

# GIRLS DIVISION HANDBOOK 2018-2019 Season



*The Northern California Volleyball Association reserves the right to make changes at any time to the Junior Girls Division, its operation, and/or this Handbook for the betterment of membership participation*



Last Updated: 10/15/2018

## Vision and Mission Statements

### ***Vision Statement***

To promote participation in a quality program that provides a positive and safe athletic environment through a variety of developmental and competitive opportunities for junior girls of all ages, skill levels, and diverse groups.

### ***Mission Statement***

The Girls Division will create a diverse and varied system of competition. It will develop education and training programs for all players and participants. The Division will create non-discriminatory entry-level playing opportunities. It will create reciprocal relationships for inter-regional, national, intra-regional, and international competition. The Division will establish partnerships with related groups to promote junior girls volleyball.

# TABLE OF CONTENTS

Vision and Mission Statements.....	2
Vision Statement.....	2
Mission Statement.....	2
Policies.....	7
Membership Registration.....	7
Tournament Registration.....	7
Entering NCVA Tournaments.....	7
On-Site at NCVA Tournaments.....	7
Recruiting Policy.....	8
Minors Coaching.....	8
Club to Club Player Transfer.....	9
Player Transfer within a Club.....	9
Adding New Players to a Roster.....	10
Multi-Division Teams.....	11
Participating in a Beach Program.....	11
Regional Jurisdiction Policy.....	11
USA Volleyball Junior Player Age Definition.....	11
Format.....	13
Non-League Tournaments.....	13
Seeding for Non-League Events.....	13
Youth League Tournaments.....	13
Fall Competition Tournaments.....	15
Premier League Tournaments.....	15
Premier League Seeding.....	16
Premier League Region Championships.....	17
Power League Tournaments.....	19
Power League Qualifier Seeding.....	20
Power Leagues #1, #2 and #3.....	22
Power League Region Championships.....	22
Region Championship Seeding Procedure.....	23
Switching Leagues.....	23

Warm-Ups.....	24
Tie-Breaking Procedure .....	24
Protests .....	25
Reviewing Points .....	26
NCVA Premier League Point Structure.....	26
NCVA Power League Point Structure .....	27
National Events.....	29
USAV Junior National Volleyball Championships .....	29
Girls National Qualifiers.....	29
Girls 18’s Junior National Championships.....	29
Girls Junior National Championships.....	29
Schedule.....	33
NCVA Girl’s Intra-Regional Tournaments .....	34
Girl's Qualifiers and Junior National Championships .....	34
Fees .....	44
Membership Fees.....	44
Tournament and League Fees .....	44
Club Tryouts .....	47
Parent / Player Guidelines.....	47
Tryout Policy for the 2018-2019 Season .....	48
Tryout Sanctioning Form.....	51
Clinic Procedure - Helpful Guide to an Easy Clinic Process.....	53
Clinic Sanctioning Form.....	54
Insurance, Medical, and Incident Forms.....	56
Certificate of Insurance Request Form .....	56
USAV Medical Claim Form .....	56
USAV Incident Report Form.....	56
Forms .....	58
Registration Checklist.....	58
Age Waiver Application .....	59
Clinic Registration Form.....	59
Credit Card Authorization Form.....	59
Letter of Commitment.....	59

Rater Request Form .....	59
Referee Evaluation Form .....	59
Team Roster and Team Ranking Form.....	59
Tournament Cancellation Form .....	59
Tournament Director Evaluation Form.....	59
Scrimmage Sanctioning Form.....	60
Application to Change Clubs Form .....	60
California Kickoff Appeals Form .....	60
Power League Appeals Form.....	60
Safesport .....	62
Officiating.....	65
Significant playing rules changes 2018-2019 .....	66
Junior Officials Program.....	66
Codes of Conduct.....	68
Member Code of Conduct.....	68
Spectator/Parent Code of Conduct.....	68
NCVA Code of Behavior.....	68
Sanctions .....	68
Sanctions Policies Grid.....	69
Illegal Player .....	71
Age Falsification.....	71
Food in the Playing Facility / Failure to Follow Facility Rules.....	73
Late for an Officiating Assignment .....	73
Communication.....	85
Partners .....	88



# POLICIES

# POLICIES

## ***Membership Registration***

### ***NCVA Membership***

As of November 1<sup>st</sup>, all Northern California Volleyball Association (NCVA) must renew their membership or become new members by using our online registration system, Webpoint, located at [www.ncva.com](http://www.ncva.com).

## ***Tournament Registration***

- Your event registration is complete once the following steps are done:
  - Register online (Event Registration in TM2, and Individual Registration, Webpoint).
  - [Submit club paperwork.](#)
  - All payments made, by credit card or check mailed to the NCVA office.
  - Background checks have been cleared and SafeSport Certified.
  - Rosters built in TM2 **AND** Webpoint.
- All tournament entries and membership registrations (player, coach, team, etc.) must be completed online by the individual(s) and not the NCVA.
- Teams participating in the Power League must enter online and pay for the league by **5:00 PM on Monday, December 3, 2018.**
- Teams wanting to take advantage of the Premier League discount must register online and pay for the entire League by **5:00 PM on Wednesday, January 2, 2019.**
- Teams participating in an individual Premier League or Non-League tournament must register online by 9:00 AM, 14 days prior to the tournament. We will accept teams on a space-availability basis. You can email [yball@ncva.com](mailto:yball@ncva.com) for availability.
- The NCVA office will publish the gym sites for each tournament date as the sites become available.
- All sites will be assigned for teams participating in the Power League.
- The NCVA will list participating teams on the website as soon as it is available to post.
- All tournament cancellations must be submitted online to the NCVA using the [Tournament Cancellation Form](#).
- There are no refunds once you have entered your team into the entire Power or Premier League.

## ***Entering NCVA Tournaments***

- Via the NCVA website, if your team has been accepted into a tournament, the NCVA's goal is to have sites posted and team information by 5:00 PM on the Monday before the event. Exceptions to this will be tournaments that require USA Volleyball's seeding information or last minute site cancellations.

## ***On-Site at NCVA Tournaments***

- All teams, players and coaches, must arrive at the team's assigned tournament site at least one (1) hour prior to the scheduled start time for the tournament. Teams that may have a bye for the first match of the day are still required to show up one (1) hour prior to the scheduled start time for the tournament. For example, if the scheduled start time for Power League #2 is 8:00 AM, then your entire team should arrive by 7:00 AM.

- Coaches must attend the on-site coaches meeting held 30 minutes prior to match time for all league and non-league events. **Teams who do not attending the meeting will be dropped from the tournament.**
- Teams are responsible for keeping track of the status of play on their assigned court. Teams must be ready to play or officiate as soon as the court is ready to go. Teams failing to be ready on their assigned court may incur sanctions.

### ***Recruiting Policy***

- The NCVA Girls Division sanctioned season begins on November 1st and concludes the day after the last day of the USA Junior National Volleyball Championships (JNC). Regardless of either event, the conclusion of the Girls Division sanctioned season will not extend past July 31st.
- Once a player has committed to a team during the NCVA sanctioned season, club directors and coaches from other NCVA clubs must respect the player's commitment and cease recruiting the player. If a recruiter contacts a player who has signed a commitment to another team, the player must notify the recruiter of the commitment. After notification, the recruiter shall not contact that player or the player's family.
- A recruiting violation occurs when an NCVA registered club director and/or coach from one (1) NCVA registered club makes initial verbal or written contact with an athlete, or the athlete's parents, from another NCVA registered club with the intent to persuade the player to leave the present club and join another club.
- The suggested maximum penalty may include, but is not limited to, a monetary fine and/or a suspension of NCVA membership for a period of one (1) year, beginning on the date of the final ruling.
- If a club director or coach is found guilty of committing a recruiting violation, the guilty party may make an appeal. A special Board of Inquiry Committee will hear the appeal and will make a ruling. The decision of this Committee will be final.
- If a player or parent makes the initial contact, a club director or coach may answer questions and inform the player or parent about the club's specific program without fear of committing a recruiting violation. It is strongly recommended that all club directors and coaches refrain from making negative comments concerning other clubs or their staff.
- A player who has committed to a club and then wishes to transfer to another club must follow the NCVA's Procedure for Player Transfer. This is irrespective of the length of a player's membership with that club.

### ***Minors Coaching***

- Anyone that would like to coach a Junior Team that is age 17 and under is allowed to be an assistant coach. All teams must have a head coach age 18 or older.
- A head coach must always be present at all times. An assistant coach is not allowed to coach by themselves at practice/tournaments, etc.
- Any individual who is not yet 18 years old and who is in a non-player role affiliated with a junior club must be background screened immediately upon reaching 18 years of age. A 30-day grace period shall apply from the date of the 18<sup>th</sup> birthday in order to allow time for the background screening to be processed. During the 30-day grace period, the same restrictions apply to the individual and should be enforced as are in place for junior coaches regarding supervision by a qualified adult.



## ***Club to Club Player Transfer***

Junior players are eligible to play for any club or team until the start of the NCVA sanctioned season, which begins on November 1<sup>st</sup>. During the sanctioned season, a player is to remain a registered member of that specific club throughout the season. However, during the sanctioned season, a player or parent may request a transfer to another club.

### **Guidelines**

- **A player CANNOT participate in any practice or tournament until the NCVA has approved the transfer.**
- A player can only transfer provided they remain in the same age definition or higher. Example: If you a 16-year-old is playing in the 18's division, you cannot transfer back to the 16's Division. However, if you play on an 18's team and need to transfer to a different club, you can play on a 17's team provided the player is within the USAV Age Definition.
- **Once a team has qualified, or attempted to qualify, for a National Bid to the JNC that team's roster is frozen. See USAV website for Frozen Roster Verification Rules.**
- A new player may be added to any team's roster at any time provided the player has never been registered with another NCVA registered club for that season.
- Following Power League #3, you cannot transfer a player from one (1) club to another club.
- If the current club director will not sign the form to release the player, the player or parent may submit a written appeal to the NCVA, and the NCVA League Coordinator will make the necessary contact(s).
- The NCVA League Coordinator has the right to release the player whether or not the current club director responds.
- The NCVA League Coordinator also has the right to uphold the current club director's decision to not grant the player release. In either case, each party has the right to appeal to the Commissioner.

Steps	What you need	Transfer Procedure
First	<a href="#">Download a copy of the Change of Clubs Form</a>	This form is used to initiate the process for players to change clubs. The player, parent, current club director and future club director must all sign the form in order for the transfer to occur.
Second	<a href="#">Submit the form to the NCVA Office</a>	The NCVA office will then review the form for approval. Players may not practice, play or in any way be affiliated with their new club until the transfer has been approved by the NCVA Office.
Third	Email Approval	The NCVA office will send an email to the person who submitted the form that the player has been approved or denied of the transfer

## ***Player Transfer within a Club***

A team's roster must remain the same for all NCVA League Tournaments

(Qualifier, League Tournaments #1-4, and Region Championships).

- However, during the NCVA-sanctioned season, a player may transfer from one (1) team to another team within the same club provided it is within the same age category or higher. A player can only transfer once to a different team and must stay with that team for the remainder of the season. They must also qualify under the Age definition. Example: If you are a 16-year-old playing in the 18's division, you cannot transfer back to the 16's Division.

Steps	What you need	Transfer Procedure
First	<a href="#">Notify the NCVA Office via email</a>	Send an email to <a href="mailto:leslie@ncva.com">leslie@ncva.com</a> and ask for approval of the transfer
Second	Updated Roster from Handbook	If the transfer is approved, you will need to submit a <a href="#">new roster</a> via <a href="#">email</a> , fax, or mail. You will also need to update your roster online.

## Guidelines

Once a team has qualified for a National Bid to the Junior National Championships, that team's roster is frozen. See USAV website for Frozen Roster Verification Rules.

- A player may not return to a previous team once a transfer has occurred.
- Following Power League #3, you cannot transfer a player from one (1) team to another team within the club.
- A new player may be added to any team's roster at any time provided the player has never been registered with another NCVA registered club for that season. Appropriate paperwork and fees must be submitted to the NCVA office before the player participates in any practice or tournament.
- Any player or club found illegally transferring players between teams within their club may be subject, but not limited, to fines and/or suspension of the club director, coach, and/or player(s) involved.

## *Switching from Premier District Area League to Power League OR Power League to Premier District Area League*

### Individual Player within a Club OR Club to Club

- Following Power League #3, a Power League Player cannot transfer to a Premier League team, no can a Premier League Player transfer to a Power League team.
- Only a Power League Player can transfer to another Power League team within their club and in the correct age definition. Example: If you are 16 years old and playing in the 18's division, you cannot transfer back to the 16's Division. See Multiple –Division teams below
- A Premier League Player can transfer to a Power League team, but once the transfer has been completed, that player cannot switch back to any Premier League Team.

### Adding New Players to a Roster

- A new player may be added to any team's roster at any time provided the player has never been registered with another NCVA registered club for that season. Appropriate paperwork and fees must be submitted to the NCVA Office before the player participates in any practice or tournament and update your roster online.
- Any player or club found illegally transferring players between teams within their club or illegally adding new players to a roster may be subject, but not limited, to fines and/or suspension of the club director, coach, and/or player(s) involved.

### ***Multi-Division Teams***

- A team that participates in the NCVA Power League or the NCVA Premier League may participate in an older age division but must continue to play in that age division for the entire League. Such a team may play in their own age division for all non-league and “special” tournaments.
- Teams may not play in a younger age division. Any team found participating in an illegal age division or illegally switching age divisions may be subject, but not limited, to fines and/ or suspension of the club director, coach and/or player(s) involved.

### ***Participating in a Beach Program***

- Players that plan to participate in both the indoor and outdoor seasons may do so without defining a club commitment for the outdoor season. There is not a transfer policy to participate in both seasons as indoor season commitments do not apply to the outdoor season.

### ***Regional Jurisdiction Policy***

- Players on NCVA teams must reside within the NCVA region’s geographical jurisdiction (as approved by USA Volleyball).
- Players who reside within the NCVA region’s geographical jurisdiction cannot play on a team that is under the jurisdiction of another Regional Volleyball Association.

### ***USA Volleyball Junior Player Age Definition***

#### **For Use during the 2018-2019 Season**

Once a player participates (including but not limited to practicing, training, attending workouts and/or competing) in a club or varsity program for any university, college, community college, or junior college, he/she is ineligible to take part in any regional and national programming, which includes but is not limited to national JNC qualifying and championship events.



# FORMAT

# FORMAT

## *Non-League Tournaments*

- Non-League tournaments will be offered in the following age groups: 18, 16, 14, 12, and 11. All teams are eligible to play in Non-League tournaments.
- The cost for these tournaments is \$180.00 each.
- The deadline to enter these tournaments will be 9:00 AM, 14 days prior to the event. In order for your Non-League registration to be complete, you must register online and submit payment either online or by submitting a check or credit card to the NCVA Office. Please also note there are required club forms to be submitted to the NCVA Office. Visit forms section on [www.ncva.com](http://www.ncva.com)
- Unless a Non-League tournament is cancelled, there are no refunds. After the deadline, teams entering late may be added on a first-come, first-serve, space-available basis.
- Play will begin at 8:00 AM.
- Each match is the best two (2) out of three (3) sets to 25 points in the first two (2) sets and to 15 points in the third set, if necessary. All sets will use rally scoring with no cap. Some pools can be all three (3) games to 25 points based on format.
- After pool play, all teams will advance to playoff brackets. If bracket play cannot be completed by 6:00 PM, the tournament director can change the scoring method from a best two (2) out of three (3) sets to one (1) set to 25 points. Teams will switch sides when one (1) team scores 13 points. The decision will be based on leaving the site by 6:00 PM per facility rules.
- Each team will have the option to play as close to home as possible or to travel; typical travel time is 90 minutes. However, sites and travel times are subject to change.
- Points will not be given for Non-League tournaments. Tournament formats may change from tournament to tournament due to the number of entries received.
- The 13-18 Non- League Divisions will use the Molten Super Touch volleyball.
- The 11 and 12 and under Non- League Division will use the Molten VB-U12 volleyball and players are not allowed to step into the court when serving.
- Only teams that DO NOT have 12-year old's – players that are 11 years old and under and on a team designated as an 11 and under team (i.e. 11-1) – are allowed to use the Molten VB-U12 volleyball AND one (1) step into the court when serving.

## *Seeding for Non-League Events*

There is no seeding into Non-League events. Non-League tournaments are open to all teams.

## *Youth League Tournaments*

- Youth League tournaments will be offered in the following age groups: 9<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> grades. The concept of this league is to introduce younger athletes to the sport of volleyball.
- The cost for this league is \$120.00 per participant. This fee includes a Youth League Only Membership. Players wishing to participate in other events will need to register as a full member. Youth League Only Memberships will not be upgraded to full members.
- The deadline to enter teams into events online/submit payment for the League is 14 days prior to the event. In order for your Youth League registration to be complete, you must register online and submit payment either online or by submitting a check or credit card to the NCVA Office.
- Play will begin at 9:00 AM.
- Youth League will have the following rule differences:

- Serving:
  - For the first serve of the match, player must start behind the end line
  - If the player is unable to make their serve over the net on the first attempt:
  - Player may re-serve and
  - Player is allowed to take a step into the court
  - If a player can jump serve, they may not step in or re-serve
  - If a player serves over the net and it goes out, they may not step in or re-serve
  - If the served ball becomes in play, regardless of the result, no re-serve is allowed
- 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade players:
  - This division uses times matches
  - 35 minutes each match, switching sides after 15 minutes
  - Officiating team should start score over at 15-minute switch
  - Team with the most points at switch and/or end wins the set
  - The result is recorded by sets, not matches
  - All final pool results are done by set percentage
  - Warm-up time is not included in the 35-minute match
  - A limit of three (3) serves in a row, then side-out, without awarding a point
- 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade players:
  - This division has a two (2) set cap
  - The result is recorded by sets, not matches
  - All results are done by set percentage
  - A limit of six (6) serves in a row, then side-out, without awarding a point
- At each event there is a 20-minute break between the second and third matches of the tournament, however, the teams may decide to go ahead and play if they use a four (4) team pool as breaks are built into the format.
- All sets will use rally scoring.
- Tournaments will consist of pool play only. If three (3) team pools are used, cross over matches will follow pool play. All Youth League Tournaments are scheduled to end by 3:00 PM. If play cannot be completed by 3:00 PM, the tournament director may change the scoring method to one (1) set to 25 points. Teams will switch sides when one (1) team scores 13 points. The decision will be based on the need to leave the site by 3:00 PM per facility rules.
- Each team will have the option to play as close to home as possible or to travel; typical travel time is 90 minutes. However, sites and travel times are subject to change.
- Points will not be given for Youth League tournaments. Tournament formats may change from tournament to tournament due to the number of entries received.
- For Youth League events, clubs may set team roster(s) on a per-tournament basis.
- In order to grow the sport of volleyball and introduce more youth to the sport, the NCVA recommends that clubs charge no more than \$500.00 per participant, not including the \$120.00 league fee, for their Youth League Program.
- Simple, low cost uniforms are recommended – a simple t-shirt with number.

- Each Youth League Tournament will be provided additional tournament staff to assist coaches in the training/facilitating of new players and officiating duties. Tournament staff will assist in training players to be scorekeepers, linesman, etc.

### ***Fall Competition Tournaments***

- Fall Competition Tournaments will be offered in the following age groups: 9<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> grades. The concept of this league is to introduce athletes to competitive volleyball and provide competitive volleyball for those athletes that do not have a middle school program to participate in.
- The cost for this league is \$750.00 per team.
- All players must be registered as full members (\$70.00) to participate.
- The deadline to enter teams into events online/submit payment for the League is 14 days prior to the event. In order for your Fall Competition registration to be complete, you must register online and submit payment either online or by submitting a check or credit card to the NCVA Office. Please also note there are required club forms to be submitted to the NCVA Office.
- Play will begin at 9:00 AM.
- Each match is the best two (2) out of three (3) sets to 25 points in the first two (2) sets and to 15 points in the third set switching sides at eight (8) points, if necessary. All sets will use rally scoring with no cap. Some pools may be all three (3) sets to 25 points based on format.
- Tournaments will consist of pool play only. If three (3) team pools are used, cross over matches will follow pool play. All Fall Competition Tournaments are scheduled to end by 3:00 PM. If play cannot be completed by 3:00 PM, the tournament director may change the scoring method from best two (2) out of three (3) to one (1) set to 25 points. Teams will switch sides when one (1) team scores 13 points. The decision will be based on the need to leave the site by 3:00 PM per facility rules.
- Each team will have the option to play as close to home as possible or to travel; typical travel time is 90 minutes. However, sites and travel times are subject to change.
- Points will not be given for Fall Competition tournaments. Tournament formats may change from tournament to tournament due to the number of entries received.
- For Fall Competition events, clubs may set team roster(s) on a per-tournament basis.
- Simple, low cost uniforms are recommended – a simple t-shirt with number.
- The teams in this league are eligible to participate in Premier League, Power League and Special Tournaments.

### ***Premier League Tournaments***

- Premier League tournaments will be offered in the following age groups: 18, 16, 14, 12, and 11. All teams who do not participate in the Power League are eligible to play in a Premier League tournament. If you are entered into Power League, your team is not eligible to play in Premier League Tournaments.
- Play will begin at 8:00 AM for all Premier League tournaments.
- The Premier League consists of a one (1) day Qualifier, three (3) league dates, a one (1) day District Championship and a two (2) day Region Championship.
- To enter the entire league, and qualify for the full league discount, you must complete all league registration requirements by the deadline, **5:00 PM on Wednesday, January 2, 2019**. In order for your Premier League registration to be complete, you must register online and submit payment either

online or by submitting a check or credit card to the NCVA Office. Please also note there are required club forms to be submitted to the NCVA Office. Please visit the forms section of [www.ncva.com](http://www.ncva.com)

- After entering the entire league, teams will be automatically entered into all League dates, including the Qualifier and the two (2) day Region Championship.
- The cost for these tournaments is \$275.00 per tournament, \$800.00 for the Region Championship. Or \$1,200.00 per team for the entire league (if entered by deadline) which includes the Region Championships.
- A team must play in at least two (2) Premier League tournaments to be eligible to play in the Region Championships.
- All teams participating in Premier League will receive points. The Premier League point structure will be used to seed teams into the District and Region Championships.
- Premier League is broken into districts throughout Northern California. All teams in a particular district will compete against each other.
- Teams in each district will be divided into groups to allow for movement up and down throughout the league.
- There will be nine (9) districts throughout Northern California. Districts will be named as follows: Redwood, Eagle, Grizzly, Pacific, Sierra, Gold Rush, Earthquake, San Andreas, and Poppy.
- Teams will be assigned to sites based on their ranking within their district, not their distance to a particular site. Sites and travel times are subject to change. The NCVA will make every attempt to acquire sites within a 90-minute travel time but this cannot be guaranteed due to the league format.
- For the Premier League Region Championship, teams will be combined with the other district teams at convention centers to compete in a region-wide championship.
- The number of teams that will move up and down, and the points given, will be based on the total number of teams in your area.
- The deadline to enter individual tournaments (\$275.00 per team) will be 9:00 AM 14 days prior to the event. You must register and pay online to be entered.
- Each match is best two (2) out of three (3) sets to 25 points in the first two (2) sets and to 15 points in the third set, if necessary. All sets will use rally scoring with no cap.
- After pool play, teams will advance to playoff brackets. If bracket play cannot be completed by 6:00 PM, the tournament director may change the scoring method from a best two (2) out of three (3) sets to one (1) set to 25 points. Teams will switch sides when one (1) team scores 13 points. The decision will be based on leaving the site by 6:00 PM per facility rules.
- The 13-18 Premier League Divisions will use the Molten Super Touch volleyball.
- The 12 and 11 and under Premier League Division will use the Molten VB-U12 volleyball and players are not allowed to step into the court when serving.
- Only teams that DO NOT have 12-year olds – players that are 11 years old and under and on a team designated as an 11 and under team (i.e. 11-1) – are allowed to use the Molten VB-U12 volleyball AND one (1) step into the court when serving.

### ***Premier League Seeding***

- The number of teams in each division will be determined by the total number of Premier League
- Each League tournament will have the same designated point structure, which will seed the teams into the Premier District Area League District and Region Championships. Overall points will be reviewed for seeding into the Premier District Area League District Championships
- Overall finish from the District Championships will be reviewed for the Region Championships.



## Initial Seeding

- Teams will be seeded based on their points from the 2017-2018 Premier League.
- Teams will be ranked according to the points in the previous season's same age groups. For example, 18's team will be seeded according to their finish as an 18's team.
- All teams who did not have a corresponding team in 2017-2018 will be seeded at the bottom of the division.

## Premier League Region Championships

The Premier League Region Championships will be broken into 48 team divisions [Gold (1-48), Silver (49-96), Bronze (97-144), and so on]. Each District will be allocated positions in each division. Each district is automatically allocated two (2) positions in each division. Additional positions are then allocated based on the finish of that district's teams in the past season and the size of the district, as outlined below.

How we calculate the number of positions allocated to each District:

1. Each District receives two positions automatically.
2. Each District receives additional positions based on the number of teams from that District that made it to the top 24 teams the previous season:

# of teams in district	# of additional bids
>12	1
>18	2
>24	3
>30	4

3. Each district receives additional positions based on the number of teams in that district:

# of teams in top 24	# of additional bids
0	0
2	1
4	2
6	3

4. Remaining positions are awarded to the Districts in a round robin method, starting with the largest districts, until all positions have been awarded.

Here is the breakdown, by Age Group, of the number of positions allocated to each district.

18/17 Division:

	Starting bid allocation	Total in District	Additional bids based on district size	Remaining bids distributed	Top 24	Additional Bids based on results from district teams	Total Bids
Gold Rush	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sierra	2	21	2	6	6	3	13

Eagle	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Redwood	2	16	1	6	5	2	11
Earthquake	2	22	2	7	8	3	14
San Andreas	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pacific	2	10	0	6	5	2	10

16/15 Division:

	Starting bid allocation	Total teams in District	Additional bids based on district size	Remaining bids distributed	Top 24	Additional Bids based on results from district teams	Total Bids
Gold Rush	2	15	1	2	3	1	6
Sierra	2	35	4	2	6	3	11
Eagle	2	25	3	2	6	3	10
Redwood	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Earthquake	2	35	4	2	2	1	9
San Andreas	2	11	0	1	2	1	4
Pacific	2	22	2	2	5	2	8

14/13 Division:

	Starting bid allocation	Total teams in District	Additional bids based on district size	Remaining bids distributed	Top 24	Additional Bids based on results from district teams	Total Bids
Gold Rush	2	22	2	0	4	2	6
Sierra	2	35	4	1	6	3	10
Eagle	2	36	4	1	0	0	7
Redwood	2	16	1	0	3	1	4
Earthquake - North	2	27	3	1	2	1	7
Earthquake - South	2	10	0	0	2	1	3
San Andreas	2	7	0	0	2	1	3

12/11 Division:

	Starting bid allocation	Total teams in District	Additional bids based on district size	Remaining bids distributed	Top 24	Additional Bids based on results from district teams	Total Bids
Gold Rush	2	24	2	3	4	2	9
Sierra	2	22	2	3	4	2	9
Eagle	2	19	2	3	2	1	8

Redwood	2	12	0	2	5	2	6
Earthquake	2	27	3	3	6	3	11
San Andreas	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pacific	2	8	0	2	3	1	5

## ***Power League Tournaments***

- Power League tournaments are offered in the following age groups: 18, 17, 16, 15, 14, 13, 12, and 11.
- Play will begin at 8:00 AM for all Power League tournaments.
- Points will be awarded to all teams participating in the Power League.
- To enter the entire league, and avoid late registration fees, you must complete all league registration requirements by the deadline, **5:00 PM, Monday, December 3, 2019. There are no refunds.** In order for your Power League registration to be complete, you must register online and submit payment either online or by submitting a check or credit card to the NCVA Office. Please also note there are required club forms to be submitted to the NCVA Office. Please visit the forms section of [www.ncva.com](http://www.ncva.com)
- In order to accurately seed teams for the beginning of the season, the Power League begins with a two (2) day Qualifier. Following the Qualifier, there will be three (3) League tournaments followed by a two (2) day Region Championship. The Region Championship format consists of a Championship Section and a Challenger Section.
- All Power League tournaments are mandatory, which means that teams entering Power League will play seven (7) mandatory days.
- After entering the Power League, teams will be automatically entered into all League dates, including the two (2) day Qualifier and the two (2) day Region Championship.
- A team may choose to enter the League after the Qualifier, but they will be entered at the lowest level and only if space is available, at the full Power League cost.
- ALL TEAMS MUST BE PREPARED TO TRAVEL TO THEIR MANDATORY SITES.
- Each match is best two (2) out of three (3) sets to 25 points in the first two (2) sets and to 15 points in the third set, if necessary. All sets will use rally scoring with no cap.
- All teams will be divided into pools for partial round-robin play. After pool play, all teams will advance to a playoff bracket(s). If bracket play cannot be completed by 6:00 PM, the tournament director may change the scoring method from a best two (2) out of three (3) sets to one (1) set to 25 points. Teams will switch sides when one (1) team scores 13 points. The decision will be based on leaving the site by 6:00 PM per facility rules.
- All teams will be ranked and given points according to their finishes.
- The 13-18 Power League Divisions will use the Molten Super Touch volleyball.
- Both the 12 and under and the 11 and under divisions for Power League will use the Molten VB-U12 volleyball.
- Teams participating in the 11 and under division will be allowed to take one (1) step into the court when serving.

## **Power League Divisions**

The following is the list of divisions, in their proper order, for the Championship and Challenger sections:

Championship Section:	Gold	12 Teams	11U Championship Section:	Gold	9 Teams
	Silver	12 Teams		Silver	9 Teams
	Bronze	12 Teams		Bronze	9 Teams

Challenger Section:	Aqua	Evergreen	Indigo	Maroon
	Blue	Fuchsia	Jade	Navajo
	Copper	Green	Kale	Orange
	Dusk	Hyacinth	Lavender	Purple, etc.

The last few divisions of a Challenger Section age group will have a random number of teams.

### **Power League Regional Championship Section**

- The Championship Section will consist of 36 teams divided into three divisions (Gold, Silver, and Bronze).
- Each division will have 12 teams playing on three (3) or four (4) courts. The top three (3) finishing teams in each League tournament (Leagues #1, #2, and #3) will move up one (1) division and the three (3) lowest finishing teams will move down one (1) division.

### **Power League Regional Challenger Section**

- The Challenger Section will consist of as many divisions as necessary to accommodate all teams that have entered. Each division will consist of at least eight (8) teams, with the last division consisting of a random number. The NCVA reserves the right to change the number of teams in a division to better accommodate the number of teams entered in any age group, and to allow the use of more two (2) court facilities.
- Each division will begin with Gold, Silver Bronze divisions followed by the corresponding alphabet by color (Aqua, Blue, Copper, Dusk, etc.) with the higher levels corresponding to the beginning of the alphabet.
- Each division will play on two (2), three (3), or four (4) courts.
- The top three (3) finishing teams in each League tournament (#1, #2 and #3) will move up one (1) division and the three (3) lowest finishing teams will move down one (1) division. For example, a Bronze division team that finishes tenth, eleventh, or twelfth in a League tournament will move to the Aqua division for its next tournament. Likewise, a team finishing first, second, or third in the Aqua division will move to the Bronze division up to and including League #3.

### ***Power League Qualifier Seeding***

Placement into the 2019 Power League is determined by Power League Qualifier Finish. Every team in the Power League Qualifier will have an opportunity on the court to reach the Gold, Silver or Bronze Division. Teams will play in their specific age group for the Power League Qualifier - 18, 17, 16, 15, 14, 13, 12, 11. Teams will be seeded based on their points in 2018. Teams without 2018 Power League points will initially be seeded after those with 2018 points. Any team that believes a seed is significantly incorrect may submit a seeding appeal. Please see forms section of this handbook. Your written appeal will be considered by NCVA if your appeal states compelling reasons of why your team is miss-seeded and the appropriate calculations for a different seed may occur.

### **Initial Seeding**

- Teams will be seeded based on their points from the 2018 Power League.
- Teams will be ranked according to the points in their previous age groups. For example, 18s team will be seeded according to their finish as 17s team.
- All teams who did not have a corresponding team in 2018 will be seeded at the bottom of the division.

- 11's teams will be seeded based on the 2018 points of their club's 12s teams.

## Appeals

- Teams that believe that they are significantly mis-seeded must submit a written appeal to the NCVA Office by **Tuesday, January 22, 2019 by 5:00 PM.**
- You must turn in the Appeals Form by this date. This form can be found on the NCVA website - [www.ncva.com](http://www.ncva.com) – under the Forms section of this handbook.

### Examples of teams that have appropriate reasons to appeal:

- A.) An 18s team that had many High School Juniors in 2018 and is thus better represented by their finish in the 18s division.
- B.) A team that is comprised of many players who played with a different club in 2018.

Once the seeding is released for appeals, the ceiling/cap will be removed from the seeded and unseeded teams. Based on the appeal, team(s) may be moved accordingly. Appeals should only be submitted when a team's seeding may be incorrect by at least 35% of the divisions seeding.

This percentage translates to these approximations:

<u>Age</u> <u>Division</u>	<u>Approximate Number of</u> <u>Seeds Represented by 35%</u>
12	8
13	19
14	31
15	30
16	41
17	19
18	23

- A written appeal must include specific documentation, including names of players.
- Any attempt to criticize another team or suggest that a seed is too high based on opinion only will result in the appeal being disregarded. However, if you have significant documentation and facts, you can use them in your appeal.
- Appeal forms will only be reviewed if received by the deadline.
- All appeals will be considered if they meet the guidelines
- The written appeals will be reviewed and a final seeding for the Power League Qualifier will be posted by **Monday, January 28, 2019 at 5:00 PM.**

In order to preserve the integrity of the seeding process, NCVA may, at its sole discretion, re-seed teams that did not submit appeals.

## **Unseeded teams**

For the 2018-2019, season these teams will be seeded from the same age group from last season. Example: If your club has a 16-1 team playing in the 2018 season but did not have a 15-1 team, this 16-1 team would be considered “unseeded” team. For the 2018-2019, season this “un-seeded” team will be seeded within in the “unseeded” teams based on the club’s 16-1 finish.

For the 2018-2019 season, the California Kickoff Tournament will be seeded based on the above information. All unseeded teams will be re-seeded, following California Kickoff based on the criteria below, by the NCVA for a final seeding of the Power League Qualifier for 2018-2019.

Teams wishing to use their California Kickoff Results for seeding into the seeded teams for the 2018-2019 Power League must participate in the Open Division. California Kickoff Head-to-Head Results for teams participating in the Club Division will only move their team within the unseeded teams.

## **Appeal Deadlines**

- Deadline to appeal for California Kickoff:
  - Monday, January 7, 2019 @ 5:00 PM
  - Teams who can submit this form are:
    - All teams can appeal their seeding for the California Kickoff
    - This appeal will be used for the Power League Qualifier
- Deadline to appeal for Power League Qualifier:
  - Tuesday, January 22, 2019 @ 5:00 PM
  - Teams who can submit this form are:
    - Unseeded teams who did not play in the California Kickoff

## ***Power Leagues #1, #2 and #3***

Following the Power League Qualifier, teams will remain in their specific age groups to play in League #1, #2 and #3. (i.e 18, 17, 16, 15, 14, 13, 12, and 11)

## **Post Qualifier Seeding**

- Teams will be seeded based on their Power League Qualifier finish.

## ***Power League Region Championships***

The Power League Region Championships seeding will be determined following Power League #3 finish. Teams will receive their Power League #3 points first, then (#1, #2 and #3) will move up one (1) division and the three lowest finishing teams will move down one (1) division. For example, a Bronze division team that finishes tenth, eleventh, or twelfth in a League tournament will move to the Aqua division for its next tournament. Likewise, a team finishing first, second, or third in the Aqua division will move to the Bronze division. Once the movement is complete and the divisions are determined (Top 36 for Championship, next 36 for Challenger, and so on), teams will be seeded within their division at the Region Championships based on points. All teams will play teams in their age group. (i.e 18, 17, 16, 15, 14, 13, 12, and 11)

## ***Region Championship Seeding Procedure***

1. Following Power League #3, movement will occur in all age groups. i.e. three (3) teams move up and three (3) teams move down a division.
2. Region Championship Divisions are decided: Championship (Seeds 1-36), Challenger 1 Division (36-72), Challenger 2 Division (73-108), etc.
3. Each Division within an age group will be seeded by points.
4. Challenger Divisions will vary in the amount of teams in each division.

## **18's Bid Information**

In 2019, the 18 Open, 18 USA, 18 National, and 18 American Divisions will participate in the Spring USAV Girls Junior National Championships (GJNC) event held at the end of April.

### **USAV National Qualifier Bids will be awarded as follows:**

The Golden State National Qualifier will offer the following divisions: 18 Open, 18 USA and 18 American. Per USAV requirements, this event must be scheduled no later than the third weekend of March. Teams wanting to participate in either the 18 Open, USA, or American divisions, at the end of April, should attend the Golden State National Qualifier held March 1-3, 2019 at the Reno – Sparks Convention Center.

### **NCVA National and American Region Bids will be awarded as follows:**

- National and American Bids will be awarded based on total points accumulated following Power League #1 for the 18's division only.

## ***Switching Leagues***

A team may choose to play in the Power League and in Non-League tournaments, or in the Premier League and in Non-League tournaments. A team may not play in both Power League tournaments and Premier League tournaments concurrently in the same season. However, a team may switch Leagues once during the season according to the regulations below.

### **Switching from Premier League to Power League (Team)**

- If a team plays in a Premier League tournament and decides it would rather play in the Power League, the team will be allowed to enter the Power League at the lowest level and only on a space-available basis.
- The cost of entry will be \$1,600.00, paid in full before the next scheduled Power League event. If you have paid for Premier League entry, the difference in cost will be \$1,600.00-\$1,200.00. The team will owe \$400.00.
- A team that switches from the Premier League to the Power League may not switch back to the Premier League.
- Points earned by the team while participating in the Premier League will not be transferred to the Power League.

***\*Premier League Teams cannot switch to Power League following Power League #3.***

## **Switching from Power League to Premier League (Team)**

- If a team plays in the Power League Qualifier and decides it would rather play in the Premier League, the team will be allowed to enter the Premier League at that time following the Qualifier.
- The team will not receive a refund for the Power League, but will not have to pay an additional fee for the Premier League.
- A team that switches from the Power League to the Premier League may not switch back to the Power League.
- Points earned by the team while participating in the Power League will not be transferred to the Premier League.

**Power League Teams cannot switch to Premier League following Power League #3.**

## ***Warm-Ups***

- Teams will be given sole use of the court for five (5) minutes prior to their first match of the day. During the five (5) minutes the team may hit, practice ball handling and serve (serving must be done during their five (5) min.) No other time will be allotted to practice serving.
  - Serving Team – five (5) minutes solo court
  - Receiving Team – five (5) minute solo court
- Once all teams in the pool have played, the teams scheduled to play the next match will be given sole use of the court for three (3) minutes. During the three (3) minutes the team may hit, practice ball handling and serve (serving must be done during their three (3) min.) No other time will be allotted to practice serving.
  - Rule 7.2.2b: “For junior competition, when one team has exclusive use of the court, the other team must either be at its team bench or out of the playing area. Warming up with balls at the team bench or the spectator walkways is not permitted.”
- Since no ball handling is permitted during the opposing team’s use of the court, it is recommended that each team provides shaggers for the opposing team’s warm-up. This allows for more reps for the team warming up. Due to insurance and liability requirements only NCVA registered and on the roster personnel will be allowed to retrieve balls.

## ***Tie-Breaking Procedure***

### **Two (2) Way Ties**

Two (2) way ties, in match record, in a pool are broken by head-to-head competition results between the two (2) tied teams.

### **Three (3) Way Ties**

Three (3) way ties in a pool are broken by:

- |                 |         |   |
|-----------------|---------|---|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Matches | Won/lost record.  |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Sets    | Won/lost percentage. Calculation: the team’s total number of sets won divided by the team’s total number of sets played equals the won/lost percentage. The highest percentage wins the pool. |



3 <sup>rd</sup> Point Differential	Determined among the tied teams. Calculation: the team's total points scored minus the team's total points allowed in ALL the matches of the pool.
------------------------------------	--

**Note:** If three teams have the same match record but a different set record, only the teams with identical set records are tied. If match record and set record are the same for all three teams, then point differential will be used to break the tie.

### ***Protests***

1. If an explanation of an application or interpretation of a rule is not satisfactory to the game, captain, he/she must immediately indicate his/her disagreement and file a protest prior to the authorization of the next service. If the disagreement with the referee's explanation involves the last point of the set, the official protest must be recorded within the first 60 seconds of the times interval between sets. (For 14-and-under competition, the coach may act instead of the captain.)
  - If the final point of the match is disputed, the protest must be recorded before the referees leave the playing area. (Appointed NCVA Protest Committee/Tournament Director either immediately or prior to the start of the next set).
  - It is advisable to have an assigned Protest Committee (Tournament Director) available to rule upon a protest as soon as possible prior to the first service following the protest. Such action should preclude playing the match over from the point of protest if the protest is upheld

### **Protests considered by the first referee (Protest Committee or Tournament Director) include:**

- 1.) Misinterpretation of a playing rule
- 2.) Failure of the first referee to apply the correct rule to a given situation
- 3.) Failure to charge the correct penalty-sanction for a given fault

### **Protest facts recorded on the score sheet include the:**

- 1.) Score of the set at the time of the protest
- 2.) Players and positions at the time of the protest
- 3.) Player substitutions and team substitutions made up to the protest
- 4.) Team time-outs taken up to the protest
- 5.) Situation that caused the protest
- 6.) Signatures of the scorer, captains and first referee, indicating the facts are correct

**Judgement calls are NOT protestable.**

## ***Reviewing Points***

The NCVA makes every attempt to post points three (3) to four (4) days after each event. Postings can be delayed due to computer malfunctions, or when results are not submitted to the NCVA office in a timely manner.

To review league points:

1. Go to the NCVA home page at [www.ncva.com](http://www.ncva.com).
2. Go to the Girl's tab, Girl's League Play, and click on **Power League** or **Premier League**
3. Click the **Points** bar
4. Click the appropriate age group link to view the points for that age group

## ***NCVA Premier League Point Structure***

	<b>Gold</b>	<b>Silver</b>	<b>Bronze</b>	<b>Aqua</b>	<b>Blue</b>	<b>Copper</b>
<b>1</b>	250	237	224	211	198	185
<b>2</b>	248	235	222	209	196	183
<b>3</b>	247	234	221	208	195	182
<b>4</b>	246	233	220	207	194	181
<b>5</b>	245	232	219	206	193	180
<b>6</b>	244	231	218	205	192	179
<b>7</b>	243	230	217	204	191	178
<b>8</b>	242	229	216	203	190	177
<b>9</b>	241	228	215	202	189	176
<b>10</b>	240	227	214	201	188	175
<b>11</b>	239	226	213	200	187	174
<b>12</b>	238	225	212	199	186	173

League # 1	=	Points in grid
League # 2	=	Points in grid x 1.5
League # 3	=	Points in grid x 2
League # 4	=	Points in grid x 2.5
Region Championship	=	Points in grid x 3

- The number of teams that will move up and down, and the points, given, will be based on the total number of teams in your district.
- Team No Shows, Late Cancellations, will receive last place points. Illegal players and forfeits will receive zero points.

## *NCVA Power League Point Structure*

	<b>Gold</b>	<b>Silver</b>	<b>Bronze</b>	<b>Aqua</b>	<b>Blue</b>	<b>Copper</b>	<b>Dusk</b>	<b>Evergreen</b>	<b>Fuchsia</b>
<b>1</b>	300	287	274	261	248	235	222	209	196
<b>2</b>	298	285	272	259	246	233	220	207	194
<b>3</b>	297	284	271	258	245	232	219	206	193
<b>4</b>	296	283	270	257	244	231	218	205	192
<b>5</b>	295	282	269	256	243	230	217	204	191
<b>6</b>	294	281	268	255	242	229	216	203	190
<b>7</b>	293	280	267	254	241	228	215	202	189
<b>8</b>	292	279	266	253	240	227	214	201	188
<b>9</b>	291	278	265	252	239	226	213	200	187
<b>10</b>	290	277	264	251	238	225	212	199	186
<b>11</b>	289	276	263	250	237	224	211	198	185
<b>12</b>	288	275	262	249	236	223	210	197	184

	<b>Green</b>	<b>Hyacinth</b>	<b>Indigo</b>	<b>Jade</b>	<b>Kale</b>	<b>Lavender</b>	<b>Maroon</b>	<b>Navajo</b>	<b>Orange</b>	<b>Purple</b>
<b>1</b>	183	170	157	144	131	118	105	92	79	66
<b>2</b>	181	168	155	142	129	116	103	90	77	64
<b>3</b>	180	167	154	141	128	115	102	89	76	63
<b>4</b>	179	166	153	140	127	114	101	88	75	62
<b>5</b>	178	165	152	139	126	113	100	87	74	61
<b>6</b>	177	164	151	138	125	112	99	86	73	60
<b>7</b>	176	163	150	137	124	111	98	85	72	59
<b>8</b>	175	162	149	136	123	110	97	84	71	58
<b>9</b>	174	161	148	135	122	109	96	83	70	57
<b>10</b>	173	160	147	134	121	108	95	82	69	56
<b>11</b>	172	159	146	133	120	107	94	81	68	55
<b>12</b>	171	158	145	132	119	106	93	80	67	54

League # 1	=	Points in grid
League # 2	=	Points in grid x 1.5
League # 3	=	Points in grid x 2
Region Championship	=	Points in grid x 3

- All finish places will be played out at the Power League Region Championships.
- No shows, late cancellations, illegal players and forfeits will all receive last place in their division and last place points.



# NATIONAL EVENTS

# NATIONAL EVENTS

## ***USAV Junior National Volleyball Championships***

For complete information on the JNC's, check USA Volleyball's website at [www.usavolleyball.org](http://www.usavolleyball.org). Information on dates, divisions, location, and schedule are located on the site along with information on entry costs, procedures, and hotel accommodations. A complete download of the Pre-Tournament Booklet will also be available. Some of the information may be duplicated on the NCVA website.

USA Volleyball requires all teams to register online through their website at [www.usavolleyball.org](http://www.usavolleyball.org).

**Once registered for the Junior National Championships, send a copy of your Registration Confirmation to the NCVA Office.**

Teams must meet all deadlines or USA Volleyball will not guarantee a team's entry. Entry guidelines can be found at [www.usavolleyball.org](http://www.usavolleyball.org). In addition, USA Volleyball may require some paperwork to be sent to them to complete the registration process, or teams may be required to deliver the paperwork upon check-in at the tournament.

Teams that earn bids for the Championships must complete all registration processes by the deadline. Earning a bid does not relieve a team of any requirement. Any unused Open bids will be given by USA Volleyball to teams with high placements at the various National Qualifiers.

All teams participating in the Championships are required by USA Volleyball to have at least one (1) certified second referee, two (2) certified line judges, and a certified scorekeeper. [The Rater Request Form can be found online here](#) or in the forms section of this handbook. In addition, all coaches must be at least IMPACT and SAFESPORT certified. Upon request, the NCVA will be providing certification raters during the Regional Championship only. The form should be submitted to the NCVA Office as soon as possible.

Once a team has qualified, or attempted to qualify, for a Bid to the Junior National Championships, that team's roster is frozen. See USAV website for Frozen Roster Verification Rules.

## ***Girls National Qualifiers***

**Information for additional National Qualifiers can be found on [www.usavolleyball.org](http://www.usavolleyball.org)**

*As a reminder, USA Volleyball may change some of their requirements from what is in this Handbook.*

### **[Girls 18's Junior National Championships](#)**

2019 Girls 18's Junior National Championship will be held in Dallas, Texas.

### **[Girls Junior National Championships](#)**

2019 Girls Junior National Championship will be held in Indianapolis, Indiana.



**2 WEEKENDS  
1 TOURNAMENT**

**ENTRY FEE: \$975**

**RENO-SPARKS  
CONVENTION CENTER**

**WEEKEND #1 APRIL 13-15, 2019**

**OPEN DIVISION 13/14**

**NATIONAL DIVISION 12**

**USA DIVISION 13/14**

**AMERICAN DIVISION 12/13/14/15**

**NO DINX DIVISION\* 11/12/13/14/15**

\*No bids to USA National Championships will be awarded in this division.

**WEEKEND #2 APRIL 26-28, 2019**

**OPEN DIVISION 15/16/17**

**USA DIVISION 15/16/17**

**AMERICAN DIVISION 16/17**

**NO DINX DIVISION\* 16**

**PRIME DIVISION\* 17/18**

**SELECT DIVISION\* 17/18**

\*No bids to USA National Championships will be awarded in this division.

**Registration Deadline:**

**February 18, 2019** for both weekends—teams will be accepted if space is available after the deadline with the entry fee cost of \$1050 (No refunds after deadline date)

**HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS**  
Go to [www.ncva.com/hotels](http://www.ncva.com/hotels)

**For More Information or to Register**  
Go to [www.ncva.com/GFW](http://www.ncva.com/GFW)

**Phone: 415-550-7582**

**E-mail: [info@ncva.com](mailto:info@ncva.com)**

**All attendees must purchase an entry wristband for this event.**

**For more information:**  
[www.ncva.com/wristband](http://www.ncva.com/wristband)



**OFFICIAL SPONSOR OF  
THE NORTHERN CALIFORNIA REGION**



4TH ANNUAL



MARCH 1-3  
**2019**  
RENO-SPARKS  
CONVENTION CENTER

18 OPEN | 18 USA | 18 AMERICAN | 18 NO DINX

**Entry Fee: \$975**

All attendees must purchase  
an entry wristband for this event.

For more information:  
[www.ncva.com/wristband](http://www.ncva.com/wristband)

**HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS**  
Go to [www.ncva.com/hotels](http://www.ncva.com/hotels)

**Registration Deadline: January 25, 2019**

Teams will be accepted if space is available  
after the deadline with the entry fee cost  
of \$1050 (No refunds after deadline date)

**For More Information or to Register**  
Go to [www.ncva.com/GSQ](http://www.ncva.com/GSQ)

**Phone: 415-550-7582**

**E-mail: [info@ncva.com](mailto:info@ncva.com)**

  
nodinxvolleyball.com  
OFFICIAL SPONSOR OF  
THE NORTHERN CALIFORNIA REGION

  
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA  
VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION

  
OFFICIAL SPONSOR OF  
THE NORTHERN CALIFORNIA REGION



# SCHEDULE



## SCHEDULE

### Power League Schedule

	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>
Qualifier – Day 1	Feb 2	Feb 2	Feb 2	Feb 2	Feb 2	Feb 2	Feb 2	Dec 15
Qualifier – Day 2	Feb 3	Feb 3	Feb 3	Feb 3	Feb 3	Feb 3	Feb 3	Dec 16
League #1	Feb 23	Feb 23	Feb 23	Feb 23	Feb 24	Feb 23	Feb 23	Jan 6
League #2	March 17	March 16	March 17	March 16	March 17	March 10	March 10	Feb 2
League #3	March 23	March 24	March 23	March 24	March 30	March 30	March 30	April 6

<b>Region Championships</b>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>
Regionals – Day 1	May 4	May 4	May 4	May 4	May 11	May 11	May 11	May 11
Regionals – Day 2	May 5	May 5	May 5	May 5	May 12	May 12	May 12	May 12

### Premier League Schedule

	<u>12</u>	<u>14/13</u>	<u>16/15</u>	<u>18/17</u>
Qualifier	January 26	January 27	January 27	January 27
League #1	March 9	March 9	March 10	March 10
League #2	March 16	March 17	March 31	March 31
League #3	March 30	March 31	April 7	April 6
League #4	April 28	April 28	May 4	May 4
Region Champ. – Day 1	May 11	May 11	May 18	May 18
Region Champ. – Day 2	May 12	May 12	May 19	May 19

### Non- League Schedule

	<u>12</u>	<u>14/13</u>	<u>16/15</u>	<u>18/17</u>
Non-League #1	January 6	January 5	January 6	January 5
Non-League #2	January 12	January 12	January 13	January 13
Non-League #3	February 10	February 10	February 9	February 9

### Youth League and Fall Competition Schedule

#### Fall (2018)

	<u>3rd / 4th Grades</u>	<u>5th / 6th Grades</u>	<u>7th / 8th Grades</u>	<u>9th Grade</u>
League #1	October 14	October 14	October 14	October 14
League #2	October 28	October 28	October 28	October 28
League #3	November 18	November 18	November 18	November 18
League #4	December 9	December 9	December 9	December 9

### Youth League Schedule

#### Spring (2019)

	<u>3rd / 4th Grades</u>	<u>5th / 6th Grades</u>	<u>7th / 8th Grades</u>	<u>9th Grade</u>
League #1	January 27	January 27	January 27	January 27
League #2	February 24	February 24	February 24	February 24
League #3	March 17	March 17	March 17	March 17
League #4	April 7	April 7	April 7	April 7

**2019 Junior Beach Schedule information can be found in the [Beach Handbook](#)**

Outdoor Registration can be done online by going to the [Outdoor Event Info NCVA website](#).

## *NCVA Girl's Intra-Regional Tournaments*

<u>Tournament</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Locations</u>	<u>Age Groups Offered:</u>
California Kickoff	January 19-21, 2019	San Jose Convention Center San Mateo Event Center	11C, 11O, 12C, 12O, 13C, 13O, 14C, 14O, 15C, 15O, 16C, 16O, 17C, 17O, 18C, 18O
Kick Start	January 19, 2019	San Jose Convention Center San Mateo Event Center	11/12, 13/14, 15/16, 17/18
No Dinx / NCVA President's Day	February 16-18, 2019	San Jose Convention Center San Mateo Event Center Santa Clara Convention Center	11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17/18
No Dinx / NCVA G.S. Classic	March 2-3, 2019	Jackson Sports Academy Other Sites TBD	11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17/18
No Dinx / NCVA Spring Fling	March 23-24, 2019	International Agri-Center, Tulare, CA	11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17/18
March Madness	March 23-24, 2019	Jackson Sports Academy	
Bay View Classic	May 25-27, 2019	San Mateo Event Center	11/12, 13/14, 15/16, 17/18

## *Girl's Qualifiers and Junior National Championships*

### **No Dinx/ NCVA Golden State National Qualifier**

Reno Convention Center – Reno-Sparks, NV  
 March 1-3, 2019 Divisions: 18 Open, 18 USA, 18 American-  
 Phone: (415) 550-7582 | Fax: (415) 550-7762 | Email: [yball@ncva.com](mailto:yball@ncva.com)  
**Register for this tournament online: [www.ncva.com](http://www.ncva.com)**

### **No Dinx/ NCVA Far Western National Qualifier**

Reno Convention Center – Reno-Sparks, NV  
 April 13-15, 2019 Open: 13-14 | USA: 13-14 | National: 12 | American: 12-13-14-15 | No Dinx\*: 11-12-13-14-15  
 April 26-28, 2019 Open: 15-16-17 | USA: 15-16-17 | American: 16-17 | No Dinx\*: 16 | Prime\*: 17-18 | Select\*: 17-18  
 Phone: (415) 550-7582 | Fax: (415) 550-7762 | Email: [yball@ncva.com](mailto:yball@ncva.com)  
**Register for this tournament online: [www.ncva.com](http://www.ncva.com)**

\* Bid will not be awarded to the USAJNC in this division.

**Dates for additional National Qualifiers and USA Volleyball Girls' Junior National Championship (JNC) events can be found on [www.usavolleyball.org](http://www.usavolleyball.org)**

*As a reminder, USA Volleyball may change some of their requirements from what is in this Handbook.*



# **SPECIAL TOURNAMENTS**



NORTHERN CALIFORNIA VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION

2019

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

### KICK START

JANUARY 19, 2019

SAN MATEO EVENT CENTER  
SAN JOSE CONVENTION CENTER

### CALIFORNIA KICKOFF

JANUARY 19-21, 2019

SAN MATEO EVENT CENTER  
SAN JOSE CONVENTION CENTER

### PRESIDENT'S DAY

FEBRUARY 16-18, 2019

SAN MATEO EVENT CENTER  
SAN JOSE CONVENTION CENTER  
SANTA CLARA CONVENTION CENTER

### GOLDEN STATE QUALIFIER

MARCH 1-3, 2019

18 Open • 18 USA • 18 American • 18 No Dinx  
RENO-SPARKS CONVENTION CENTER

### GOLDEN STATE CLASSIC

MARCH 2-3, 2019

TBA

### MARCH MADNESS

MARCH 23-24, 2019

JACKSON SPORTS ACADEMY

### SPRING FLING

MARCH 23-24, 2019

INTERNATIONAL AGRI-CENTER  
TULARE, CA

### BAYVIEW CLASSIC

MAY 25-27, 2019

SAN MATEO EVENT CENTER



### FAR WESTERNS

RENO-SPARKS CONVENTION CENTER

APRIL 13-15, 2019

OPEN DIVISION 13/14

NATIONAL DIVISION 12

USA DIVISION 13/14

AMERICAN DIVISION 12/13/14/15

NO DINX DIVISION\* 11/12/13/14/15

\*No bids to USA National Championships will be awarded in this division.

APRIL 26-28, 2019

OPEN DIVISION 15/16/17

USA DIVISION 15/16/17

AMERICAN DIVISION 16/17

NO DINX DIVISION\* 16

PRIME DIVISION\* 17/18

SELECT DIVISION\* 17/18

\*No bids to USA National Championships will be awarded in this division.

For more information, including event registration deadlines, fees, age groups and more, visit [www.ncva.com](http://www.ncva.com).

You can also get more information by phone at 415-550-7582, or email [vball@ncva.com](mailto:vball@ncva.com).

From our counterparts in Hawaii – the Aloha Region presents  
**Aloha Summer Classic • June 14-16, 2019**

More Information: [AlohaSummerClassic.com](http://AlohaSummerClassic.com)

26th Annual



JANUARY 19-21, 2019

## DIVISIONS OFFERED

Open and Club Divisions

11 • 12 • 13 • 14

15 • 16 • 17 • 18

## ENTRY FEE

\$650.00

Presented by



## Event Venues:

San Jose Convention Center  
San Mateo Event Center

## REGISTRATION

### DEADLINE:

Dec 3, 2018

Hotel Accomodations: [www.ncva.com/hotels](http://www.ncva.com/hotels)

For more Information or to Register:

[ncva.com/girls/tournaments/california-kickoff](http://ncva.com/girls/tournaments/california-kickoff)

Email: [info@calkickoff.com](mailto:info@calkickoff.com)

# PRESIDENTS DAY



CELEBRATING  
**20**  
Years!

**FEBRUARY  
16-18, 2019**

**SAN JOSE CONVENTION CENTER • SAN MATEO EVENT CENTER  
SANTA CLARA CONVENTION CENTER**

**Entry Fee:**

**\$875**

**Age Groups:**

**11 - 12 - 13 - 14  
15 - 16 - 17 - 18**

**All attendees must purchase  
an entry wristband for this event.**

**For more information:  
[www.ncva.com/wristband](http://www.ncva.com/wristband)**

**For More Information or to Register  
Go to [www.ncva.com/GPD](http://www.ncva.com/GPD)**

**Phone: 415-550-7582**

**E-mail: [info@ncva.com](mailto:info@ncva.com)**

**HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS**

**Go to [www.ncva.com/hotels](http://www.ncva.com/hotels)**

**Registration Deadline: January 11, 2019  
Teams will be accepted if space is available  
after the deadline with the entry fee cost  
of \$950 (No refunds after deadline date)**

 **NODINX**  
[nodinxvolleyball.com](http://nodinxvolleyball.com)  
OFFICIAL SPONSOR OF  
THE NORTHERN CALIFORNIA REGION

 **NCVA**  
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA  
VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION

 **molten**<sup>®</sup>  
OFFICIAL SPONSOR OF  
THE NORTHERN CALIFORNIA REGION

12TH ANNUAL



MARCH  
2-3  
2019

**Entry Fee: \$600**

**Age Groups:**

18/17 • 16 • 15 • 14  
13 • 12 • 11

For site locations, visit our website at  
[www.ncva.com](http://www.ncva.com)

For More Information or to Register  
Go to [www.ncva.com/GSC](http://www.ncva.com/GSC)

Phone: 415-550-7582

E-mail: [info@ncva.com](mailto:info@ncva.com)

Registration Deadline: February 1, 2019  
Teams will be accepted if space is available  
after the deadline with the entry fee cost  
of \$700 (No refunds after deadline date)

**HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS**  
Go to [www.ncva.com/hotels](http://www.ncva.com/hotels)





**2 ONE-DAY EVENTS**  
**MARCH 23 & 24**  
**2019**  
**JACKSON SPORTS**  
**ACADEMY**

**March 23: 12s & 14s**

**March 24: 16s & 18s**

**Registration Deadline: February 25, 2019**

Teams will be accepted if space is available after the deadline with the entry fee cost of \$400 (No refunds after deadline date)

**Entry Fee: \$300**

All attendees must purchase an **entry wristband** for this event.

**For More Information or to Register**

Go to [www.ncva.com/mm](http://www.ncva.com/mm)

**Phone: 415-550-7582**

**E-mail: [info@ncva.com](mailto:info@ncva.com)**

**For more information:**

[www.ncva.com/wristband](http://www.ncva.com/wristband)

**HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS**

Go to [www.ncva.com/hotels](http://www.ncva.com/hotels)





6TH ANNUAL

# Spring Sling

MARCH 23–24, 2019 | INTERNATIONAL AGRI-CENTER  
TULARE, CA

**Entry Fee: \$600**

**Age Groups:**

18/17 • 16 • 15 • 14  
13 • 12 • 11

**For More Information or to Register**

**Go to [www.ncva.com/SF](http://www.ncva.com/SF)**

**Phone: 415-550-7582**

**E-mail: [info@ncva.com](mailto:info@ncva.com)**

Registration Deadline: February 8, 2019  
Teams will be accepted if space is available  
after the deadline with the entry fee cost  
of \$700 (No refunds after deadline date)

**HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS**

**Go to [www.ncva.com/hotels](http://www.ncva.com/hotels)**

  
nodinxvolleyball.com  
OFFICIAL SPONSOR OF  
THE NORTHERN CALIFORNIA REGION

  
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA  
VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION

  
OFFICIAL SPONSOR OF  
THE NORTHERN CALIFORNIA REGION

33rd Annual



**MAY** 25  
26  
27

@

**San Mateo  
Event Center**

**Registration Deadline: April 29, 2019**

Teams will be accepted if space is available after the deadline with the entry fee cost of \$1050 (No refunds after deadline date)

**Entry Fee: \$600**

All attendees must purchase an **entry wristband** for this event.

For more information:

[www.ncva.com/wristband](http://www.ncva.com/wristband)

**For More Information or to Register**

Go to [www.ncva.com/BV](http://www.ncva.com/BV)

**E-mail:**

[info@bayviewclassicvb.com](mailto:info@bayviewclassicvb.com)

**HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS**

Go to [www.ncva.com/hotels](http://www.ncva.com/hotels)





# FEEES

## FEES

### ***Membership Fees***

As of September 1st, all participants playing in NCVA events must renew their membership or register as a new member.

Individual Membership (non-refundable or non-transferable) - Must be paid online	\$70.00
Mandatory Adult Background Screening (Club Director, Coach, Chaperone, or any affiliation with a Junior Club. – Must be paid online. <i>Applicable for those over the age of 18.</i>	\$30.00
Tryout Membership – Valid: November 1– January 1	\$20.00
Clinic/Camp Membership – Valid: July 1 – October 31	\$15.00
Outdoor Membership – Valid: May 1 – August 31	\$20.00
End of Season Membership – Valid May 1 – July 1	\$25.00

- Membership fees are **non-refundable**.
- Memberships are **not transferable** from one player to another, or from one membership to another.
- All adults affiliated with a junior club are required to be members and pass a background.

### ***Tournament and League Fees***

Fees can be paid online or by submitting a payment to the NCVA Office.

Power League: [seven (7) days]	\$1,600.00 per team
Premier League: [seven (7) days]	\$1,200.00 per team
Premier League Individual Tournaments: [five (5) days]	\$275.00 each per team
Premier League Region Championships: [two (2) days]	\$800.00 per team
Non-League Tournaments: [one (1) day]	\$180.00 each per team
President’s Day Tournament: [three (3) days]	\$875.00 per team
Golden State Classic: [two (2) days]	\$600.00 per team
Golden State National Qualifier: (18 Open, USA, American) [three (3) days]	\$975.00 per team
Spring Fling: [two (2) days]	\$600.00 per team
March Madness: [one (1) day]	\$300.00 per team
No Dinx / NCVA Far Western National Qualifier: [three (3) days]	\$975.00 per team

## Fee Analysis

### Power League:

- Days of competition: Seven (7)
- Days in Convention Centers: Four (4)
- Entry fee = \$1,600.00 per team
- Cost breakdown:

No. of Players	Event Cost Per Player	Player Fee	Total Cost Per Player	Cost Per Player Per Day
10	\$150.00	\$70.00	\$220.00	\$31.43
12	\$125.00	\$70.00	\$195.00	\$27.86
15	\$100.00	\$70.00	\$170.00	\$24.29

### Premier League:

- Days of competition: Seven (7)
- Days in Convention Centers: Two (2)
- Entry fee = \$1,200.00 per team
- Cost breakdown:

No. of Players	Event Cost Per Player	Player Fee	Total Cost Per Player	Cost Per Player Per Day
10	\$110.00	\$70.00	\$180.00	\$25.71
12	\$91.67	\$70.00	\$161.67	\$23.10
15	\$73.33	\$70.00	\$143.33	\$20.48

### Special Tournaments:

- Example: No Dinx / NCVA Far Western National Qualifier
- Days of competition: Three (3)
- Guaranteed Matches: Seven (7)
- Entry fee = \$975.00
- Cost breakdown:

No. of Players	Event Cost Per Player	Cost Per Player Per Day	Cost Per Player Per Match
10	\$97.50	\$32.50	\$13.93
12	\$81.25	\$27.08	\$11.60
15	\$65.00	\$21.66	\$9.28

### Events Combined:

If you play in the Power League (\$1,600.00), President's Day (\$875.00), Golden State Classic (\$600.00) and Far Westerns (\$975.00) for a total of 15 tournament days, the cost breakdown is: \$4,050.00

No. of Players	Cost Per Player	Cost Per Player Per Day
10	\$405.00	\$27.00
12	\$337.50	\$22.50
15	\$270.00	\$18.00



# CLUB TRYOUTS

# CLUB TRYOUTS

## *Parent / Player Guidelines*

### **What should a player and his parents expect from a club at tryouts?**

You have the right to make an informed decision. Since your decision is binding for the full season, you should make your choice carefully.

### **You should be wary of any club that tries to convince you to join while denying you information.**

We recommend that you receive the information in writing.

At the very least, you are entitled to the following information from the clubs:

- The opportunity to talk to parents, other players, and/or other programs.
- The opportunity to try out in a future season without discrimination.
- Knowledge about how many spots are available before a tryout begins.
- Clear disclosure of financial obligations.
- A statement of club philosophy.
- Have any questions answered.
- An assessment of your role on the team.
- Disclosure of other players who have accepted and/or been offered spots.
- Information on the coaching staff.
- Description of the teams, goals, practice schedule, and tournament schedule.
- Try out for more than one club.
- Time Commitment
- Travel Commitment
- Travel Policy for overnight stay
- Social Media Guidelines

Parents - you may view our Parents link located on the NCVA homepage on the top tool bar for general information, in the Parents Handbook.

Make sure you are aware of all recruiting rules and regulations following your commitment to your club.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Northern California office at (415) 550-7582 or email us at [leslie@ncva.com](mailto:leslie@ncva.com).

## ***Tryout Policy for the 2018-2019 Season***

### **Policy**

Each year the tryout policy is reviewed by the Board of Directors. They have reviewed the alternative solutions and suggestions given to the NCVA from club directors, coaches and parents. The decision has been made to keep the current policy intact. The approved tryout dates for the 2018-2019 season are:

- First Day of Tryouts: Saturday, November 3, 2018
- No club can sign a player before 6:00 PM Monday, November 12, 2018
- No club/team can collect money before 6:00 PM Monday, November 12, 2018
- For clubs/teams holding tryouts between Saturday, November 3, 2018 and Sunday, November 11, 2018, the first date/time to sign a player will be no sooner than 6:00 PM on Monday, November 12, 2018.
- The 48-hour waiting period to sign a player still applies to tryouts held after November 11, 2018.  
Example: if your tryouts are held on Saturday, November 17, 2018 your 48 hours would begin at 12:01 AM November 18, 2018 and end 12:01 AM on November 20, 2018.
- For clubs/teams holding tryouts after November 11, 2018, you will need to uphold the 48-hour window policy. A player may not sign a Letter of Commitment or pay a deposit to the club/team until 48 hours after the completion of their tryout.
- If you do not hold a tryout (as tryout are not mandatory) to select your teams, you are still required to abide by these policies and may not collect Letter of Commitment or funds before the Monday listed above.
- **Only One Letter of Commitment Permitted:**  
A player who signs more than one Letter of Commitment with more than one club is subject to suspension for the entire 2018-2019 season
- **Verbal Commitments:**  
A player may commit verbally to a club before November 12, 2018. **A verbal commitment is not binding.** The player may revoke the commitment at any time, before signing a Letter of Commitment, without penalty
- **Recruiting Ban after Signing:**  
I understand that all clubs are obligated to respect my signing and shall cease to recruit me upon my signing this document. I shall notify any recruiter who contacts me that I have signed
- **Club Signatures Required Prior to Submission:**  
This document must be signed and dated by the Club Director before submission to me and my parents (or legal guardian) for our signatures.
- **Parent/Guardian Signature Required:**  
My parent or legal guardian is required to sign this Letter of Commitment if I am less than 21 years of age at the time of signing
- **Falsification of Letter of Commitment:**  
If I falsify any part of this Letter of Commitment, including the date, I understand that I am subject to suspension for the entire 2018-2019 season.
- **Nullification of Other Agreements:**  
My signature on this Letter of Commitment nullifies any agreements, verbal or otherwise, which would release me from the conditions stated within this document.
- **Binding Agreement:**  
I understand that I have signed this Letter of Commitment with the club and not with a particular individual. If the coach or any player(s) leaves the team, I remain bound by the provisions of this document. If a club makes dramatic material changes from what was promised, then it may be grounds for a release from the commitment. Examples include, but are not limited, to significant changes in practice schedule, practice location, tournament schedule.



## **Violations**

The following sanctions apply directly to the person(s) violating the policy. The penalty for the first violation will be suspension from all NCVA/USA competition for a minimum of one (1) week up to a maximum of one (1) month, depending on the severity of the violation. Multiple offenses arising from the same incident (multiple players on the same team, e.g.) will incur separate penalties.

The penalty for the second violation will be suspension from all NCVA/USA competition for a minimum of one (1) month up to a maximum of one (1) year, depending on the severity of the violation. Multiple offenses arising from the same incident (multiple players on the same team, e.g.) will incur separate penalties.

All suspensions begin on the date of the first competition following the violation for the penalized person(s). All to begin with the first tournament of the season.

If any person fails to adhere to the terms of a sanction, the individual will be suspended from NCVA competition and National-Level events for one (1) calendar year and subject to a lifetime ban. Furthermore, the coaching staff of the team on which the person is registered will be suspended from NCVA competition and National-Level events for one (1) calendar year and subject to a lifetime ban. In the event the individual is the club director, all coaches in the club will be suspended from NCVA competition and National-Level events for one (1) calendar year and subject to a lifetime ban.

## ***Tryout Membership***

We recommend you send the following information to all players attending your tryouts:

All players attending tryouts must have a full membership (\$70.00) or a tryout pass (\$20.00). Tryout passes are good for all tryouts that a player attends. Tryout passes do not extend past tryouts, once tryouts are completed you will need to pay the full \$70.00 for a full membership. To attend tryouts, you need to register online with NCVA.

To register for the tryout pass or full membership:

- Go to [www.ncva.com](http://www.ncva.com)
- Scroll to the bottom of the home page and select “Register As A Member”
- Select New or Renewing Member
  - If a new member, begin completing the form
  - If a renewing member, enter your login and select renew online

## ***Tryout Procedure***

All tryout procedures and policies will need to be followed whether you are having a tryout or not. This entails waiting until after 6:00 PM, Monday, November 12, 2018 (or 48 hours after November 11, 2018) to sign players, collect forms and/or payments.

## **Teams holding a Tryout**

- We would like to make the tryout procedure as easy as possible. Please follow the instructions below and should you have any questions on the procedure, contact the NCVA Office. You may start submitting tryout forms on MONDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2018. Tryout information will be posted online once a week, on Tuesday.

## ***Helpful Guide to an Easy Tryout Process***

This process should begin at least **two (2) weeks** prior to your tryout dates.

### **Step 1: Gather your information**

- A. Decide on your tryout
  - Date(s)
  - Time(s)
  - Location(s)
- B. Submit your completed Tryout Form to the NCVA Office
- C. Submit your Insurance Request Form for all facilities
- D. Submit your Club Code of Ethics
- E. Submit your Club Contact Form

### **Step 2: Tryout Staff Registration**

Any adult who helps in any capacity at the tryouts must be a member of the NCVA and pass a background check. Otherwise, the NCVA insurance coverage becomes null and void! You will receive an email noting which adult will need to have a background check for the upcoming season.

2018-2019 Adult Membership:

- The following items must be completed within the Webpoint System:
  - Membership - \$70.00
  - Background - \$30.00

### **Step 3: Tryout Passes / Website**

Once the above items are complete, your Tryout information will be posted on the NCVA Website, unless otherwise requested. We will post your Tryout information, usually every Tuesday.

### **Step 4: During Tryouts**

Each Club Director or Registrar will need to keep a list of ALL participants at the tryout. This list will be submitted to NCVA. The information on the list must include all participants' first name, last name and membership number.

### **Step 5: Tryout Completion**

After your tryouts, you must submit a complete list of attendees to NCVA.

The list must follow these requirements:

- Must include all participants first name, last name and membership number
- Submit in Excel format with the following column headers: first name, last name and membership number
- Submit via email to [leslie@ncva.com](mailto:leslie@ncva.com)
- Submit **within 72 hours** following the tryout completion
- Failure to complete all requirements for the tryout process by the deadlines set, will result in an advertising and/or sanction fee being charged to your club in the amount of \$500.00.

If you have any questions, please contact NCVA via email [vball@ncva.com](mailto:vball@ncva.com) or by phone 415-550-7582.

## *Tryout Sanctioning Form*

The club Tryout Sanctioning Form can be found and completed online at <https://ncva.com/tryout-sanctioning/>.



# CLUB CLINICS

## ***Clinic Procedure - Helpful Guide to an Easy Clinic Process***

### **Before Clinics**

This process should begin at least **Two (2) weeks** prior to your Clinic dates.

### **Step 1: Gather your information**

- A. Decide on your clinic
  - Date(s)
  - Time(s)
  - Location(s)
- B. Submit your completed Clinic Form to the NCVA Office
- C. Submit your Insurance Request Form for all facilities
- D. Submit your Club Code of Ethics
- E. Submit your Club Contact Form

### **Step 2: Clinic Staff Registration**

We must receive, via email to [leslie@ncva.com](mailto:leslie@ncva.com), a list of all adults associated with your clinics. Any adult who helps in any capacity at the clinics must be a member of the NCVA, pass a background check, Impact Certified, and SafeSport Certified. Otherwise, the NCVA insurance coverage becomes null and void! You will receive an email noting which adult will need to have a background check for the upcoming season.

2018-2019 Adult Membership:

- The following items must be completed within the Webpoint System:
  - Membership - \$70.00
  - Background - \$30.00

*All memberships are non-refundable, non-transferable. Once payment has been accepted, no refunds are given.*

### **Step 3: Clinic Passes / Website**

Once the above items are complete, your Clinic information will be posted on the NCVA Website as requested. We will post your Clinic information, usually every Tuesday.

### **Step 4: During Clinics**

Each Club Director or Registrar will need to keep a list of ALL participants at the clinic. This list will be submitted to NCVA. The information on the list must include all participants' first name, last name and membership number

### **Step 5: Clinic Completion**

After your clinics, you must submit a complete list of attendees to NCVA.

The list must follow these requirements:

- Must include all participants first name, last name and membership number
- Submit in Excel format with the following column headers: first name, last name and membership number
- Submit via email to [leslie@ncva.com](mailto:leslie@ncva.com) within **72 hours** following the clinic completion

If you have any questions, please contact NCVA via email [leslie@ncva.com](mailto:leslie@ncva.com) or by phone 415-550-7582.

### ***Clinic Sanctioning Form***

The Clinic Sanctioning Form can be found and completed online at <https://ncva.com/clinic-sanctioning/>.

**\*\* All steps included in the Clinic Procedure must be completed before your club clinics will be sanctioned and insured by the NCVA.**



# INSURANCE

# INSURANCE, MEDICAL, AND INCIDENT FORMS

## *Certificate of Insurance Request Form*

The NCVA provides outstanding insurance coverage for our teams. At **NO CHARGE** to you, we will provide you with facility insurance coverage for all your practice sites. This form may be used by junior clubs or adult teams that would like to request a certificate(s) of insurance for a facility. The facility is covered by the insurance company for all club practices and NCVA-sanctioned tournaments. Please visit <https://ncva.com/insurance-request/> to complete the online Insurance Request form. For additional insurance information email [leslie@ncva.com](mailto:leslie@ncva.com).

## *USAV Medical Claim Form*

Click the link above to download and print the 2018-2019 Medical Claim form.

## *USAV Incident Report Form*

Click the link above to download and print the 2018-2019 Injury or property damage report form.





# FORMS

# FORMS

## ***Registration Checklist***

For the 2018-2019 season, all individuals are required to complete their own registration and pay online within the Webpoint system at [www.ncva.com](http://www.ncva.com). This must be done before attending a tryout, practice, event or tournament.

## ***Registering as a Member***

Prior to registering for the season, please note the following:

- Please use member's legal name (**Do not use** Liz instead of Elizabeth or Bobby instead of Robert)
- Once a registration is paid and accepted, it is non-refundable, non-transferable.

### [New Member Registration](#)

I have never participated in a NCVA/USAV program.

### [Renewing Member Registration](#)

I have participated in an NCVA/USAV program in the past.

Please review the list below to see if each form is required, or not.

#### **Forms required to be submitted online to the NCVA Office:**

- [Club Contact Form](#)
- [Club Director Code of Ethics Form](#)
- [Team Ranking Form](#)
- [Team Roster\(s\)](#)

#### **Club Directors are required to keep a hard copy on file:**

*These forms do not need to be submitted to the NCVA Office.*

- [Letter of Commitment](#) – must be submitted to NCVA upon request within 48 hours.
- [Medical Release Form](#) (All coaches are required to have a copy with them at all NCVA/USA events)

**ALL MEMBERSHIPS ARE NON-REFUNDABLE, NON-TRANSFERABLE.**

### **[Age Waiver Application](#)**

View the link above to download the NCVA Age Waiver Application.

### **[Clinic Registration Form](#)**

The Rules Clinic Registration form can be completed online at <https://ncva.com/rulesclinic/>. It is the responsibility of ALL Junior Division Club Directors, Coaches, and Players to know and understand the current rules. The USAV rules are updated every two seasons. All participants are required to attend a rules clinic. All players, club directors, and parents are encouraged to do the same. These clinics will review any significant rule changes for the 2018-2019 season and discuss how to keep score (on an official score sheet).

### **[Credit Card Authorization Form](#)**

In addition to cash and check, the NCVA accepts Visa, MasterCard, and American Express as forms of payment. If a particular form does not provide a credit card payment option, this form may be used. [Click here to view the Credit Card Authorization Form.](#)

### **[Letter of Commitment](#)**

View the link above to download the NCVA Letter of Commitment.

### **[Rater Request Form](#)**

All ratings for all teams will be completed at the Power League Region Championship. Please use the link above to submit your Rater Request form.

### **[Referee Evaluation Form](#)**

We welcome all feedback from coaches and club directors on our Referee's. Please use the link above to submit your Referee Evaluation Sheet.

### **[Team Roster and Team Ranking Form](#)**

The Team Roster and Team Ranking Forms must be completed online at <https://ncva.com/team-roster-team-ranking/>.

### **[Tournament Cancellation Form](#)**

The Tournament Cancellation Form must be completed and submitted online at <https://ncva.com/tournamentcancellation/>. This form must be received by NCVA. Any cancellations after the tournament registration deadline will result in possible sanctions and a loss of the entry fee. Please submit one form per tournament.

### **[Tournament Director Evaluation Form](#)**

We welcome all feedback from coaches and club directors regarding our Tournament Directors performance. Please use the link above to submit your Tournament Director Evaluation Sheet.

## *Scrimmage Sanctioning Form*

The Scrimmage Sanctioning Form can be completed online at <https://ncva.com/scrimmages/>.

Scrimmage guidelines:

- A scrimmage consists of four teams or less that participate in a practice-like setting.
- There must not be any use of uniforms, playoffs, results or standings of play, officials, and/or an exchange of money between a club, team, or person for attending the scrimmage.
- All participants must be full members of the NCVA.
- All adults must pass a background screening.
- A fee of \$30.00, per team, participating in the scrimmage will be due when the request is approved.
- Scrimmages will consist of no more than four (4) teams per location, per scrimmage date.
- Insurance certificates supplied will be for the approved date only.
- A location for a scrimmage may only host one (1) scrimmage per day which is limited to four (4) hours or less.

If these rules are not followed, the club/team may lose their standings within the Region Leagues and may not be allowed to participate in any NCVA/USAV sanctioned tournament and/or any USA Region tournaments for the rest of the season. The penalty may be extended to the following season. This will include the USAV JNC.

## *Application to Change Clubs Form*

During the sanctioned season, a player is to remain a registered member of that specific club throughout the season. However, during the sanctioned season, a player or parent may request a transfer in club affiliation. The player or parent must send the [Change Clubs Form](#) to the NCVA Office by [email](mailto:leslie@ncva.com) to [leslie@ncva.com](mailto:leslie@ncva.com) after its completion by the player/parent, current Club Director, and new Club Director. The form will be reviewed by the NCVA League Coordinator or Commissioner who must ultimately approve the transfer. Please allow **seven (7) to ten (10) business days** for the transfer to be reviewed.

## *California Kickoff Appeals Form*

This appeal will also be applied to Power League Qualifier. Teams who believe that they are significantly mis-seeded must submit this written appeal by 5:00 PM on Friday, January 7, 2019.

## *Power League Appeals Form*

This appeal form is for teams that did not submit an appeal for California Kickoff. If you already submitted an appeal for California Kickoff, that appeal will also be applied to Power League. Teams who believe that they are significantly mis-seeded must submit this written appeal by 5:00 PM on Tuesday, January 15, 2019.



# **IMPACT AND SAFESPORT**

# SAFESPORT

## ***IMPACT***

USA Volleyball has ruled that all participating coaches listed on the roster must be IMPACT and SafeSport Certified. The NCVA also recommends that parents and spectators complete SafeSport.

The primary IMPACT goal is to help all coaches understand and become well-skilled in the awesome responsibility and incredible opportunity they have to influence young people positively through the sport of volleyball. This course is an offshoot of the Coaching Accreditation Program (CAP), which is under the auspices of the USA Volleyball branch of Educational Programs and Services.

The NCVA would like to assist all coaches in becoming responsible coaches and to develop a clearer understanding of their responsibility and opportunity.

All 2018 - 2019 IMPACT and SafeSport classes will be completed online. Please visit the link below to sign up for the USA Volleyball ON-DEMAND courses.

## ***SafeSport***

USA Volleyball believes that volleyball has many positive things to offer those who participate. First, and most importantly, whether one is a gifted athlete or a recreational player, volleyball is FUN! It is a lifetime sport enjoyed by players from 8 to 80. Participation in volleyball is not only good exercise, but also involves team cooperation and spirit.

Athletes enjoy a wide range of physical, emotional and social benefits. Sports develop general physical fitness, and physical exertion has a documented positive mental effect. Athletes have a greater sense of self-worth, demonstrate better collaboration skills, and maintain healthier peer relationships.

Unfortunately, sports, including volleyball, can also be a high-risk environment for misconduct, including physical and sexual abuse. All forms of misconduct are intolerable and in direct conflict with the values of USA Volleyball.

Misconduct may damage an athlete's psychological well-being. Athletes who have been mistreated may experience social embarrassment, emotional turmoil, psychological scars, loss of self-esteem and negative impacts on their relationships with family, friends and the sport. Misconduct often hurts an athlete's competitive performance and may cause enough harm for them to drop out of our sport entirely.

USA Volleyball is committed to fostering a fun, healthy and safe sport environment for all its members. We must recognize that the safety of minors lies with all those involved in the sport and is not the sole responsibility of any one person at the club, regional or national level.

We all have a role to play in providing a healthy setting for our sport. The USA Volleyball SafeSport Program raises awareness about possible misconduct in our sport, promotes open dialogue and provides training and resources. When we work as a team, we can build a plan to make volleyball safe – for everyone.

USA Volleyball members should use the policies, guidelines, best practices, strategies and tools available to implement SafeSport practices at the local level. Together we can provide a safe environment for all members to enjoy the sport of volleyball.

### **Guiding Principles:**

1. USA Volleyball is committed to providing a safe, healthy and positive environment for its participants' physical, emotional and social development.
2. USA Volleyball believes in an environment free from abuse and misconduct.
3. USA Volleyball believes that all non-athlete members share a collective responsibility to protect our membership.
4. USA Volleyball will make training available for all members to increase awareness and understanding of athlete protection policies and best practices. USA Volleyball will provide a process for members to recognize, respond to and report any SafeSport issues that arise.
5. USA Volleyball will provide resources, information and guidance on SafeSport related issues to all members, including coaches, parents and athletes.
6. USA Volleyball will treat all allegations of abuse or concerns regarding athlete safety seriously and will respond appropriately and as prescribed by the USA Volleyball policies.

USOC and SafeSport: <http://safesport.org/>

USA Volleyball and SafeSport: [https://www.volleyballrefraining.com/SafeSport/safesport\\_home.html](https://www.volleyballrefraining.com/SafeSport/safesport_home.html)



# OFFICIATING



# OFFICIATING

Teams will be responsible for providing the first referee, second referee, two (2) line judges, and three (3) scorekeepers. If a League tournament (including Qualifier and Regionals) does not have paid certified officials, the teams must officiate the matches.

- Coaches are required to be part of the officiating crew when their team is assigned to officiate a match. All coaches, unless acting as a line judge or R2, must be present at the scoring table. While their team is officiating, all coaches must be actively attentive, listening to what is occurring around the court to make sure the score is kept accurately and all players are performing their duties appropriately. Coaches failing to fulfill this role for their team will subject them to incomplete officiating team sanctions which consists of forfeiting a point a minute, up to 25 points, in the first set of the next match. If this is the last match of the day, please refer to the sanctions section for additional information.
- All players attending the USAV Junior National Volleyball Championships must fulfill any additional requirements as set forth by the Competition Committee of USA Volleyball. The NCVA will be providing raters during the Power League Region Championship ONLY. To have your team rated, please complete the form in the National Events section of this Handbook and send it to the NCVA Office. For more information on this topic, see the National Events section of this Handbook or check USA Volleyball's website ([www.usavolleyball.org](http://www.usavolleyball.org)).
- All players, coaches, parents are **required** to attend a rules clinic to play in the NCVA Girls League Tournaments.

## *Officiating*

It has been the policy of the Northern California Volleyball Association, NCVA Board of Directors, the NCVA office staff, and the Officials Advisory Group that during league play tournaments:

- Club coaches work as the first referee
- Have junior players that have been through the Junior Officials training program as the first referee.
- If you do not have a player that has been through the program, the head coach must be the first referee

Teams are required to provide a first referee, second referee, two (2) line judges, a score keeper, assistant score keeper (Liberio tracker) and a visual score board operator for League events. If the first referee is a certified junior official (player) the coach is still required to fulfill their assignment as stated above.

Paid, certified officials will be scheduled at the following tournaments:

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| - President's Day Tournament                     | - Spring Fling Tournament                       |
| - G.S. Classic Tournament                        | - No Dinx / NCVA Far Western National Qualifier |
| - No Dinx / NCVA Golden State National Qualifier | - March Madness                                 |

Paid, certified officials are required at all "special" tournaments sanctioned by the NCVA:

- |                                 |                               |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| - California Kickoff Tournament | - Bay View Classic Tournament |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|

## ***Significant playing rules changes 2018-2019***

This information will be posted online at:

<http://www.ncva.com/downloads/Referee%20Rules%20Changes%20-%20Indoor.pdf>

### ***Junior Officials Program***

The Junior Officials Program is designed to offer junior players an opportunity:

- To help the junior officials hone their officiating skills as well as their playing experience;
- To provide role models for the younger junior players;
- To offer a part time job for those willing to learn the trade;
- To identify new officials and help them enter the officiating ranks;
- To advance in volleyball through the Officials' Division. Many former Junior Officials are now advancing their ratings and entering the Regional and Junior National levels as well as working high school matches.

Are you:

- A Player that is frequently assigned as the First Official for your team?
- A Coach that wants to have one (1) or more of your players receive the Junior Official Certificate for your team?

Junior Officials will be required to:

- To attend a training or mentoring session. The training or mentoring session will cover the R1, R2, Scorekeeping, and Line Judge Positions.
- To have a uniform that consists of navy blue dress slacks or shorts (no denim), all white athletic shoes and socks, white, grey or blue polo shirt, whistle, timing device and flipping coin.
- To have reliable transportation (car or parent) to and from the assigned sites.

If you are interested in signing up for the Junior Official's Program, please contact [yball@ncva.com](mailto:yball@ncva.com).

Junior Officials will be required to submit the following:

- Online Membership – if not already registered as a junior player
- Background Screen, if 18 – if not 18, within ten (10) days of turning 18.
- SafeSport Certified
- Independent Contractor Form
- W-9 Form
- Medical Release Form

**Junior Officiating Program Symposium:** To find an upcoming symposium near you, please visit [Become A Referee](#).



# **CODES OF CONDUCT AND SANCTIONS**

## CODES OF CONDUCT

### *Member Code of Conduct*

- Use the link above to view to most current Member Code of Conduct.

### *Spectator/Parent Code of Conduct*

- Use the link above to view to most current USAV Spectator/Parent Code of Conduct.

### *NCVA Code of Behavior*

- Use the link above to view to most current NCVA Code of Behavior.

## SANCTIONS

### *Background*

- There has been sufficient abuse of competition privileges by teams in past years to warrant a list of published penalties or sanctions. The ramifications of these abuses are that gym sites or formats have to be altered at the very last minute. This has led to lessening the quality of tournaments for those teams who remain involved. The following sanctions are meant to curtail the cavalier use of the junior tournament structure and to enhance tournament play for all teams.

### *Exceptions*

- Teams having to cancel from a tournament or that are unable to get to a tournament site due to acts of God and/or weather conditions and road closures will not be sanctioned which will be determined by the NCVA Office. Teams should notify the NCVA Office, in writing, if this type of situation becomes applicable to them.

### *To Cancel from a Tournament*

- All teams canceling from a tournament must use the Tournament Cancellation Form page 59. This form may be faxed to the NCVA Office. A team canceling 15 days or more prior to a tournament will not receive a sanction. However, if you cancel 14 days or less prior to the tournament, you will lose your entry fee and possibly other sanctions may apply, see below. No refunds are given for cancellations out of power league. You can also complete the online form [here](#).

### *Sanction Payments*

All fines must be paid before the sanctioned team/participant may enter into their next NCVA event. Please be aware of these penalties and take care of them as soon as possible.

## Sanctions Policies Grid

Sanctions are effective the preceding week of the Tournament.

	<b>Canceling 15 Days Prior to Event (excluding league entries)</b>	<b>Canceling Before 5:00 PM on Monday</b>	<b>Canceling After 5:00 PM on Monday to 5:00 PM on Wednesday</b>	<b>Canceling After 5:00 PM on Wednesday to 12:00 PM on Friday</b>	<b>Canceling After 12:00 PM on Friday to 5:00 PM on Friday</b>	<b>Canceling After 5:00 PM on Friday</b>	<b>No Show without notifying the NCVA Office in writing</b>
<b>1st Offense</b>	Entry Fee will be Credited to Club Account	Loss of Entry Fee	Loss of Entry Fee and a \$50.00 Fine	Loss of Entry Fee and a \$75.00 Fine	Loss of Entry Fee and a \$100.00 Fine	Loss of Entry Fee and a \$150.00 Fine	Loss of Entry Fee and a \$200.00 Fine
<b>2nd Offense</b>	Entry Fee will be Credited to Club Account	Loss of Entry Fee and a \$50.00 Fine	Loss of Entry Fee and a \$75.00 Fine	Loss of Entry Fee and a \$100.00 Fine	Loss of Entry Fee and a \$125.00 Fine	Loss of Entry Fee and a \$175.00 Fine	Loss of Entry Fee and a \$225.00 Fine
<b>3rd Offense</b>	Entry Fee will be Credited to Club Account	Loss of Entry Fee and a \$50.00 Fine, and cancellation of that team's entry into next event	Loss of Entry Fee and a \$100.00 Fine, and cancellation of that team's entry into next event	Loss of Entry Fee and a \$125.00 Fine, and cancellation of that team's entry into next event	Loss of Entry Fee and a \$150.00 Fine, and cancellation of that team's entry into next event	Loss of Entry Fee and a \$200.00 Fine, and cancellation of that team's entry into next event	Loss of Entry Fee and a \$250.00 Fine, and cancellation of that team's entry into next event

***Sanctions Policies Grid Continued***

	<b>Forfeiting all play at ANY Tournament: i.e. not enough players</b>	<b>Single Match Forfeits</b>	<b>Forfeiting 1 day out of a multiple day Tournament w/o NCVA prior notice</b>	<b>Missed Officiating Assignment</b>	<b>Incomplete Officiating Team and/ or Coach Not at Scoring Table While Officiating</b>	<b>Food Policy, Facility Rules &amp; Unsportsmanlike behavior *</b>	<b>Illegal Player</b>
<b>1st Offense</b>	Loss of Entry Fee and a \$125.00 Fine	Team will receive a letter from the NCVA Office	Loss of Entry Fee and a \$125.00 Fine	\$100.00 Fine and last place finish/points if they apply	Forfeit 1 point per minute in 1st set of next match. If this is the last match of the day, then the team is fined \$100.00	13 Point Rule, \$200.00 Fine and last place finish/points if they apply	Forfeit all matches played and \$500.00 Fine
<b>2nd Offense</b>	Loss of Entry Fee, a \$125.00 Fine, and cancellation of that team's entry into next event	\$25.00 Fine	Loss of Entry Fee and a \$150.00 Fine	\$125.00 Fine and last place finish/points if they apply	Forfeit 1 point per minute in 1st set of next match. If this is the last match of the day, then the team is fined \$125.00	13 Point Rule, \$250.00 Fine and last place finish/points if they apply	Forfeit all matches played, \$500.00 Fine and Club Suspension
<b>3rd Offense</b>	Loss of Entry Fee and cancellation of competition privileges for the rest of the NCVA Jr. Season	\$50.00 Fine	Loss of Entry Fee and a \$175.00 Fine	Cancellation of Competition privileges for the balance of NCVA Junior Season	Forfeit 1 point per minute in 1st set of next match. If this is the last match of the day, then the team is fined \$150.00	13 Point Rule, \$300.00 Fine and last place finish/points if they apply	Forfeit all matches played, \$500.00 Fine and Club Suspension - See Codes of Conduct

\* This Sanction applies to all attendees: players, coaches, parents, family members, e

## ***Illegal Player***

An illegal player is one who:

- Competes under elements of false identification such as name, birth date, club affiliation, etc.
- Competes, but is not registered with the NCVA.
- Competes on two (2) teams in the same tournament. In one (1) event occurs over multiple weekends, a player may only participate on one (1) weekend/division.
- Competes in an event with another team while the player's original team is being sanctioned for an offense.
  - Illegal players, the team coach, and the club director will fall under the guidelines of the due process procedure. Penalties may range from but are not limited to, immediate suspension of an individual to the suspension of the entire club and monetary fines.

## ***Age Falsification***

- For all NCVA events, any person who alters any document that certifies the age of a participant, or falsifies any statement that lists the age of a participant, will be sanctioned according to the terms listed below.

Any team representative, coach, club director, or responsible adult who is found to be party to age falsification shall be:

1. Immediately suspended from registration with NCVA/USA and barred from further participation in the event; and
2. Barred from participation in any NCVA/USA events in any capacity for a minimum of two (2) years; and
3. Placed on a minimum probation of one additional year, to run consecutively to the suspension.

Junior players who knowingly play in lower age classifications than which they are eligible or adult players who knowingly play in higher age classifications than which they are eligible shall be:

1. Immediately suspended from registration with NCVA/USA and barred from further participation in the event; and
2. Barred from participation in any NCVA/USA events in any capacity for a minimum of two (2) years; and
3. Placed on a minimum probation of one additional year, to run consecutively to the suspension.

## ***Violating NCVA Tryout and Commitment Policies***

The following sanctions apply directly to the person(s) violating the policy.

### ***First Offense***

- Suspension from All NCVA/USA competition for a minimum of one (1) week up to a maximum of one (1) month, depending on the severity of the violation.
- Multiple offenses arising from the same incident (for example, multiple players on the same team violate the same policy) will incur separate penalties for each offender.

### ***Second Offense***

- Suspension from All NCVA/USA competition for a minimum of one (1) month up to a maximum of one (1) year, depending on the severity of the violation.
- Multiple offenses arising from the same incident (for example, multiple players on the same team violate the same policy) will incur separate penalties for each offender.

All suspensions being on the date of the first competition following the violation for the penalized person(s). All sanctions begin with the first tournament of the season. If any person fails to adhere to the terms of the sanction, the individual will be suspended from NCVA competition and Nation events for one calendar year and subject to a lifetime ban. Further, the coaching staff of the team on which the person is registered will be suspended from NCVA competition and National events for one (1) calendar year and subject to a lifetime ban. If the individual is the club director, all coaches in the club will be suspended from NCVA competition and National events for one (1) calendar year and subject to a lifetime ban.

### ***What is a Sanctioned Event?***

Sanctioned events are tryouts, clinics, open gyms, and other club affiliated events that have been approved by NCVA/USAV. These events are governed by the policies set by NCVA/USAV and are covered by the USA Volleyball insurance policy.

Sanctioned events are required to submit a list of all adults attending each event. These adults are mandated to meet the minimum coaching requirements which include: IMPACT certification, bi-annual SafeSport certification, and bi-annual background screening. Adults failing to meet these requirements are not approved to be present as a participant at the sanctioned event.

Sanctioned events must also confirm that all participants attending, both adult and junior levels, have a valid membership for the duration of the event. If the event falls over multiple days/weekends, the membership must be valid for the entire time.



### ***What is a Non-Sanctioned Event?***

Many clubs/teams receive invitations to events hosted by other clubs/teams that are not sanctioned by NCVA and/or USA Volleyball. This indicates they have not requested/been approved for sanctioning and are not covered by USAV policies and insurance. Teams that participate in non-NCVA sanctioned events are playing without USA Volleyball insurance coverage.

Any complaints/claims that would arise, including but not limited to code of conduct violations, code of ethics violations, sexual misconduct, and injury, would fall on the event organizers and/or participants of the event.

Sanctioned competition protects a player's eligibility for participation in regional, zonal, national, and international competition. For anyone participating, please be diligent in reviewing insurance, waivers and release of liability guidelines beforehand.

### ***Violating the Code of Conduct***

- Any participants/attendees found in violation of the code of conduct will be required to attend a behavioral seminar, determined by NCVA, in addition to any other sanctions that may be assessed. Attendance and completion of the behavioral seminar will be at the expense of the person in violation of the code of conduct. Completion of the required behavioral seminar will be required before the person may participate in or attend any future events.

### ***Food in the Playing Facility / Failure to Follow Facility Rules***

- Tournament directors may impose the "13-Point Rule" for teams who are violating the "No Food in Gym" policy. The "13-Point Rule" means that in the team's next set, the score will begin at 0-13, with 13 points automatically awarded to the opposing team. This will be noted in the tournament director's report, which will result in the club's being fined a minimum of \$200 and receive the last place finish/points if they apply. During the tournaments located in Convention Centers, if your team is caught with food you may be removed from the tournament.

### ***Late for an Officiating Assignment***

- Tournament directors may impose the following sanction for teams who are late for and/or miss an officiating assignment. Your team's opponent will be awarded a point a minute for each minute you are late to your officiating assignment, up to 25 points (one set). If this is the last match of the day, then the team will be fined \$100.00.

### ***League Commitment***

- Once a team has committed to play in the League, the team is automatically entered into each League date. If a team cannot attend a League tournament, the team must still cancel from the tournament by mailing, delivering, faxing, or emailing the Tournament Cancellation Form, using the criteria stated in this Handbook. The club will not receive a refund for the canceled tournament. The team will be placed as the last finisher in that tournament and receive last place

points. The team will be dropped to the next division, depending on the League structure. There are no refunds and sanctions may occur if your team does not cancel in the allotted time.

### ***Additional Sanctions***

- Specific sanctions are mentioned and described in various sections of this Handbook, and in some cases, a specific penalty is associated with a particular violation. In addition, NCVA has the right to impose sanctions with respect to any violation of any other part of this Handbook, or any violation of USA Volleyball's Code of Ethics, Code of Conduct, Participant Code of Conduct, Eligibility Rules, Substance Abuse Policy, or other policy, as well as any other indiscretions not specifically covered in this Handbook or policies of NCVA or USA Volleyball. The extent and type of sanctions imposed shall be at the sole discretion of the NCVA, subject to the due process procedures described herein.

### ***Sanction Procedure***

- Confirmation of missed officiating assignments, forfeiture of matches, food/drink violations, no-shows, use of illegal players, or any other violations that come to the attention of the tournament director will be communicated by the tournament director to the NCVA Office. The tournament director will also record all offenses on the appropriate forms. After the event in question, the NCVA Office will confirm the offense(s) with the club director and sanctions will be imposed if appropriate. The NCVA Office will record all offenses in the team's folder.

### ***Sanction Appeal Process***

- Any sanction that does not involve probation, suspension of any duration, or expulsion (severe sanction) shall take effect as soon as it is imposed either by the tournament director or the NCVA office. Any club director or participant who is penalized with a sanction that is not a severe sanction shall have the right to appeal the sanction, by the earlier of the seventh day after receiving the sanction or the club's or participant's next scheduled event, whichever is first. An appeal shall consist of a letter from the club or participant who has been sanctioned along with any other materials the club or participant chooses to provide. Appeals of non-severe sanctions shall be considered, as soon as reasonably practicable by the NCVA Office, in consultation with the tournament director. NCVA shall provide the club director or participant with written notice of its decision, and there will be no further appeal of the matter.
- Sanctions involving facility rules/policies such as food policies will not be required to identify the persons and/or specific team incurring the sanction. The Tournament Director will determine the club affiliation for the sanction. These Sanctions may not be appealed based on questions regarding the person and/or specific team involved in the incident. While the Tournament Director may choose to notify the Club Director on site at events in Convention Centers, it is not mandatory to do so. The Tournament Director is not required to give a warning for these Sanctions at any time.
- Severe sanctions will be handled under NCVA's due process procedures.

### ***Due Process***

- Every individual or team (participant) who participates in volleyball events that fall under the jurisdiction of the Northern California Volleyball Association (NCVA) is entitled to due process whenever NCVA proposes, as part of the penalty levied against the participant, to expel, suspend, or place the participant on probation, a violation of which could result in suspension or expulsion. To the extent that USA Volleyball's Due Process Procedures are inapplicable to a given matter because the matter is within the jurisdiction of the NCVA or to the extent that USA Volleyball directs NCVA to handle the particular matter, the following Due Process Procedures shall apply.

### ***NCVA Due Process Procedure***

Notice of specific charges, or alleged violations, will be made in writing to the participant, along with an explanation of the potential consequences if the charges are found to be true. This notice will be delivered by certified mail or personal delivery. If necessary, to be practical and/or timely, initial notice may be verbal. All verbal communications will be followed by written notice via certified mail or personal delivery. A notice will include the following items:

- Summary of the charges or alleged violations.
- A statement that the participant has a right to respond in writing with delivery to the NCVA Office within twenty days from the date the written notice was sent.
- A statement that the participant has a right to request a hearing before the NCVA Review Committee by delivering a written request for a hearing to the NCVA office, within twenty days from the date the written notice was sent.
  - An explanation of any potential consequences if the charges are found to be true. If probation is a potential consequence, the notice shall describe the terms of probation.
  - An explanation of any immediate actions taken, which in the sole discretion of the NCVA office are necessary to protect the safety of other participants, until the matter can be finally resolved through due process procedures.
  - If the participant does not request a hearing within the time provided above:
    - The NCVA Office shall evaluate all of the information and reach a decision as to the appropriate disciplinary action, or non-action, in keeping with the established codes and policies of the NCVA.
    - The NCVA Office will notify all involved parties of its decision, and there will be no further right to an appeal.
    - NCVA may publish notice of the decision in its newsletter or other materials delivered to members or available on its website.
    - If the participant requests a hearing in a timely manner, the evaluation will be administered within 30 days by a Review Committee established by NCVA. NCVA may establish a standing committee to serve as a Review Committee, or it may form an ad hoc Review Committee to consider the particular matter. The Review Committee shall not be a committee reporting to the Board of Directors (BOD) of the NCVA, but rather an independent review committee. The Chairperson of the BOD shall select the members of the Review Committee and may replace members of the Review Committee if a conflict of interest or bias exists, or if a Review Committee member is unavailable. The Review Committee will consist of either three or five individuals, and a minority of the Review Committee members may be members of the NCVA

BOD, provided that such members do not have a conflict of interest or bias for or against the participant in question. One member of the Review Committee will be designated by the BOD Chair as the Chair of the Review Committee. A Review Committee member is considered to have a conflict if any of the following exists:

- The Review Committee member has a direct pecuniary interest in the outcome of the matter.
- The Review Committee member has been the target of personal abuse or criticism from the participant in question.
- The Review Committee member is enmeshed in other matters involving the participant.
- The Review Committee member may have prejudged the matter because of prior participation as an accuser, investigator, fact finder, or initial decision-maker in the matter.
- The BOD Chairperson may elect to hold the hearing in person or by conference call to accommodate the need for timely action. The participant must consent to any hearing to be held by conference call. Both NCVA and the participant may have legal counsel and bring any reasonable number of witnesses. The hearing will not be open to the public.

The hearing or conference call will have four parts:

1. The participant in question has the right to ask questions of the Review Committee members and challenge their bias or ability to be impartial. The Chair of the Review Committee will then consider these challenges and make a determination. If the Chair is being challenged, other members of the Review Committee will make the decision about the bias or impartiality of the Chair. If the Review Committee dismisses a member for bias or conflict of interest and if the Committee is left with fewer than three (3) members, the hearing will end and a new Review Committee will be appointed by the BOD chair.
2. Presentation of the accusation and all evidence in support of the accusation.
3. Opportunity by the participant to confront and cross-examine the accusers and to examine and refute all evidence.
4. Opportunity to present a defense.

The Review Committee will have the opportunity to ask questions of all parties presenting evidence. Either the Participant or the BOD, at either's own expense, may arrange for a transcript of the hearing to be taken and provided to the NCVA BOD and the participant. Following the hearing, after the participant and its counsel have left, the Review Committee will meet in private to make a decision. A written decision, with reasons therein and based solely on the evidence of record, will be rendered no later than fifteen (15) days after the hearing and will be forwarded by certified mail or personal delivery to all parties.

Written communication of the Review Committee's decision will contain the following:

- Decision(s) and reasons for the decision(s) of the Review Committee.
- Notice of any severe sanctions and other sanctions, explaining the terms and reasons for the sanctions.
- Outline of the further appeals process.

Upon receipt of the Review Committee's decision, any of the participants may file an appeal of the decision in writing with the NCVA Office within seven (7) days of the decision. All participant appeals to the NCVA

Board of Directors must be accompanied by a \$100.00 filing fee payable to the NCVA. If no timely appeal is filed, the decision of the Review Committee shall be final, and NCVA may publish notice of the decision in its newsletter or other materials delivered to members or available on its website.

A final appeal will then be conducted before the NCVA Board of Directors at the date, time, and location of the next regularly scheduled meeting and, in no event, more than sixty days after the mailing of the Review Committee decision. The participant and counsel shall have the right, but shall not be required to, to attend the portion of the meeting at which the hearing will be conducted whether or not the involved parties are present. Each party has the right to be assisted in the presentation of its case at the hearing, including the aid of legal counsel, at the party's expense. Each party has the right to present reasonable verbal and written evidence, including witnesses. Each party has the right to have a record made of the hearing at the party's expense.

The NCVA Board of Directors may reverse, affirm, or modify the decision of the Review Committee. The NCVA Board of Directors then present at such meeting, by a vote of the majority directors present, will render a decision within seven (7) days of such meeting. A written decision will be forwarded by certified mail or personal delivery to all parties.

Copies of all communications and findings will be forwarded to the USA Volleyball Vice President of Regional Operations or Vice President of Youth and Junior Olympic Volleyball as appropriate.

The Board's decision shall be final and binding and shall not be further appealed within the NCVA. The participant shall be entitled to exercise any legal rights that he, she, or it has through USA Volleyball or through courts of law.

NCVA may publish the final decision of the BOD in its newsletter or other materials delivered to members or available on its website.



# **NCVA / USAV BACKGROUND CHECK POLICY**

## [USAV/NCVA Background Screening Policy](#)

View the most updated policy regarding USAV/NCVA Background Screenings along with enforcement and penalty by clicking the link above.

### SSCI Background Check vs. Database Only Background Check

Reputable companies, following industry standards, will add the national database as the supplemental tool and not as a standalone search in the screening program

TASK	SSCI	DATABASE ONLY	SSCI PROGRAM DETAILS
Hands on identity verification	✓	✗	SSCI investigators follow up when discrepancies are found in the data provided by the client.
Hands on Address Trace to determine depth of investigation	✓	✗	Our investigators use address trace data to select jurisdictions where in person investigations are performed.
<b>LOCAL SEARCH</b>			
<b>County:</b> Hands on County Criminal Records Search	✓	✗	In person county courthouse investigations are conducted for misdemeanor and felony case based on address trace.
<b>Statewide:</b> In Depth Statewide search using official State Repository	✓	✗	Hands on statewide investigations conducted in lieu of county courthouse investigations for the following states: Colorado    Maryland    DC New Mexico    Georgia    Wisconsin Hawaii
<b>NATIONAL SEARCH</b>			
National Criminal Database Search	Over 800 million records	Average 200 – 400 million records	SSCI provides a national DB search as a supplemental tool to the investigation. SSCI will never rely on a standalone national DB search.
National Sex Offender Search	✓	✓	SSCI performs a national search as a supplemental tool although the majority of offenders are consistently found during our local level investigations.
Re-Verification of Criminal Records	✓	✓	SSCI rechecks all national and sex offender criminal records per FCRA compliance.
Results Report	Customized notification process to organization and applicant	✗	SSCI provides customized notification process. Final report follows FCRA regulations.
Live Customer Service	✓	Switchboard or Voicemail	SSCI provides a dedicated account representative to every client. Our customers will always get a live person when call our offices.
Turn Around Time	2 – 3 Days (Including in-person investigations)	Instant	SSCI is committed to expediency throughout the screening process.



# **SITTING VOLLEYBALL**



## ***Sitting Volleyball***

NCVA Sitting Volleyball: <https://ncva.com/sittingvolleyball/>

USAV Sitting Volleyball: <https://www.teamusa.org/usa-volleyball/usa-teams/sitting-volleyball>

### ***Sitting Volleyball: Frequently Asked Questions***

#### ***Can you play in a wheelchair?***

Technically, no, but what happens if in play? Maybe the response to the situation is come and try.

#### ***Can I get hurt?***

Yes, it is possible. As with all sports, things can happen. Best practices are to follow rules and create a safe environment for play.

#### ***Can I get contact sores or burns?***

Yes, it is possible. Using preventative measures can help by wearing long pants, socks, and knee and elbow pads.

#### ***What do I play in?***

Compression shorts, socks, yoga pants, t-shirts, a sleeve for stump if desired.

#### ***Can I play with my prosthetic limb?***

It depends, if wearing a prosthetic arm, the answer is yes. You can use it to pass, serve, and block. A prosthetic leg is very hard and has immovable parts. If an athlete or teammate falls on it, it could cause injury to them or damage the prosthetic.

#### ***What if I have never coached or played Volleyball before?***

Your primary role is to be a strong leader and to help strengthen and develop character; technical and tactical knowledge comes with time. Take advantage of on-court learning opportunities.

#### ***What if I've coached standing volleyball but never sitting volleyball?***

The rule differences are very minimal, if you are able to coach the standing game, you will have no trouble at all coaching sitting volleyball.

#### ***Should I still offer a sitting Volleyball program if no athletes are interested?***

Yes! Your school could provide a much-needed competition for other schools that do have adaptive athletes on their sitting volleyball team. You are also helping to spread the word about adaptive sports and raise awareness. Last, remember, anyone can play sitting Volleyball.



# **SOCIAL MEDIA AND TRAVEL POLICY**

## ***Travel Policy***

USA Volleyball Junior Clubs are now required to implement a team travel policy. The following link will assist clubs in developing their own policy. If a Club chooses not to, or is unable to, create a written travel policy, the following model policy will become the default policy for that club.

[USAV Sample Travel Policy](#)

## ***Social Media and Electronic Communication Policy***

USA Volleyball junior clubs are now required to implement an electronic communication policy. The policy must be reviewed with and agreed to by all athletes, parents, coaches, and other adults affiliated with the Club. The following link is a model to assist clubs in developing their own policy. If a Club chooses not to, or is unable to, create a written electronic communication policy, the following model policy will become the default electronic communication policy for that club.

[USAV Sample Social Media Policy](#)



# COMMUNICATION

# COMMUNICATION

The communication in the NCVA Boys Division is as follows, **as requested by all Club Directors:**

**All NCVA members: When registering online with NCVA, even though it is not a required field, please be sure to provide a phone number and your email address.**

**NCVA Office → Club Director → Coaches → Players and Parents**

## *NCVA Office*

- For continuity, the NCVA Office will communicate with a Club Director or Representative listed under the club console.
- Communications will be made in the same manner to all clubs, with no individual club or group of clubs receiving privileged information from the NCVA office or any tournament personnel.
- In an effort to provide better service, please contact your Club Director/Coach before calling the NCVA.

## *Club Director*

- Each club will have only one (1) Club Director or Representative.
- This Club Director will be the only person in the club who may contact the NCVA Office on matters involving the Boys Division.
- The Club Director or Representative must be a member of the NCVA, pass a background check and be SafeSport certified.

## *Coaches*

- Coaches are recommended to contact their Club Director for all junior information.
- If a coach cannot receive appropriate information from the Club Director and the information is not on the NCVA Website, the coach should contact the NCVA Office.

## *Players and Parents*

- Players and their parents should contact their Coach or Club Director for all Boys Division information. Based on the contract between NCVA and all Club Directors, it is their responsibility to provide you with all required and necessary information. However, if a player/parent cannot receive appropriate information from the Club Director/Coach, the information should be found on the NCVA website. If a parent needs to contact NCVA, please do so via email to [vball@ncva.com](mailto:vball@ncva.com) and include as much detail as possible. You must include the parent's full name, club name and team affiliation information in order to receive a response. If this information is omitted, you will not receive a response. Emails from parents are responded to on a first-come, first-served basis, usually within three (3) to five (5) business days.

## *Filing Complaints*

- The NCVA is willing to investigate complaints that are lodged against various personnel such as club directors, coaches, officials, tournament directors, NCVA staff, or parents, **but only if a complaint falls under the jurisdiction of the NCVA.** If a complaint does not fall under the NCVA's jurisdiction, the region cannot act against the person because the NCVA does not have the authority to govern the acts that brought on the complaint. To file a complaint, please view the information below.

## Examples of Jurisdiction

SITUATION	WHO HAS JURISDICTION
Player not receiving enough playing time.	Coach or Club Director
Parents charged too much money by the club.	Club Director
The team enters tournaments requiring travel.	Coach or Club Director
Poor officiating or incompetent tournament director.	NCVA – Use the Evaluation Forms Must be reported by Club Director
Falsifying age identification.	NCVA
Violation of NCVA policies.	NCVA
Inappropriate behavior toward a minor.	NCVA and Club Director
Illegal rosters.	NCVA and Club Director
A coach who is found cheating.	NCVA and Club Director
Abusive coaching.	NCVA and Club Director

Contact info for the NCVA and its' staff can be found on the [NCVA Website](#).

Telephone Number: (415) 550-7582

Fax Number: (415) 550-7762

Email Address: [vball@ncva.com](mailto:vball@ncva.com)

Website Address: [www.ncva.com](http://www.ncva.com)

Address: 5621 Skylane Blvd.  
Santa Rosa, CA 95403



NCVA Office Hours:

Monday – Friday  
9:00AM – 5:00PM

## Social Media



[Twitter.com/NCVAVolleyball](https://twitter.com/NCVAVolleyball)



[Facebook.com/NCVAVolleyball](https://facebook.com/NCVAVolleyball)



[NCVAVolleyball](https://www.snapchat.com/add/NCVAVolleyball)



[www.instagram.com/\\_ncva/](https://www.instagram.com/_ncva/)



# **PARTNERS**

# PARTNERS

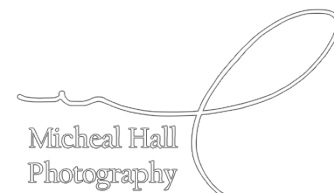
## No Dinx

Since 1989, No Dinx Volleyball has been pushing the envelope with progressive, innovative volleyball apparel designs. From our own line of inspirational volleyball clothing to our popular volleyball tournament t-shirts, sweatshirts, and volleyball gear, we design by looking to the future, while also maintaining a strong classic feel.



## Michael Hall Photography

Welcome to Michael Hall Photography, a family owned, and operated studio located in Sacramento, CA. More than 20 years of photographic experience and an enthusiasm for creating beautiful images that only grows stronger as time passes. They work with many clubs, high schools and colleges in the Sacramento area and are willing to travel wherever we are needed. If you run a club or coach a high school or college team in need of photographs, please be sure to get in touch!



## NCSA

National Collegiate Scouting Association® (NCSA) was founded in 2000 to help student-athletes and their families navigate the cutthroat, competitive, and often confusing world of college recruiting. Their team of former college athletes, coaches and scouts, our network of 99% of American college coaches, and our custom technology and tools give you the edge you need in the most important game of your life.



## Molten

Guided by the brand statement, 'For the real game', Molten is committed to producing the absolute best quality sports equipment to help athletes maximize performance and realize their full potential. By combining innovative technology and superior craftsmanship, Molten will continue to create products of impeccable quality to serve and support the growth and development of the global sports community.



## SportStars

SportStars Magazine has been producing award-winning community-based club and high school sports coverage since 2010. Primarily focused on the Northern California region, the media company has profiled schools and athletes, teams, and clubs throughout the state. SportStars and NCVA joined forces in 2016 when it was obvious there was a natural fit to promote and cover the high-level volleyball being played throughout the region.



## Art of Coaching

At The Art of Coaching Volleyball, their unwavering commitment to you is to offer the tools necessary for you to be an outstanding coach who values listening and learning and seeks to evolve. If you're a better coach today than you were yesterday, they've done their job, and so have you.



## Be The Match

For patients diagnosed with leukemia, lymphoma and other life-threatening diseases, a bone marrow transplant may be their best or only hope for a cure. Yet 70% of patients who need a transplant to do not have a fully matched donor in their family. They depend on Be The Match® and their supporters to find a match to save their life.



## TM2 Sign

TM2Sign is proud to be a partner with the NCVA, providing the tournament management software package with the most features and ease of use in the industry to help the region manage team registration, team scheduling, officials' registration, officials' scheduling and guest registration for the many NCVA events.

