

2022/23 VLA Tier 2 Season Format and Guidelines

1: 2022/23 Membership Requirements

- A: \$25 for Established Teams + A season roster 8 Minimum 15 Maximum
- B: \$100 for New Teams + A season roster 8 Minimum 15 Maximum

*This membership does not include entry into Division or VLA Cups

New Teams also must submit

- 1) Associated Location (example: Chicago, Indiana, SoCal) Must be a city, state or region.
- 2) Team Name (must be approved by the VLA Board) Does not require mascot.
- 3) Logo (if team wishes, the league can provide logo/branding creation services to Tier 2 teams)
- 4) Juniors affiliation, if applicable
- 5) Uniforms approved or designed by the VLA
- 6) Social Media - All Teams must have an official Instagram Page (Facebook is also recommended)

Note - If a team is competing in an Open or Invitation Event for their first Tier 2 competition and they wish to acquire Tier 2 Status, they will receive a discount of \$50 on their league fee, however, they are still required to pay the full tournament fee to host team.

- C: Purchase a Minimum of a Level 2 AAU Club Membership - <https://play.aausports.org/ClubLevels.aspx>

2: 2022/23 Roster Regulations

- A: Prior to the team's first competition a registered team must enter an 8 minimum 15 Maximum player roster
- B: Tier 2 teams are allowed to have a maximum of 3 players that were on a Tier 1 Roster during the 2022 season at any time.
- C: Once a roster is submitted the roster is locked. If a roster requires any changes they can be unlocked for a \$25 roster update fee
- D: There are no limitations on roster changes. (This does not include Divisional or VLA Cup guidelines.)

Tier 2 Competition Format

- 1: Single Match Competition Eligible Tier 2 Teams
 - A: Official VLA Tier 2 Match (Best Of 5)
 - B: Teams are allowed to play other a maximum of 2 times in a single match event format for points.
(If teams play against each other in an Open/Invitation/Round Robin Event, it does not effect the point value of a Tier 2 Single Match Event)
 - C: Match Value is 1 point to the Winning Team regardless of set score.
 - D: All Matches must be live streamed to the VLA YouTube Channel
 - E: Teams hosting a Single Match Event are NOT allowed to charge the opposing team a "competition fee". upon by both competing teams.
The host team is required to manage all expenses unless openly agreed upon by both competing teams.
 - F: Both teams may split the Ref Fees, Court Fees or other production fees, they are not allowed to charge competition fees.
- 2: Round Robin Event Eligible Tier 2 and Tier 1 Teams
 - A: Standard 1-Day 3-Match Event (Matches Best of 5)
 - B: Each team will play each other once
 - C: Each match has a point value of 1 to the Winning Team regardless of set score or Tier status
 - D: Tier 1 Teams will not be able to receive any points as these matches will be considered "Exhibitions" and not official
 - E: If a Tier 2 Team defeats a Tier 1 team in a 3 Team Round Robin Event, no "bonus" point will be awarded, the point value remains "1".
 - F: All Matches must be live streamed to the VLA YouTube Channel
 - G: Teams hosting a 3 Team Round Robin Event are NOT allowed to charge the opposing teams a competition fee.
The host team is required to manage all expenses unless openly agreed upon by all competing teams.
 - H: All teams may split the Ref Fees, Court Fees or other production fees, they are not allowed to charge a competition fee.
- 3: Invitation Tournament Tier 1 and Eligible Tier 2 Teams Only
 - A: Host Team decides the teams and the tournament format
 - B: Points awarded based off of the amount of Tier 1 and Tier 2 teams participating
 - C: Points awarded for overall tournament place, not per match
 - D: Max Points awarded is 10 (5 - 1st, 3 - 2nd, 2 - 3rd)
 - E: Tournament must have at least 1 Live Stream Court that streams matches to the VLA YouTube Channel
 - F: Teams hosting an Invitation Tournament are allowed to charge a tournament entry fee
 - G: No money from the entry fee will go to the VLA, the Entry Fee will go completely to the host team for tournament expenses.
- 4: Open Tournament All Teams Welcome
 - A: Host decides tournament format
 - B: Points awarded based off of the amount of Tier 1 and 2 Teams Participating
 - C: Points awarded for overall tournament place, not per match
 - D: Max Points awarded is 10 (5 - 1st, 3 - 2nd, 2 - 3rd)
 - E: Tournament must have at least 1 Live Stream Court that streams to the VLA YouTube Channel
 - F: Teams hosting an Open Tournament are allowed to charge a tournament entry fee
 - G: No money from the entry fee will go to the VLA, the Entry Fee will go completely to the host team for tournament expenses.

Competition Request

- 1: Host Tier 2 Teams are required to submit a "Competition Request" to the VLA Board and Director of Operations
 - 2: The Competition Request will require submission of Event Format, Teams competing, Date of Competition, proof of facility usage for competition.
Note - the VLA will not provide any funding for Tier 2 Competition such as Ref Fees, Court Fees or Other
 - 3: After VLA approves, Host Team will submit a non refundable \$25 (per day) scheduling fee. 2 Day Events will be \$50 (\$25 Per day)
 - 4: Once the date of a competition is scheduled, that date is locked for that competition and must not be changed by the host.
 - 5: Once the VLA Board approves the Competition Request, the event will be placed on the schedule and it is the Tier 2 Host responsibility to ensure the production of the event.
 - 6: The VLA will provide promotional material such as graphics and social media posts to attract viewers to the event.
 - 7: It is the responsibility of the Host team to run their event in a profitable manner. This is the structure throughout the entire league from Tier 1 on down.
- The VLA considers the ability of Tier 2 Teams to host adequate events before offering a Tier 2 team promotion to Tier 1 after qualification requirements are met.

2023 Division/VLA Cup Series

	Host	Tier 1 Teams	Location	Tentative Dates	Max Teams
West Division Cup	Rising Tide	West Division	Seal Beach, CA	January	12
Central Division Cup	TBD	Central Division	TBD	March	12
East Division Cup	Team LVC	East Division	Buffalo, NY	April	12
VLA Cup	VLA/ICEMEN	All Tier 1	Chicago, IL	May	Unlimited
Tier 2 Championships	VLA/VB Festival		Phoenix, AZ	June	4