

## Arizona Region of USA Volleyball New for 2018

### 2018 National Championship locations

Adults - Dallas, Texas - May 25 - 30

Boys - Phoenix, Arizona - July 2 - 9

Girls 18s - Anaheim, California - Apr 27 - 29

Girls 11s - 17s - Detroit, Michigan - June 25 - July 4

HP Championships - Tulsa, OK - July 24 - 28

### Purple Card

The Arizona Region is launching the use of a Purple Card by the officials. It will be used during matches when parents/spectators get out of line along the same lines as the red and yellow cards for players/coaches involved in the match.

- The first issuance of the purple card will be displayed with a yellow card and will be a warning - the coach will have the opportunity to address the parent regarding their behavior. This is the warning to the team.
- The next issuance of the purple card during the match will be displayed along with a red card and will result in a point against the offending parent/spectator's team. The warning and the penalty will be to the team, so the second occurrence results in the penalty to the team regardless if it is the same parent/spectator or not - similar to a bench penalty for a team.
- The 3<sup>rd</sup> time the purple card comes out during a match there will be an ejection of the offending parent/spectator. The referee will come down from the stand and bring in the site director and lead official who will remove the offending parent/spectator from the area/facility for the rest of the tournament day. The match will then resume. For aggressive behavior, the offending parent/spectator could be banned from future tournaments until such time as it is felt they can attend without any behavioral issues arising. They would have to be reinstated by the Region to attend any future tournaments.

Parent behavior is affecting all aspects of youth sports. It is getting worse and needs to be dealt with by the clubs, teams, officials and site directors. We are losing facilities, coaches and officials everywhere because of bad parent behavior.

The use of the red and yellow cards will continue to be for players and coaches during the match.

The Parent/Spectator Code of Conduct will be used for bad parent/spectator/coach/player behavior prior to and following matches when directed toward others.

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## Score/Ref Clinics

The Official's Division of the Arizona Region has changed the training requirements for the Score/Ref Clinics. The requirement for training is still an annual clinic - the same as for the paid officials - however online training will suffice for some players and coaches.

- 16-18 Open Division players and coaches may take the training online through the USAV Academy
- 16-18 Club/Championships players and coaches may take the training online or attend a live clinic.
- 15 and younger players and their coaches must attend at live clinic
- Anyone new to club volleyball must attend a live clinic

The online courses are registered for through Webpoint - click on Region Score/Ref Clinics and select either Arizona Junior Scorer Training or Arizona Junior Second Referee and Linesman Training. Once registered, access the coursework through the red USAV Academy button in Webpoint. When the curriculum is completed, the certification will be updated in the person's Webpoint record. It is the responsibility of each coach to make sure the players are certified before they are assigned for the ref assignment.

Large clubs (20+ teams) may schedule a score/ref clinic for their club through Ernie Vasquez. The individual club score/ref clinics may only be scheduled on weekdays. The facility must accommodate the needs of the clinic to train the players and coaches. Insufficient facilities will not be used.

Train the Trainer sessions are highly recommended for clubs in the areas outside the Phoenix or Tucson metro areas.

## Adult R2 Required at all National Qualifiers/ Boys Bid Tournaments and Jr National Championships for all Ages.

The RVAA (Commissioners' Assembly) of USAV with the urging of the Officials Assembly and the Junior Assembly approved the requirement for a rostered adult R2 at all National Qualifiers/Boys Bid Tournaments and Junior National Championships for all age groups. This is a SafeSport issue with coaches yelling at and intimidating the junior R2 on the pole. This requirement is for all age groups - not just the 14 and under as was the previous requirement.

The adult will have to be on the team roster (meaning they must be registered, background screened and SafeSport certified) and should be trained as an R2. The adult does not have to be a coach but they must be an adult that has gone through junior R2 training. The team is encouraged to have more than one person certified to R2. An adult will have to R2 every match at these tournaments.

With this requirement, the Arizona Region will be holding training sessions for the adults to be trained as an R2 during the score/ref clinics. Teams must identify those adults to be trained at the score/ref clinics. All teams traveling to any national qualifiers must have

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one or more rostered adults to work the matches as NO junior players will be allowed to R2. It is strongly recommended that certified rostered adults R2 a minimum of one match per tournament to keep proficient for the qualifiers and junior national championships.

## AZ Region National Club Qualifier

The Arizona Region will require the top 6 finishers in each age division of the National Club Qualifier to accept any trickle-down bids or USAV reallocation bids (if they don't already have a bid) until all the qualifying and reallocations have been completed. A team may pass on the USAV reallocation bids if they hold a bid and want to keep their qualified level of play. If a top 6 team passes on a bid when they did not currently have a bid, sanctions could be imposed to the club, team and players. If a team turns down a bid, they will not be allowed to stay in the mix should a different bid become available at a later date.

## 11 National Division at Girls JNC

The commissioners voted to add an 11 National Division at the Girls JNC. Each Region will get 1 bid to start. The field size will be 48 teams. This will most likely eliminate the 24-team field of 11 Patriot. The Arizona Region will add 11 National to our National Club Qualifier, if warranted.

## 13 USA Division at Girls NQs and JNC

The commissioners also approved the addition of a 13 USA Division for the Girls National Qualifiers and Jr National Championships. The feeling was that the skill level difference was too large between 13 American and 13 Open which were the only 2 options at qualifiers. All bids will come from the Qualifiers.

## USAV Logo use on uniforms

USA Volleyball is in the process of creating a registered club logo that may be used on team uniforms. There will be strict requirements regarding the use of this logo. The exact requirements will be distributed when received from USAV.

## US Center for SafeSport Agency

The US Center for SafeSport Agency opened in March 2017. The Center will handle all issues involving sexual misconduct. All other items of SafeSport will be returned to the Region to handle. All who become aware of any sexual misconduct issues of registered members are to report it to the US Center for SafeSport Agency as well as the local authorities. The Center will deal with policy violations but will work with local authorities in the criminal prosecution of sexual misconduct violations.

Cindy Kirk is the Arizona Region SafeSport Director. She should be contacted at [safesport@azregionvolleyball.org](mailto:safesport@azregionvolleyball.org) or 480-993-6176 to report any SafeSport violations.

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## SafeSport Training

With this new Agency, SafeSport Training modules are being produced to include information about the Agency. The new training module platform will launch October 2, 2017. The training will consist of three 30-minute modules (instead of one 90-minute program) and will require renewal every 2 seasons. The two-year renewal requirement will begin with the 2018-2019 season.

With this two-year requirement, we are suggesting that you take the training whenever your background screen is due. That will be a good reminder to take the training each time. If you have to submit to a background screen this year, take the new training so you are on schedule. If you do not have to submit to the background screen this year, then take the training next year. USAV suggests if your background screen is not due this year to take the Reporting Child Sexual Abuse module this year so that you are aware of the new way to report that includes the US Center for SafeSport.

The [www.safesport.org](http://www.safesport.org) training modules will be offline from Sept 18 - Oct 1 to migrate the new content to the website.

## Reminders . . .

### Uniforms

The USAV Rules of the Game Commission removed the solid colored jersey requirement. However, when ordering your jerseys make sure to consider TWO different contrasts as those are the items that cause all the problems with jerseys.

Contrast 1: Jersey to jersey - light and dark contrasting of the two jersey sets

Contrast 2: Number to jersey - contrast must be light to dark and the number must be solid filled. Numbers that are just a contrasting outline of the number but the body of the number is the same color as the jersey are no longer legal numbers. Numbers may be outlined to better set them off but all 3 colors must be contrasting.

The number should not get lost in the design on the jersey or the design of the jersey. It should be clearly visible and contrasting to the colors of the jersey even when wet.

Questions regarding jersey legality should be directed to JR Salima or Earl Capps. To avoid penalties, please ask your questions BEFORE you order or print!

### Medical Kits

It used to be the norm that each team would carry a medical kit to take care of incidental injuries. This has gotten lost in the growth of the sport. There are more and more players and coaches coming to the site director asking for band aids, tape and ice. This is the responsibility of each team to provide. The Arizona Region cannot afford to have Athletic Trainers at our sites. The cost is prohibitive and would be impossible to staff. Our site directors are trained to contact 911 for serious injuries or to turn the player over to the parent to take them to urgent care. Each team should carry a medical kit for first aid and minor injuries.

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## Player Releases

The Arizona Region and USA Volleyball agree that a commitment to a club is for the entire season - this means through the end of the Junior National Championships. Therefore, any club that attempts to pick up players for a season ending event must first have a release by the first club in order to invite or offer a player committed to another club the opportunity to play with the new club. Players/coaches/club directors/anyone else associated with the club should not be recruiting players to play with the team for any season ending event unless the player has been released. Just because they are not playing with their first club in a season ending tournament does not mean they are released until you have the paper in your hand.

Even though the Girls 18s JNC is in April, 18s girls will still need to be released from their club to participate with another club in a summer season ending tournament. The end date for ALL club affiliation is the end of the summer GJNC tournament.

Club Directors have been asking the Arizona Region for many years to stop a player from going to another club if they owe the club money at the end of the season. We are not legally allowed to do that but we can enforce that players have a release before joining another club during the same season. In order for this to work, club directors have to buy into this and not poach players without a release to attend an AAU or other season ending tournament. We are all USAV registered clubs with USAV registered players. Regardless of the event, we must protect all clubs from being taken advantage of by players that jump clubs each season leaving a trail of debt behind them.

This policy is to protect the club.