



2018-2019 CEVA RULE DIFFERENCES

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This document outlines some key differences in rules and regulations for sanctioned play in the Columbia Empire Region. This list is not exhaustive. Please see the Junior Girls' Handbook for a more thorough overview. Text highlighted in **blue** indicates a change in a specific rule or handbook language for the 2018-2019 season.

BOYS ON GIRLS' TEAMS (Section 2.8 of the Junior Girls' Handbook)

Junior boys are allowed to play on junior girls' teams in CEVA-sanctioned events. There is a limit of 2 boys per team. **Boys will sign a waiver outlining regulations of their participation prior to placement on a roster.** Boys on junior girls' teams may **not** participate in a National Qualifier Tournament, including the CEVA Bid Tournament. The guidelines below outline which junior girls' teams boys may participate with. Please see the player's membership card or Webpoint profile to determine their correct level of play (J2 = 12U ... J3 = 13U ... J4 = 14U ...). ***Please note – these guidelines are specific to CEVA-sanctioned events, and teams traveling outside the CEVA region should confirm with the event they are participating in to see if participation by male players is allowed.***

Male players defined as a J5, J6, J7, or J8 may not play on a junior girls' team.

Male players defined as a J4 may play on a junior girls' 15s or 16s team (or higher)

Male players defined as a J2 or J3 may play on a junior girls' 13s or 14s team (or higher)

Male players defined as a J0 or J1 may play on a junior girls' 11s or 12s team (or higher)

PRE-MATCH WARM-UP PROCEDURES (Section 6.5)

All rounds will be allowed 10 minutes of warm-up that will be broken down to 2 minutes of shared time (each team on their own side with no shared hitting). The serving team will use their 4 minutes of court time followed by the receiving team using the remaining 4 minutes of the warm-up time.

In addition to the above, the first two rounds of pool play will be allowed an additional 3 minutes of shared warm-up time. There will be 5 total minutes of shared time in these rounds, followed by the 4 minutes of the serving team, then 4 minutes for the receiving team.

Per USAV Rules, teams that are off during their opponents' 4-minute warm-up time are not allowed to warm-up using any balls and must be visible to the officiating crew.

PENALTIES FOR BEING LATE TO AN OFFICIATING ASSIGNMENT (Section 8.9)

Teams failing to fulfill their officiating assignments will be fined \$50.

Coaches and/or adult team representatives must be courtside each match their team is acting as the work team at all CEVA-sanctioned tournaments or be the R2 for that match.

Teams who are late to their scheduled officiating assignments will be penalized one point per minute, starting at the scheduled game time, on their next played set, up to a maximum of 25 points.



CEVA BID TOURNAMENT FORMAT & QUALIFICATION (Section 8.11 & Appendix H)

All teams (11s – 18s age divisions) interested in participating in the tournament must notify the CEVA office in writing by January 31.

The CEVA Bid Tournament is only open to teams who commit to accept any bid they earn at the tournament (including National and/or American Bids)

There will be a maximum of 8 teams participating in the 14s, 16s, and 18s. All other age divisions will have a maximum of 4 teams participating. Based on Power League #1 results (generally the February PL tournament), the 8 highest-ranked teams in each age division (who registered by the January 31st deadline) will be entered in the Bid Tournament.

Divisions with 4 teams or less will play a round-robin pool play tournament, with tie-breaking games as necessary (no bracket). Divisions with 5-7 teams will play a double-elimination bracket.

Divisions with 8 teams will be split into two 4-team double-elimination brackets. The winners of those two brackets will play to determine the final order of finish as well as bid allocation. The winner of that match will be awarded the National Bid, and the loser will be awarded the American Bid. There will also be a 3rd/4th place match to determine the first two teams on the waiting list should one of our regional bids become available through a trickle-down process.

QUALIFIED REFEREES & SCOREKEEPERS (Section 8.7 and 8.9)

Each team must have at least one certified adult referee on the roster and in attendance at each sanctioned tournament.

Each team must have at least three certified junior scorers on the roster and in attendance at each sanctioned tournament.

TIEBREAKING PLAYOFF MATCHES (POOL PLAY) & TIEBREAK PROCEDURES (Appendix F)

Tiebreaking playoff matches shall be played as a one-set match to 15 points, win by 2, no cap. There are no playoff matches for tiebreakers in any Power League Qualifier Tournament.

During Power League, the following divisions will have playoff matches to break 3-way pool play ties: Platinum, Gold, Silver, and Bronze divisions in the 14s, 16s, and 18s age groups.

In the Regional Championships, playoff matches will only be played in the Open Championships (top 16 teams only, all age levels – Gold and Silver divisions). Playoff matches are not played in the Bronze Division at Regionals.



12s DIVISION STEP-IN RULE (Section 8.3)

For the 12-and-under age level, the CEVA region allows players to take one step into the court to serve – starting on or behind the end line.

- If a 12s player is utilizing a jump serve, this rule does not apply.
- This rule is applicable to all divisions and teams during the Power League Qualifier.
- After the Power League Qualifier, this rule will not apply to the Gold & Silver divisions. Players in these two age divisions must serve from behind the end line.

6:00/6:30 RULE (Appendix D)

Power League tournaments typically will start at 8:00 AM. Exceptions will be noted on the schedules and documents posted online prior to each tournament.

Any match that will start after 6:00 PM will automatically be played as a 1-to-25 match, win by two, no cap. This stipulation does not apply to the Power League Qualifier, nor will it apply to Platinum League events (the time for these events is 6:30 PM, not 6:00 PM).