

2019 - 2020

PARENT HANDBOOK



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To: All Club Parents
From: Southern California Volleyball Association
RE: Parent Information

Welcome to the 2019-2020 Junior Club Volleyball season. In our constant search to help the parents better understand what club is all about, what their athlete is doing, and what to expect, the SCVA has put together this information booklet to better inform you, the parent. **All information and schedules are subject to change. Please contact your Club Director with any questions.**

A) FACILITY REGULATIONS

Parents, we ask for your help in regulating the **“NO FOOD IN THE GYM”** rule. Please remember that neither your club nor the SCVA owns these facilities and that if we wish to have facilities for our athletes to play in, then we must take care of them. This season all facilities will follow the same rules. Please note that these are facilities rules. A facility encompasses the entire building: hallways, foyers, gym proper and any rooms. The Tournament Director, in case of bad weather, will make exceptions. Parents, please follow the following rules:

NO: Outside food or drink allowed in any facility.

NO: **NO** beverages of alcohol content are allowed courtside at any SCVA event. Teams and/or participants may be asked to leave if spectators related to them are in violation.

NO: Animals at any facility (including all parking lots) with the exception of registered service animals.

NO: Skateboards, roller blades, or any type of bicycle.

NO: Coolers inside any facility.

NO: Barbeques on any campus.

Outside areas must be kept clean throughout the tournament.

** If any team, player, parent or supporter introduces and/or consumes alcoholic beverages in or about the facility, the penalty will be immediate disqualification.

Thank you in advance for your good example and cooperation in regards to these rules.

B) SPECTATOR/PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

All persons entering a USAV/SCVA event understand and agree to the following Code of Conduct as a condition of attendance:

- **I WILL:**

1. **I WILL** abide by the official rules of USA Volleyball.

2. **I WILL** display good sportsmanship at all times.

3. **I WILL** educate myself on the unique rules of this facility and abide by them.

4. **I WILL** generate goodwill by being polite and respectful to those around me at this event.
 5. **I WILL** immediately notify the Event Director and/or Program Administrator in the event that I witness any illegal activity.
 6. **I WILL** acknowledge that the spectator seating around the courts is for the primary use of those watching the match in progress.
 7. **I WILL** acknowledge that spectators may rightfully choose to remain in a seat for an entire match without switching sides of the court when the teams switch.
- **I WILL NOT**
 1. **I WILL NOT** harass or intimidate the officials, including line judges and scorers.
 2. **I WILL NOT** participate in any game or game-like activities unless I have a current membership with USA Volleyball.
 3. **I WILL NOT** bring and/or carry any firearms at any USA Volleyball event.
 4. **I WILL NOT** bring, purchase, or consume alcohol at any Youth/Junior volleyball event.
 - **WARNING!**

Injury from flying objects incidental to the sport of volleyball may occur at this event. Attend at your own risk. Please pay close attention to your surroundings and be alert at all times, especially during active play.

B) REGISTRATION

In order to participate in an SCVA event, all individuals **MUST** be registered with the SCVA. This pertains to all on-court activities: shagging, calling lines, keeping score, etc. Your Club Director will have all of the information and registration forms for the SCVA. They are responsible for handing them out, making sure they are **filled out correctly** and returned to the SCVA office on time. Only registered athletes will be permitted to play.

As a parent, please take an extra minute to read what you are signing and make sure the form is filled out correctly. It is important for you to know you are agreeing to a commitment to the club for the **entire season**. There are no releases and transfers. Once a player is registered with a club, he/she will participate with that club for the entire season. Understand that if the club your player commits to chooses not to participate in a year end event, this is a situation to handle between you and the club. The SCVA will not be involved in any releases regarding this matter.

Once registered with the SCVA, members are covered by the USA Volleyball's sport accident policy. Please note that the insurance provided by the SCVA will not cover the club and/or its administrators during practice, tournaments, or

tryouts unless the SCVA has the signed registration form on file. Please direct any questions to your Club Director. In case of an injury, either at practice or at a tournament, an incident report must be completed either by the tournament director or by the Club Director. This incident report must be submitted to the SCVA office.

C) BACKGROUND SCREENING

If you plan on attending any USA Volleyball event as a chaperone, which includes all Qualifiers, Junior National Championships, and end of the season events you will need to submit both a Background Screening Consent and Waiver Form and an Adult Registration Form which must be submitted every year. These forms can be found on the SCVA website. Please check with your club about submitting these forms in a timely manner as the background clearance can take at least 14 days for processing.

D) AGE DIVISIONS

The following age groups shall be in effect for players other than college students, who regardless of age are not eligible to compete.

- a) 18 and under division: players born on or after September 1st, 2001 or players born on or after September 1, 2000 and are high school students during some part of the current academic year.
- b) 17 and under division: players born on or after September 1st, 2002.
- c) 16 and under division: players born on or after September 1st, 2003.
- d) 15 and under division: players born on or after September 1st, 2004.
- e) 14 and under division: players born on or after September 1st, 2005.
****Junior Boys Program only**—who are 15 years of age or younger (born on or after September 1st, 2004) who shall neither have completed nor are in a grade higher than eighth (8th) grade during the current academic year.
- f) 13 and under division: players born on or after September 1st, 2006.
- g) 12 and under division: players born on or after September 1st, 2007.

** Please note that a junior athlete or team may **NOT** play in two age divisions during the same season.

E) SAFESPORT Requirements

- **SafeSport By-Laws Article IV** – “As a member National Governing Body of the United States Olympic Committee, USA Volleyball is required to adhere to the safe sport rules and regulations of the USOC. Additionally, USOC Bylaw Section 8.7 (I) provides that, as a condition of membership in the USOC, each NGB shall comply with the policies and procedures of the independent safe sport organization designed by the USOC to investigate

and resolve safe sport violations. The USOC has designated the U.S. Center for SafeSport as that organization. The current safesport rules are available at the offices of USA Volleyball or online at the following website: <https://safesport.org>. As a condition of membership in USA Volleyball and a condition for participation in any competition or event sanctioned by USA Volleyball or its Regions, each NGB member and each athlete, coach, trainer, agent, athlete support personnel, medical or para-medical personnel, team staff, official or other person who participates in USA Volleyball or USA Volleyball events (whether or not a USA Volleyball member), agrees to comply with and be bound by the safe sport rules of the U.S. Center for SafeSport and to submit, without reservation or condition, to the jurisdiction and rules of the U.S. Center for SafeSport for the investigation and resolution of any alleged violations of those rules, as such rules may be amended from time to time. To the extent any USA Volleyball rule is inconsistent with the rules of the U.S. Center for SafeSport, such a rule is hereby superseded.”

- With the adoption of Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies (MAAPP) regular and consistent training for all Applicable Adults (including adult athletes) who interact with and have direct and frequent contact with minor athletes is now **required**. ***Understand that this means your child will be put on suspension and not permitted to play if not compliant with this required certification.*** See link to policy on the SCVA website link below under point #28:

<http://www.scvavolleyball.org/page/180020323/180116306/Registration-Info-copy>

- For athlete safety purposes, the U.S. Center for SafeSport is requiring all athletes who are 18 years old or older during the 2019/20 USAV membership season to take the Core Center for SafeSport training prior to competing in USAV events.
- To prevent any disruption in sport, the Center also encourages athletes who are 17 turning 18 to take the Core SafeSport Training. Parental consent is required. The below link has been provided to take you directly to the online consent form (for players not yet 17). Once the form has been completed your minor child will be enrolled into the training through the USAV Academy. An email will be sent to the email address on file indicating that the enrollment has occurred. <https://fs28.formsite.com/USAVolleyball/SSConsentform/index.html>
- The training consists of 3 lessons and takes approximately 30 minutes per lesson. Once the training has been completed your child's member record will automatically update.
- Online link to courses: <https://safesport.org/authentication/signin>

F) DIVISION FORMAT

Tournaments are designed to give maximum competition to each athlete in our program and to allow them to achieve a healthy and satisfactory attitude towards themselves, their teammates and the sport of volleyball. For the girls, there is a series of Qualifying tournaments, which determine the starting division for each team. Following these Qualifying tournaments, there will be a series of Mandatory Tournaments. There will be movement of teams between divisions depending upon the finishing positions of each Mandatory tournament. Points will be awarded to each team based on the order of finish in their respective divisions. No points will be given for friendship, optional or special event tournaments.

Contact your Club Director for an updated schedule, or visit our website—www.scvavolleyball.org.

G) POLICIES FOR TRYOUTS & COMMITMENT DATES

A commitment date is defined as the first date that a club can obtain a deposit as a means for accepting a spot for their club team and have the deposit be non-refundable. By signing registration and commitment forms, your player is committing to the club for the entire season. There is no transfer policy.

1. BOYS

For the 2019/2020 season, all junior boys clubs are eligible to host tryouts for the various age divisions on the following dates:

All boys age divisions - September 6, 2019

For the 2019/2020 season, all boys clubs will have a commitment date no earlier than the following for the various age divisions:

All boys age divisions - September 10, 2019

A commitment date is defined as the first date that a club can obtain a deposit as a means for accepting a spot for their club team, and have the deposit be non-refundable.

If a player does not follow the tryout and commitment date procedures, he may be suspended for the 2019/2020 season.

2. GIRLS

For the 2019/2020 season, all junior girls clubs are eligible to host tryouts for the various age divisions on the following dates:

- Tryouts for 15 and older age divisions:

- Open on August 3, 2019
- August 6, 2019, is the first day a player can sign a letter of commitment
- August 6, 2019, is the first day players may be sized for uniforms
- Tryouts for 14 and under age divisions:
 - Open on October 5, 2019
 - October 8, 2019, is the first day a player can sign a letter of commitment
 - October 8, 2019, is the first day players may be sized for uniforms

Once the letter of commitment is signed and turned into one club, the player is then committed to that club. If a player does not follow the tryout procedures and commitment date, she may be suspended for the 2019/2020 season.

Please note, the SCVA recognizes that San Diego area high school players are bound to different CIF rules. The SCVA asks that all San Diego clubs and players abide by those rules, so as to not jeopardize the eligibility of girls during their high school season. Thus the following tryout dates and commitment dates will be used for those clubs in the Las Vegas and San Diego areas:

- Tryouts for 15 and older age divisions:
 - Open on July 27, 2019
 - July 30, 2019, is the first day a player can sign a letter of commitment
 - July 30, 2019, is the first day players may be sized for uniforms
- Tryouts for 14 and under age divisions:
 - Open on October 5, 2019
 - October 8, 2019, is the first day a player can sign a letter of commitment
 - October 8, 2019, is the first day players may be sized for uniforms

A Letter of Commitment must be signed by all participants.

After tryouts have been completed, and letter of commitments signed and submitted to clubs, all teams in the 14s and under divisions may not begin practices until November 1, 2019. After tryouts have been completed, and letter of commitments signed and submitted to clubs, all teams in the 15s and older divisions, for all High School aged players not involved in CIF or State championships, may not begin practices until November 29, 2019. ***An organized practice is defined as 5 or more rostered individuals participating in designed volleyball training. Team bonding get-togethers do not qualify as practices.***

H) CLUB TO CLUB RECRUITING POLICY

Although the SCVA is aware of certain illicit recruiting actions, we are unable to enforce such a policy for two reasons. First, we do not have the support of the CIF in governing clubs holding tryouts during the CIF season. Second, most recruiting violations come to us in a “he said, she said” manner and are very difficult to ascertain fault. Therefore, we ask the cooperation of all coaches and directors in this matter. The following are guidelines that we ask all clubs to abide by:

1. Hold all tryouts at the conclusion of the CIF season
2. Allow no coach or club representative to make initial contact with an athlete or his/her parent in order to persuade that player to leave his/her current club/team.
3. Refrain from making negative comments concerning other clubs and/or their coaches.

We ask that these guidelines be followed in order to foster a positive experience for the players in pursuit of their volleyball goals.

I) COLLEGE BOUND ATHLETES

Due to the increased numbers of scholarships available, college coaches come to view prospective athletes and watch SCVA tournaments. What is the biggest recruiting time for college coaches? Any tournament! Though the Las Vegas Classic, Junior National Qualifiers, and Junior Nationals draw the largest crowd of college coaches, they frequently attend the regional SCVA tournaments. But remember, there is a lot of “red tape” that goes with college recruiting and there are many restrictions. A central clearinghouse will certify your athlete’s eligibility for Divisions I and II. If your athlete intends to participate in Division I or II athletics as a freshman, they must register and be certified by the NCAA Initial-Eligibility Clearinghouse. They can obtain registration materials from their high-school guidance counselor (if the school has run out of materials, their counselor should call the clearinghouse at 310/337-1492). Remember, qualifying test scores are required for participation at both Division I and II colleges. Please contact your Club Director or call the NCAA 913/339-1906 with any questions regarding college recruiting and restrictions.

J) FROZEN ROSTERS

Once a team earns and accepts a bid in a Qualifier or at a Bid Event or applies for a bid in an at-large process, then the roster of that team is frozen. All players listed on the roster of a qualified team for the Junior National Championships may not transfer to any other team.

K) THE GAME

1: Scoring:

All play will be the best 2 out of 3 games, with 25 points rally scoring in games 1 and 2. The winning team must achieve a 2-point advantage; no cap will be used. If necessary, the deciding game will be rally score to 15 points win by two, no cap.

2: Tie Breaking Procedure & Pool Play Schedule:

In the case of a tie, pool position will be determined by the following formula:

2 way tie: broken head to head

3 way tie: 1) match record 2) game record 3) point ratio

***Note:** A 3-way tie will never revert back to a 2-way tie. Percentages will be used as described above for breaking the 3-way tie.

Listed below is the schedule for both four and five team pools (there are certain circumstances which may change the listed order of matches).

4 TEAM POOL

Playing / Officiating

1 vs. 3 2

2 vs. 4 1

1 vs. 4 3

2 vs. 3 1

3 vs. 4 2

1 vs. 2 4

5 TEAM POOL

Playing / Officiating

1 vs. 5 3

2 vs. 4 5

1 vs. 3 4

2 vs. 5 1

3 vs. 4 2

1 vs. 2 3

3 vs. 5 4

1 vs. 4 5

2 vs. 3 1

4 vs. 5 2

3: Officials: The SCVA attempts to provide officials for all scheduled tournaments.

We ask that you refrain from any verbal abuse directed at these individuals who are doing their best to officiate the match.

L) SUPERVISION

A registered USAV/SCVA coach is **required** to supervise **all** team members during any SCVA competition. This person, or another registered adult, is required to remain on site until all team members have left the campus. The SCVA is not responsible for “baby sitting.” This pertains to **all** age levels. If the designated supervisor is someone other than the coach, the Tournament Director must be notified.

M) DIRECTIONS

All Site Locations with addresses are also posted on the SCVA website http://www.scvavolleyball.org/site_directions.htm. Please contact your Club Director if a site is not listed here.

The reason your athlete is out on the court is to have fun and to learn the sport of volleyball. We ask that you help the SCVA in applying all that you have read in this booklet. We wish all athletes Good Luck as we begin this season!

- SCVA