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## QUALIFICATION PROCEDURES

### OPEN CLASSIFICATION BID TOURNAMENTS

The goal of the Open Division of the Boys Junior Olympic Volleyball Championship is to produce an event which will promote the highest level of Boys competition. Open competition will be offered in the 18, 17, 16, 15, and 14 age divisions with a minimum field size of sixteen (16) and a maximum field size of thirty-six (36).

The USAV Events Department (USAVED) with the Junior Assembly (JA), has adopted Bid Tournaments to provide bids to the Boys Junior Olympic Volleyball Championship for the Open Divisions.

Of the thirty-six (36) bids to be offered in the Open Divisions, thirty-four (34) will be allocated through the Bid Tournaments, and two (2) through the At-Large process. At-Large teams will be selected by the Boys Competition Committee (BCC), with the oversight of the USAVED, using the following selection criteria:

1. Selecting the Open At-Large consideration statement listed on the USAV Official Entry Form.
2. Strength
3. Record against Qualified teams
4. Record against At Large applicants
5. Past year's JOVC finish of the rostered players
6. Date of entry
7. Number of teams per club

The BCC and USAVED reserve the right to accept as many or as few teams applying for an At-Large Bid to round out numbers and create even pool play.

**FAILURE TO SUBMIT ANY OF THE REQUIRED INFORMATION WILL RESULT IN THAT TEAM'S ELIMINATION FROM CONSIDERATION FOR AN OPEN AT-LARGE BID; THIS INCLUDES SUBMISSION OF RESULTS BY JUNE 3<sup>RD</sup>.**

The tournaments that have been selected and accepted as Bid Tournaments for the 2009 Boys season are as follows:

Bid Tournament	Dates	Maximum # of Bids
No Dinx Boys Far Westerns	January 3-4, 2009	2
Dennis Lafata Gateway Boys Festival	January 17-18, 2009	4
Rochester CAN-AM	January 17-18, 2009	3
SCVA Junior Boys Invitational	January 17-19, 2009	10
USAV Southeast BBQ	January 23-25, 2009	2
Molten Wisconsin Boys Volleyball Festival	February 7-8, 2009	4
Nittany Ninvitational (17 & 18 Open)	February 14-15, 2009	4
NIKE Great Lakes Festival for Boys	February 14-15, 2009	3
Nittany 2 (140, 150, 160)	February 22-23, 2009	2
Boys East Coast Championships	May 23-25, 2009	2

The number of teams entered in an age division at the entry deadline or the number of teams in an age division at the start of the event, whichever is greater, will be the number used to determine how many bids a Boys Bid Tournament will receive up to the maximum allocated to that event.

In the Bid Tournaments, Open bids will be offered to the teams that finish the competition in a bid award position. A bid will trickle down based on the number of Open teams entered in the division. See the Boys' Bid Tournament Manual for specifics ([http://assets.teamusa.org/assets/documents/attached\\_file/filename/6860/09\\_BoysBidManual-Final.pdf](http://assets.teamusa.org/assets/documents/attached_file/filename/6860/09_BoysBidManual-Final.pdf)). Bids must be accepted or denied at the time the bid is awarded by the tournament director. Bids not awarded at the Bid Tournament will revert to the Open At-large pool. If a team finishes in a bid award position and declines the bid, that team will not be eligible for at-large consideration.

#### **FROZEN PLAYER RULE**

**ALL PLAYERS LISTED ON THE ROSTER OF A TEAM ARE "FROZEN" TO THAT TEAM AT THE TIME THE TEAM EARNS AND ACCEPTS A BID AT A BID TOURNAMENT OR APPLIES FOR AN OPEN AT-LARGE BID TO THE BJOVC. ACCEPTING A BID DEFINES A TEAM AS QUALIFIED. PLAYERS FROM A QUALIFIED TEAM CANNOT BE ADDED TO ANY OTHER TEAM ROSTER SUBMITTED FOR BID TOURNAMENTS OR THE BJOVC. THIS INCLUDES TEAMS FROM WITHIN THE SAME CLUB. THERE ARE NO RESTRICTIONS ON ADDITIONS TO THE ROSTER OF NEW PLAYERS OR PLAYERS FROM NON-QUALIFIED TEAMS—UP TO THE LIMIT OF FIFTEEN (15) PLAYERS. ALL TEAMS AND PLAYERS MUST MAINTAIN ELIGIBILITY COMPLIANCE WITHIN THEIR REGION. VIOLATIONS OF THE FROZEN PLAYER RULE WILL RESULT IN SANCTIONS BEING IMPOSED ON THE ALREADY QUALIFIED TEAM, ITS CLUB, AND/OR THE INDIVIDUAL(S) INVOLVED, INCLUDING THE PLAYER, THE COACH AND THE CLUB DIRECTOR. THE JUNIOR ASSEMBLY (JA) ETHICS AND ELIGIBILITY COMMITTEE WILL DETERMINE SANCTIONS FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE FROZEN PLAYER RULE. FOR A FIRST OFFENSE, THE SANCTIONS MAY BE A WARNING, PROBATION, SUSPENSION OR EXPULSION.**

#### **CLUB CLASSIFICATION BIDS**

Teams that have not earned an Open bid at one of the designated Boys Bid Tournaments, or applied and did not receive an Open At-Large bid, are classified as Club Teams.

**THE PLAYERS ON THE ROSTER SHALL BE CONSIDERED FROZEN UPON SUBMITTAL OF THE ENTRY FORM AND ROSTER. NO PLAYER LISTED ON THIS ROSTER MAY PARTICIPATE WITH ANY OTHER CLUB TEAM FOR THE PURPOSE OF THESE CHAMPIONSHIPS. IF THIS TEAM DECIDES NOT TO ATTEND THE CHAMPIONSHIP, ALL PLAYERS SHALL BE CONSIDERED RELEASED AND SHALL BE PERMITTED TO BE ADDED TO ANOTHER TEAM'S ROSTER FROM WITHIN THE SAME MEMBER ORGANIZATION. HOWEVER, THE RELEASED PLAYER(S) ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE A SIGNED RELEASE FROM THE ORIGINAL TEAM COACH, CLUB REPRESENTATIVE, NEW TEAM COACH AND MEMBER ORGANIZATION COMMISSIONER/DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE.**

## **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

#### **USAV AND FIVB MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS**

ALL PERSONS WHOSE NAMES APPEAR ON THE OFFICIAL ROSTER, INCLUDING PLAYERS, COACHES, TEAM REPRESENTATIVES, CHAPERONES, TRAINERS, MANAGERS, ET AL. MUST BE REGISTERED WITH USAV THROUGH A USAV MEMBER ORGANIZATION OR THEIR FIVB FEDERATION. THIS WILL ENSURE THAT ALL REGISTERED USAV PLAYERS, COACHES, TEAM REPRESENTATIVES, CHAPERONES, MANAGERS, TRAINERS, ET AL. POSSESS LIABILITY COVERAGE AND SPORTS ACCIDENT INSURANCE (THIS IS AN EXCESS COVERAGE PLAN) AT THIS EVENT. SPECIFIC PROCEDURES ON INJURIES AND FIRST AID WILL BE COVERED BY THE HEAD TRAINER AT THE INFORMATIONAL MEETING. IF A MEDICAL EMERGENCY ARISES, ATHLETES AND COACHES MUST HAVE ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTATION TO SHOW PROOF OF MEDICAL INSURANCE, PRIMARY AND/OR EXCESS COVERAGE.

#### **TEAM ELIGIBILITY**

- Must register and pay the annual registration fee to the USAV Member Organization (as required).
- Team/Club representatives or coach must sign each roster for team registration on site.
- Can play in only one USAV Tournament at the USA Junior Olympic Boys Volleyball Championships.
- May change its name during the season ONLY with approval of the Regional Commissioner.

- The current USAV Official Guidebook, in addition to ROD and Member Organization rules, regulations and policies, shall serve as the primary resources to resolve any concerns regarding eligibility.
- The roster may contain up to fifteen (15) players and no more than five (5) staff members.
- The designated chaperone and head coach shall have no other duties with the designated team, any other team or other event duties concurrently.
- A team contact must be identified but will not be considered an official roster position counting against the allowed five (5) staff positions. The team contact can be any one of the already listed staff members. Please note that the team contact will NOT receive a credential or be allowed to sit on the bench.
- All persons whose names appear on the Official Roster, including but not limited to team/club representative, coaches, chaperones, and players, must be registered with USAV through their Member Organization.

### PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

- Be currently registered with a USAV Member Organization or a citizen of one of the US territories in good standing with their respective FIVB Federation.
- Can play with only one USAV junior team at an USA Boys Junior Olympic Volleyball Championship.
- A player may participate only on the team in which they were named to the roster once a roster has been submitted to the 2009 USA Junior Olympic Boys Volleyball Championships. A player shall be restricted to this team and may not leave this team to participate on another team, either from the same or different Member Organization team. If the team decides not to attend the Championship that player shall be considered released and shall be permitted to be added to another team's roster from within the same Member Organization. HOWEVER, the released player(s) are required to have a signed release from the original team coach, club representative, new team coach AND Member Organization commissioner/designated representative.
- All players who are registered in a USA Junior Olympic Volleyball Championship are subject to the rules, regulations and policies of the Member Organization they represent.
- All players must be in good standing with their respective USAV Member Organization.
- Can only participate on a team from within the Member Organization in which the player is registered. Players may NOT have their registrations transferred to another Member Organization for the purpose of participating in the USA Boys Junior Olympic Volleyball Championship.
- For eligibility purposes, a player who has just completed a grade in the spring of 2009 will be considered in that grade just completed.
- Athletes need not be currently enrolled in high school except noted below. For the 2009 season, the following motions recommended by the YJOVD and approved by the USAV Board of Directors will be in effect:
  1. The USAV Operating Code, Article VIII.C.2 has been amended to read: "**Junior Olympic Volleyball Player.** *Registration required of individuals participating in a USA Junior Olympic Volleyball Championship or other event sanctioned by the Corporation and issued to a player who has not participated in a club or varsity volleyball program for a university, college, community college, or junior college who*
    - a. *18 years of age or younger on September 1<sup>st</sup> of the current season; or*
    - b. *19 years of age or younger on September 1<sup>st</sup> of the current season and is a high school student during some part of the current academic year. This registration shall be reviewed annually through the Membership Organizations approved to administer Junior Olympic Volleyball programs. If the player is otherwise eligible, this registration may be renewed."*
  2. That the USAV Operating Code, Article X.E.3.d(1) has been amended to read: "*The following age groups shall be in effect for sanctioned Junior Olympic Volleyball events, unless amended as specified in Article C.E.2.a(3) of this Operating Code. Players need not be currently enrolled in high school, except as noted below. Once a player participates in a club or varsity program for any university, community college, or junior college, he or she is ineligible to play in any regional or USA Junior Olympic Volleyball qualifying or championship events."*

**AGE CLASSIFICATION**

<b>Division</b>	<b>Born on or after:</b>
18 and Under	September 1, 1990 Or Players who were born on or after September 1, 1989 and a high school student during some part of the current academic year.
17 and Under	September 1, 1991
16 and Under	September 1, 1992
15 and Under	September 1, 1993
14 and Under*	September 1, 1994 or Players who were born on or after September 1, 1993 (15 years or younger) who shall neither have completed nor are in a grade higher than the eighth grade (8th) 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.)
13 and Under	September 1, 1995
12 and Under	September 1, 1996

\*Players who were born on or after September 1, 1993 who are still in the eighth grade and wish to participate on a team entering the Boys Junior Olympic Volleyball Championship must show proof of eighth grade enrollment through either a letter of attestation from a school administrator on school letterhead or a current report card. Either of these documents must be sent with the team's entry form and registration fee by the posted deadlines.

**REGIONAL COMMISSIONERS WILL CERTIFY THE AGES OF PLAYERS REPRESENTING THAT REGION IN THE USA BOYS JUNIOR OLYMPIC VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS. THE AGE GROUP DEFINITIONS ABOVE ARE BINDING FOR THE ENTIRE SEASON IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THESE CHAMPIONSHIPS AND THERE SHALL BE NO APPEAL. CERTIFICATION OF AGE AND SCHOLASTIC STATUS MAY BE REQUESTED AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION AT THE SITE OF THE CHAMPIONSHIPS. THE SCHOLASTIC GRADE, FOR PURPOSES OF THESE DEFINITIONS, SHALL BE THAT WHICH IS SIMULTANEOUS WITH THE CURRENT PLAYING SEASON.**

**USA VOLLEYBALL AGE AND IDENTITY FALSIFICATION POLICY (BOD APPROVED 01/04)**

For all USAV corporate events, any person who alters any document that certifies the age or identity of a participant, or falsifies any statement which lists the age or identity 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 USAV and barred from further participation in the event; and
2. Be barred from participation in any USAV 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, or any player who knowingly misrepresents his or her identity shall:

1. Be immediately suspended from registration with USAV and barred from further participation in the event;

2. Be barred from participation in any USVBA 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 shall file a report of any age or identity violation with the Corporation's Ethics and Eligibility Appeals Committee and with the registering Member Organization with its recommendation.

### **COACHES ELIGIBILITY**

**ALL Coaches listed on the roster (Head and Assistant(s)) will possess a minimum coaching certification level of IMPACT (Entry Level).** An IMPACT certified coach (head coach or assistant) listed on the Event Roster must be present and on the bench at all times. **No team will be eligible to participate at the Junior Olympic Championships without meeting the coaching certification requirements.** It is strongly recommended that teams have additional IMPACT certified adults verified on their roster and present at all times. In the event the certified Coach(es) is not present (late, sick, is ejected or disqualified), the team must have another IMPACT certified adult verified on their roster and on the bench for play to begin or continue without forfeit. No additional time will be allowed to comply with the certified personnel requirement to continue play except for unused time-outs and/or time allowed between games.

ALL CLUB DIRECTORS, TEAM REPRESENTATIVES, **COACHES**, CHAPERONES AND TRAINERS MUST CONSENT TO A BACKGROUND SCREENING IF THEY INTEND TO REGISTER AND/OR PARTICIPATE WITH A JUNIOR VOLLEYBALL CLUB OR TEAM. FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THIS POLICY WILL CAUSE THE CLUB AND/OR TEAM TO BE INELIGIBLE FOR PARTICIPATION IN USAV AND RVA TOURNAMENTS. ANY INDIVIDUAL WHO IS DISQUALIFIED BY THE BACKGROUND SCREENING PROCESS WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM PARTICIPATION IN USAV AND RVA SANCTIONED JUNIOR ACTIVITIES OR EVENTS.

### **IMPACT CERTIFICATION**

Coaches and other adults may attend an IMPACT course through a USA Volleyball RVA or a USA Volleyball Webinar. Once IMPACT certification has been obtained, re-certification is not required unless the Member Organization requires re-certification. Please verify IMPACT certification with your Regional Commissioner or Member Organization's designee prior to submitting your entry for the event. This will eliminate any potential problems prior to registering on-site. Your region office will verify your certification. If the region cannot verify your IMPACT certification, a copy of your certificate will be required. **There will NOT be IMPACT courses available during the Championships. Please make the necessary arrangements prior to the Championships to become IMPACT certified. Only IMPACT certified adults will be allowed to be listed as a Head Coach and/or Assistant Coach on the roster.**

IMPACT Certification rating may be met by supplying proof of the following:

- USA Coaching Accreditation Program (CAP), Levels I, II or III
- RVA IMPACT course (region or National Office verification required)
- Canadian Volleyball Associations Levels 1-4
- FIVB International Courses Levels 1-3

**If your region office cannot verify your IMPACT certification, you must send proof of certification/course completion for any of the coaching courses mentioned above to the USAV Events Department by June 10<sup>th</sup>; or with the Official Entry Form and Fee; or provide it during your team check-in at the tournament.**

**For more information on IMPACT certification, please contact your local RVA. As an alternative, USA Volleyball will be offering Webinars throughout the year. For more information, visit the USAV Cap website ([http://volleyball.teamusa.org/event?tag\\_id=3198](http://volleyball.teamusa.org/event?tag_id=3198)) or email for more information at [cap@usav.org](mailto:cap@usav.org).**

### **USA CAP LEVEL I, II AND III COURSES**

USA Coaching Accreditation Program courses are available throughout the country before the USA Boys Junior Olympic Volleyball Championships. For more information on course offerings and schedules, contact:

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### **CHAPERONE ELIGIBILITY**

Chaperones are expected to assist the coach and players both on and off the court. They must read and sign the chaperone form, and turn it in when they check-in for the tournament. They are an important part of each team, helping to make the Event enjoyable for all.

**Chaperones are expected to remain with the team at ALL times especially when the coach is not present or available.**

The designated chaperone must meet the following eligibility requirements:

1. Register with the same Member Organization as the team.
2. Must consent to and clear a background screening.
3. **Be a minimum of 25 years of age on the first day of the event.**
4. Be housed with the team.
5. Be responsible for one team concurrently.
6. Shall not serve in any other participant category concurrently with this or any other team in the event (e.g. serve as the chaperone for a 16 Club team and a team representative for a different 16 Club team).
7. Submit the Chaperone form on the team's designated day of check-in.
8. Must show proper identification for their tournament credential at the registration desk (**ONLY** the chaperone will be allowed to obtain their tournament credential).

**PLEASE READ: Teams will NOT be allowed to begin competition without a registered Chaperone. Please do not hesitate to register your Chaperone with your region and complete the process on-line. Team Chaperones MUST check-in on the day prior to the beginning of their team's competition (if not earlier). Any team without a chaperone that has checked in on that day will forfeit their first match and subsequent matches until the chaperone has checked in. This rule will be STRICTLY enforced!**

ALL CLUB DIRECTORS, TEAM REPRESENTATIVES, COACHES, **CHAPERONES** AND TRAINERS MUST CONSENT TO A BACKGROUND SCREENING IF THEY INTEND TO REGISTER AND/OR PARTICIPATE WITH A JUNIOR VOLLEYBALL CLUB OR TEAM. FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THIS POLICY WILL CAUSE THE CLUB AND/OR TEAM TO BE INELIGIBLE FOR PARTICIPATION IN USAV AND RVA TOURNAMENTS. ANY INDIVIDUAL WHO IS DISQUALIFIED BY THE BACKGROUND SCREENING PROCESS WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM PARTICIPATION IN USAV AND RVA SANCTIONED JUNIOR ACTIVITIES OR EVENTS.

## POLICY ON FOREIGN PLAYER AND FOREIGN TEAM PARTICIPATION

<b>Definitions</b>	
Foreign Player	A player who is not a citizen of the United States OR a citizen residing in a U.S. Territory having its own National Volleyball Federation with which the player is affiliated.
Non-Resident Foreign Player	A person who is not a citizen of the United States residing outside the 50 United States OR an individual residing in a U.S. Territory having its own National Volleyball Federation with which the player is affiliated.
Resident Foreign Player	A person who is not a citizen of the United States residing in one of the 50 United States and holding “resident” versus “visitor” status.
Foreign Player Release	Written approval by a Foreign Player’s National Volleyball Federation of origin for that player to affiliate or participate with USA Volleyball.

For the USA Boys Junior Olympic Volleyball Championships, the following Territories and their associated Federations are eligible to participate:

American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands

### **FOREIGN PLAYER ELIGIBILITY**

Subject to the above Table of Definitions, a **Resident Foreign Player** (residing legally in the United States, e.g. exchange student) may participate if she/he is a duly registered member of a USA Volleyball Member Organization and follows all event participation policies and registration procedures.

A **Non-Resident Foreign Player** shall not be eligible to participate.

### **FOREIGN TEAM ELIGIBILITY**

- A Foreign Team (registered with its National Volleyball Federation) may participate if it duly applies for and is accepted in compliance with the event’s regulations, is not representing its country in an official capacity, and the federation of origin grants permission for participation.
  - Canadian teams must present a letter of good standing from Volleyball Canada with their entry form and fee to be accepted into the 2009 USA Junior Olympic Boys Volleyball Championships.
- Foreign Teams must purchase Foreign Player insurance, which will be provided by USA Volleyball. The expense shall be debited to the event at cost and shall be added to the entry fee.
  - A waiver to the Foreign Player insurance fee shall be granted to Canadians who provide written proof of 24-hour health coverage valid in the United States.
- Each member of a Foreign Team shall have in his/her possession(s), and shall have previously filed with the Events Department at USA Volleyball, the following documents:
  - Photo identification (driver’s license or comparable government issued document), and
  - A signed copy of the USA Volleyball Code of Conduct and Waiver and Release of Liability (provided on page 2 of the Foreign Team Registration Form available on-line: [http://usavolleyball.org/event/event/569?page\\_id=2434](http://usavolleyball.org/event/event/569?page_id=2434)).

- Additionally, for junior-age competitions, each Foreign Player (of a Foreign Team) must also possess and have on file with the Events Department at USA Volleyball:
  - A copy of his/her birth certificate or government issued identification with birth date
  - USA Volleyball's Medical Release form (without notary unless a resident of Florida), signed by the player's parent or legal guardian (available on-line: [http://usavolleyball.org/event/event/569?page\\_id=2434](http://usavolleyball.org/event/event/569?page_id=2434)).