to the procedures stipulated in Section II. F. above.

VII. **Complaints not requiring a response before the next scheduled Board meeting.**

A. Complaints that can wait until the next scheduled Board meeting for a response will be adjudicated at an IRC meeting immediately before or immediately following the scheduled Board meeting.

B. The Chair shall notify the accused of the complaint according to the procedures stipulated in Section II. F. above. The Chair shall also notify the parties of the date, time and place of the IRC adjudication.

1. Before any adjudication, the accused shall be offered the opportunity to present evidence in defense of the allegations and ten (10) business days time to prepare a presentation of a defense. The IRC will determine the form of the presentation, whether in writing or at a hearing.

Failure by the accused to respond in ten (10) business days time shall constitute a waiver of the accused's right to present evidence in defense of the allegations and shall permit the IRC to proceed with adjudication.

2. Following any such presentation by the accused, the IRC shall consider all the evidence to determine what action shall be taken.
  3. The accused may request a hearing before the full IRC. The IRC will, in its sole discretion, determine if it will hold a hearing.
- C. The Chair shall send notice of the IRC's decision according to the procedures stipulated in Section II. F. above.

VIII. **Hearing Procedure.** A hearing may be a face to face meeting between the accused and the IRC, or by any means of communication by which all the involved persons may hear each other during the hearing. The RMR shall assume the cost of providing any such communication. If the IRC determines that a hearing is desirable or necessary, the IRC shall:

- A. Furnish the accused with copies of all materials in the IRC's possession containing allegations against the accused three (3) business days prior to the hearing, including the names of any witnesses the IRC intends to call. Should the witness prefer to remain anonymous to the Accused (Whistle Blower Policy), they have the right to meet with the IRC at a separate designated time and name(s) will be withheld from the accused.
- B. Give the accused opportunity to respond fully to the allegations, including the opportunity to present witnesses and oral argument.
  1. Allow the accused to question any witnesses appearing at the hearing.
  2. Allow the accused to be accompanied by legal counsel, provided the accused notifies the IRC three (3) business days prior to the hearing if he/she intends to be accompanied by counsel, and furnishes the name, address and phone number of counsel.
- C. Allow IRC members to question any party or any witness.
- D. Schedule the hearing at a reasonable time when the accused and the IRC can attend. Due to the make up of the IRC (volunteer board member schedules and the factor of conflict of interest) the accused will be presented with a minimum of two possible hearing dates.
- E. Schedule the hearing so as to give the accused ten (10) business days to prepare a defense.

IX. **Penalties.**

- A. For violations of ethics, the USAV Participant Code of Conduct and the USAV Substance Abuse Policy under the RMR's jurisdiction, RMR rules, policies and procedures, and actions that are contrary to the fundamental objectives and best interests of the USAV or the RMR, the IRC may impose one or more of the following penalties on any individuals, teams or organizations involved:
  1. Probation, meaning a warning that any additional violation of ethics or the rules may result in suspension of participation (roles) within the RMR-USAV or suspension of RMR-USAV membership for a designated period of time;
  2. Fine(s) to be paid before further participation in RMR events;

3. Suspension from participation (roles) within the RMR-USAV for a designated period of time.
4. Suspension of rights to participate in designated policies of the RMR such as but not limited to the "Members On Hold Policy".
5. Suspension of USAV membership for up to 12 months;
6. Expulsion from USAV membership for more than 12 months.

B. All IRC actions shall be binding pending appeal.

An IRC decision to take no action is a final and a non-appealable decision.

X. **Appeals.** The appeal process is as follows:  
Regional Appeals.

1. Either the accused or the complainant may appeal an IRC decision.
2. All appeals of IRC decisions must be in writing and delivered to the RMR Commissioner within two (2) weeks of the mailing date of the IRC decision.
3. The Commissioner shall acknowledge the appeal in writing to the parties and inform the Board of Directors of the appeal within five (5) business days of receipt of the appeal.
4. The Referee Chair (for matters involving an Adult player or team) or the Jr. Referee Chair (for matters involving a Jr. player or team) shall preside over appeals proceedings as the Appeals Chair and shall appoint an Appeals Committee to adjudicate the appeal.

The Appeals Committee will consist of two other members from the Board of Directors who did not serve on the IRC, plus the Appeals Chair.

5. Appeals shall be limited to determining if the IRC properly followed the Incident Review Policy in reaching its decision.
6. If an appeal requires immediate action, the Appeals Chair may call a meeting of the Appeals Committee or may use any means of communication by which all the Appeals Committee members may hear each other during the meeting. The RMR shall assume the cost of providing any such communication.
7. If the appeal can wait until the next scheduled RMR Board meeting, it shall be adjudicated before or after that meeting in a separate, closed proceeding.
8. The Appeals Chair shall notify the parties of the Appeals Committee's decision by USPS Certified Mail, return receipt requested, with copies to members of the IRC and the Board by regular mail or email, within five (5) business days of the decision.
  - a. The Appeals Chair may call the parties on both sides prior to sending notice of the decision.
  - b. The written notice shall include the procedure for further appeals through the Regional Volleyball Association (RVA) USA Volleyball.
  - c. If it is determined by the IRC that due process was not served to the accused or complainant, the RMR reserves the right to start the due process procedure again.
9. All IRC actions shall be binding pending an appeal.

**INFORMATION COPIED FROM CHSAA WEBSITE (chsaa.org) UNDER VOLLEYBALL**

TO: CHSAA Volleyball Coaches

FR: Bethany Schott, Assistant Commissioner Office: (303) 344-5050 E-mail: bschott@chsaa.org

RE: High School Coaches Coaching Outside Teams

The following rules apply to all high school coaches coaching outside teams:

1. No high school coach at any level (freshmen through varsity), including volunteer high school coaches, may coach on Sunday throughout the school year when contact with that coach's own high school players may occur – grades 9-12. This includes coaching them and/or coaching against them. Although a coach can serve as an official in a tournament where his/her high school players are playing, he/she should not officiate a contest that includes students from his/her school; further it does not give him/her the right to coach them or have contact with them in any way. (For further clarification, see the CHSAA Constitution and Bylaws 2310.5)
2. A high school coach may not "resign" immediately after the high school season in order to coach an outside team and then sign a "new" contract for his/her next high school season at that school or another school. CHSAA considers a high school coach to a coach throughout the school year. Thus, a coach may not resign from one school after the season expecting to be legal coaching an outside program.
3. A high school coach may coach his/her own high school players on Monday through Saturday.
4. All rules apply regardless of the occupation of outside coaches regarding the Sunday Contact Rule. It does not matter whether any of the coaches are teaching in the school or are otherwise employed.
5. A high school coach may coach eight grade students as long as the coach does nothing to recruit and/or encourage in any way an athlete to play for the coach's high school program.
6. Undue influence (recruiting) must not occur when coaching junior high/middle school athletes. At no time may a coach attempt to influence an athlete to attend a particular high school.
7. A high school coach may attend any outside competition on a Sunday as a spectator even though his/her high school players are playing BUT may have no contact with those players at any time. The coach may not provide transportation for the players to and from the tournament nor sit on the bench of any team throughout the tournament nor coach from the stands.
8. A high school coach cannot organize a team, organize transportation or in any way encourage players to attend an event (i.e. a college game) on Sunday – further; in this regard #7 above applies to these events.
9. Directors and/or coaches of club volleyball who also coach at the high school level must follow all CHSAA rules regarding Sunday Contact.

Please note that the penalty for violation of these CHSAA bylaws is restriction of that team from the play-offs. Feel free to call me at CHSAA with any questions.