

Carolina Region/USAV
May 7, 2017 Juniors Advisory Board meeting
Koury Convention Center, Greensboro



Attendees: Trey Mainwaring (CHAVC); Sherry Fadool (Triangle); Linda Osterman (Alamance Force); Doug Balsler (Champion); James Marshall (Stanly County)

CR Board Attendees: Tina Reading; Tony Hill, Fred Wendelboe
CR Staff Attendees: Kevin Wendelboe

Meeting began: 9:00 am

- I. Welcome/Introductions
- II. 2016 Minutes - A copy of last year's JAB meeting minutes was emailed to all pre-registered attendees and one copy was available for review at meeting. Motion by Balsler, second by Marshall to:

Motion 1: approve the May 1, 2016 minutes of the Carolina Region Junior Advisory Board meeting. MSA

- III. 2017 Season Review – We saw growth in both Boys and Girls this season. We had 7910 junior and youth girls (+329 over last year) and 110 boys (+28). Junior girls' teams grew by 18 to 767 teams. Boys teams grew by 4 to 9 teams. Total teams in each age group and realm were reviewed. We are recommending no change in which age groups play together on their assigned weekends. We lost the first weekend of the season due to inclement weather. Even with the loss of that weekend, we had a small increase in total tournament entries for the season. Our change to assign Regional Championship teams based on the rankings was a good one as we had full pools at all age groups for the first time since we went to this process. We are going to work on addressing some of the issues with the rankings that should alleviate some of the concerns addressed on survey about choosing teams for the Regionals. The East/West Championships also had strong participation.
- IV. End of Season Survey Results – This season we sent the Annual Program Review Survey to all club directors. We had 18 responses out of 150+ possible responses as of Thursday before the meeting. The responses submitted were reviewed. The Junior Advisory Board can use the survey responses when considering several issues that will be discussed during the meeting.

- V. Recruiting/Tryout Policy – We sent out a survey to the Club Directors in December after this season’s tryout period was over. The goal of the survey was to gauge how clubs felt about the current process and to determine if any updates or changes were desired. The survey results were emailed to all those that pre-registered for the meeting. There was a lengthy discussion about the pros and cons of shortening the signing date periods. Small majority of survey respondents wanted a shorter signing date period. The main concern presented was in allowing players opportunity of trying out over two weekends without the pressure of committing. In the end, JAB decided to shorten the period this season and will continue to evaluate the process. Motion by Osterman, Second by Fadool to recommend to the Carolina Region Board of Directors to:

Motion 2: shorten the Signing Date period to 6:00 pm on the Friday following the initial tryout date. MSA See Appendix 1

- VI. 2017/2018 Schedule – Kevin presented a proposed schedule for the 2018 season. This year’s schedule seemed easier to put together as Big South is back on Easter weekend and New Year’s Eve is on a Sunday. We have switched the age groups that are starting the season off. There were no suggested changes to the proposed schedule by the group. Motion by Marshall, second by Fadool to recommend to the Carolina Region Board of Directors to:

Motion 3: approve the 2018 Junior Tournament Schedule as proposed by staff. MSA See Appendix 2

VII. New Issues:

- A. Tie-Breakers – We had another request from a Tournament Host to revisit the tie-breaker process. In the event of two-way and three-way ties, it can add 30-60 minutes to length of tournaments. Survey results and the group discussions still overwhelmingly wanted tie-breakers to be played on the court. Kevin proposed a change in policy in selecting work teams for playoffs when there is a three-way tie for second tie-breaker. Often the other court is finished and the last place team has to wait around an hour just to work the playoffs. This can cause issues with parents who do not understand the process. He suggested having the teams involved in the tie-breakers stay and work the playoffs regardless of where they finish in the pool standings. Motion by Fadool; second by Balsler to recommend to the Carolina Region Board of Directors:

Motion 4: For tournaments with only two pools, in a three-way tie for second place scenario, if either tie-breaker set has not begun and the other pool has completed play, the last place team in that pool shall be allowed to leave. The third and fourth place teams in the pool involved with the tie-breaker sets will provide the work teams for the semi-finals. MSA

B. Frozen Roster Policy:

The current policy is to freeze rosters two weeks before an age group's Regional Championship Event. Each season, we get a few requests after rosters have frozen to move players from within the club due to injuries or the loss of players to outside events like prom or school sports. A few teams end up withdrawing from Regional Championship Events due to the frozen roster policy. The survey results did favor relaxing the policy some. After some discussion, motion by Marshall, second by Osterman to recommend to the Carolina Region Board of Directors to:

Motion 5: change the Frozen Roster policy to freezing rosters one (1) week before an age group's Regional Championship Event weekend. MSA

C. Behavior Policy:

We had a few more Behavior Policy incidents this year, including one that occurred in another Region. In Reviewing our Behavior Policy, Kevin is proposing amending the policy to include all USAV Sanctioned Events. The USAV Code of Conduct gives us authority to sanction for misbehavior at any USAV sanctioned event but this small change will just make our Region document a little stronger as well. Motion by Marshall; second by Balsler to recommend to the Carolina Region Board of Directors to:

Motion 6: to change "by all attendees at Carolina Region sanctioned events" in the opening paragraph of the Carolina Region Participant/Spectator Behavior Policy to "by all attendees at USAV Sanctioned Events". MSA

D. Officials Recruitment by Clubs:

Sherry discussed Triangles efforts in recent seasons to recruit new officials from players in their club. It has resulted in several new officials each season. Clubs can encourage players that cannot play for various reasons to become officials. The region does have a flyer on our website to help promote this option for junior members. We will try to promote this to the clubs more in our pre-season materials and communication.

E. Communication:

Kevin mentioned that he was considering adding a text message service for the Region next season. Since we send so many emails each season, sometimes our emails get overlooked or put in spam/promotions folders. We could utilize a text service for special announcements like inclement weather or last minute site changes. The group supported the idea and agreed that all team reps should be opted in to the service automatically. Kevin will investigate what services are available in the off-season.

- VIII. 2017 Junior Beach Tour – This is the seventh season for the Carolina Region Junior Beach Tour. There were no changes to the structure of the tour, but we have had a couple new tournament operators added. We now have four events on the USAV Junior Beach National Tour this season (Charlotte, High Point, Apex and Wilmington). The High School Beach Club tournaments are still going strong.
- IX. Other Business/Issues:
- A. None
- X. Elections:
- A. Girls – Trey Mainwaring is willing to continue as rep, and there were no other nominations from the floor. Motion by Marshall, second by Osterman to:

Motion 7: elect Trey Mainwaring by acclimation as the Girl’s Representative to the Carolina Region Board of Directors. MSA

He will serve a one-year term.

- XI. Next Meeting – May 6, 2018. The group decided to hold the May 6, 2018 Junior Advisory Board meeting as an online meeting in an effort to increase participation among the clubs. The region has the capability to host online with slide shows, polls, chat, and complete communication capabilities. Kevin will send out instructions to clubs next season about how to participate.
- XII. Adjournment - Motion by F. Wendelboe, second by Marshall to:

Motion 8: adjourn the May 7, 2017 meeting of the Junior Advisory Board at 11:15 am. MSA

NEXT MEETING

May 6, 2018. Online Meeting

NOTE ON PASSED MOTIONS – PLEASE READ

Motions passed by the Junior Advisory Board do NOT establish policy. These are recommendations to the Carolina Region Board of Directors for consideration and implementation if the board agrees. Please refer to the minutes of the subsequent meetings of the Carolina Region Board of Directors to verify that the motions passed at the Junior Advisory Board meeting were adopted.

Appendix 1



**Carolina Region/USAV
Tryouts**

The Carolina Region Board of Directors has issued the following policies to address some of the issues about Club tryouts and the signing of players with the goal of creating a fairer and more athlete-friendly process for the beginning of the Junior Girls’ volleyball season.

Tryouts:

There will be TWO announced Girls’ tryout periods that clubs are encouraged but not required to adopt. (1) The FIRST tryout period will begin on **Saturday October 21, 2017** for the following age groups: **U14, U13, and U12**. (2) The SECOND tryout period for the **U15, U16, U17, and U18** age groups will begin **Sunday, November 5, 2017** (after the North Carolina State Championships for public High Schools on November 4, 2017). The Carolina Region/USAV will not publish any tryouts for girls’ teams on its website that occur before these dates for the respective age groups. Some middle and private school seasons can last longer than the High School season so the Region recommends club directors check with Middle and/or private school coaches in their area to determine optimum tryout dates for their various age groups.

Signing Dates:

Players have the right to attend more than one club's tryouts. The Carolina Region **requires** that clubs adopt a signing date of **6: 00 pm FRIDAY following the initial beginning tryout date: SIX DAYS - Oct. 27, 2017 at 6 pm** after the FIRST Tryout Period begins for the **U12, U13, and U14** age groups and **FIVE DAYS - Nov. 10, 2017 at 6 pm** after the SECOND Tryout Period begins for the **U15, U16, U17, and U18** age groups. Clubs must hold an offer open to a player to join a particular team in the club or the club in general until the respective age group signing date. If a player commits by the signing date, clubs must honor their commitment or the club may be considered to have violated the RVA/USAV Code of Conduct. *Players may voluntarily commit to a club at any time following the club’s tryouts, but should not be pressured to do so.* For tryouts held just before or after the signing date, clubs should give a minimum waiting period of **five** days before requiring a player to commit to their club. The Carolina Region **requires** all clubs to use the Carolina Region *Letter of Commitment* when accepting players into their clubs. This form should not be sent to the Carolina Region, but kept on file with the club should any question arise about a player’s commitment to a club or a club’s commitment to a player.

The Carolina Region/USAV has adopted these tryout policies for the benefit of all junior players in our Region. The Junior Division welcomes all comments from the junior community on this and other issues concerning the division. Please direct all communication through the Region Office (office@carolinaregionvb.org) and we will address it at future Junior Advisory Board meetings.

Summary 2017-2018 Season:

	12’s – 14’s	15’s – 18’s
Tryouts may begin	October 21, 2017	November 5, 2017
Signing dates	October 27, 2017	November 10, 2017

Appendix 2



APPROVED 2018 JUNIOR TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Below are the approved weekends for the 2018 Carolina Region Indoor Sanctioned Volleyball Season. Notes: There will be one age group assigned to play on a Sunday every Regular Season and Championship weekend. This was done to accommodate the growth we have had over past two seasons as well as aid in scheduling officials at all events. The National Bid tournaments will be separated from the Regional Championships again for 2018 and were scheduled on a Sunday when their age group is not playing. The Regional Championship teams in each age group will be the top four (4) teams in their respective age rankings from the East and West that qualify and submit an entry by the Regional Championships entry deadline. All other teams will be placed in their respective East or West Championships based on the rankings. Site assignments for each Regular Season and Championship tournament will be on the Carolina Region Tournament/Points System posted after the Tournament Entry deadline passes (2 weeks before the event is the entry deadline).

December, 2017:

30-31 – Quest New Year's Tournament

January:

- 6 - Regular season tournaments begin; All divisions for age groups 14's, 17's
- 7 - Regular season tournaments begin; All divisions for age groups 15's;
- 13-15 – City of Oaks Tournament – Raleigh Convention Center; (MLK trns)
- 20 - All divisions for age groups 13's, 16's, 18's;
- 21 - All divisions for age groups 12's
- 27 - All divisions for age groups 15's, 17's;
- 28 - All divisions for age groups 14's;

February:

- 3 – All divisions for age groups 12's, 13's; 16's Queen City (2/3-4)
- 4 – All divisions for age group 18's
- 10 - All divisions for age groups 14's, 15's; (ACT Test Date)
- 11 - All divisions for age groups 17's;
- 17 – All divisions for age groups 12's, 16's; 18's
- 18 - All divisions for age groups 13's;
- 24 – All divisions for age groups 14's, 17's;
- 25 - All divisions for age groups 15's;
- 25 – National Bid tournament – 12's, 13's, 16's, & 18's age groups

March:

- 3 – All divisions for age groups 12's, 13's, 18's;
- 4 - All divisions for age groups 16's;
- 4 – National Bid tournaments – 14's, 15's, 17's;
- 10 – All divisions for age groups 14's, 15's; (SAT dates); MAPL Raleigh (10-11)
- 11- All divisions for age groups 17's;
- 17 – All divisions for age groups 13's, 16's, 18's;
- 18 - All divisions for age groups 12's;
- 24 – East/West Championships for age groups 15's, 17's;
- 25 - East/West Championships for age groups 14's;

April:

- Mar 30-Apr 1 – Easter/Big South Qualifier/NEQ1;
- 7 – East/West Championships for age groups 12's, 16's, 18's
- 8 - East/West Championships for age groups 13's;
- 14/15 – Junior Jr Neighbor; (ACT Test)