

Chapter 4: Post Try-out Procedures

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1. Submit Registration

As discussed in the "Paperwork - Definitions and Due Dates" link, submit the Individual Membership Forms, Birth Certificates, Team Registration forms, Age Waivers, Coaches Code of Ethics, and all associated fees as soon as possible. Please make sure all forms are signed on both sides and all information is complete. If any of this is missing it will delay the processing of your registration materials. Forms missing signatures or other pertinent information will be returned to the Club Director for completion.

2. Submit Tournament Contract

Submit signed tournament contract by the published due dates. Payments made by the published due dates will avoid late fees.

3. Attend Officiating Clinics

All coaches and players should go through a scorekeeping and officiating clinic PRIOR to the first tournament. All club members must be certified to officiate and keep score during both regional and national tournaments. The clinics are scheduled through the Region Office in consult with the Scorekeeper Trainer and Referee Trainer. Annual certification is required. Coaches are required to assist their teams during their officiating assignments so they need to be certified. The junior boys officiating and scorekeeping clinic is run at the site of their first tournament prior to the first match start times. A minimum of 3 scorekeepers and 3 referees (different individuals) are required for each team. More is better when it comes to certified officials on a team.

4. Uniforms

USA Volleyball and the Arizona Region have rules pertaining to uniform specifications. The size and composition of the numbers on the front and back, the contrast between the jersey and the number, the contrasting jersey of the libero, and "exposed" undergarments are all issues that are regulated. Before ordering, it is recommended that club directors read the current rulebook to ensure that the uniforms meet the minimum requirements.

5. Check Arizona Region Website for Tournament Information

The Arizona Region will attempt to post the tournament schedule on their website 5-8 days prior to the tournament. This will include tournament pools, sites and start times. Please check the site again 2 days prior to the tournament to see if there have been any changes. Changes made 2 days prior and later will facilitate a phone call to the coaches of the teams involved in the change. If the tournament information is not posted 5 days prior, please be patient. That means there is a problem. Once the problem is solved, the information will be posted. It is our intent to post it no less than 5 days prior.

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6. National Tournaments

A Junior Olympic Volleyball Inter-Regional Tournament Schedule will be provided at the Fall General Assembly. The schedule outlines all national invitational and qualifier tournaments. Along with the name, dates and sites of all tournaments, a contact name is provided. Organizers can call or email the contact person to find out registration information. The national qualifier information can be found on the USA Volleyball website. Sanctioned national tournaments, other than qualifiers, can also be found on the USA Volleyball website. Most of the national tournaments have online registration procedures. These can take time to set up, so do not wait. Most of the national qualifiers will fill up months before the deadline. Check the website in November or December of the tournament you are planning to attend for registration information. Prompt reply to registration announcements may help aide in the acceptance to the tournaments. In addition, there are a few differences that exist between the Junior Girls and Junior Boys Divisions with respect to tournament play.

Junior Girls Qualifying Process

National Qualifiers are the avenue to attend the Jr. National Championships for junior girls' teams. In order to participate in "Jr. Nationals" a team must meet the requirements for qualifications as determined by USA Volleyball.

The Arizona Region holds it own National Club Qualifier Tournament in the spring for junior girls teams. Any team from our Region that has not already qualified at a National Qualifier may enter for our Region bid to the National and American Divisions of the Jr. Nationals. We are given one bid in each tournament in each of the following age groups: 12U, 13U, 14U, 15U, 16U, 17U and 18U.

National Invitational tournaments are inter-regional tournaments that are not connected with the Junior National Tournament. Popular invitational tournaments include the Fiesta Classic, Cactus Classic, Volleyball Festival, American Volleyball Championships and the 3rd Coast Championships. There is no qualification process. Any team may enter as long as the tournament is not full.

Junior Boys Qualifying Process

Junior boys have a qualification process for the Open Division of Jr. Nationals only. Teams must attend and earn a bid by finishing the bid tournament in a designated place in the tournament - the designated number depends on the number of entries in the tournament and is different for each tournament. Teams that attended but did not earn a bid are allowed to apply for an At Large entry into the Open Division.

Additional junior boy's teams are encouraged to enter the Jr. National Championships in the Club Division.