

TO: Carolina Region Junior Team Representatives

RE: 2019-2020 Registration Procedures



In an effort to make completing your team registration easier, we have included a checklist for you to follow that will outline all the steps you need to take to complete your registration quickly and correctly. Be sure to read through the accompanying information to answer any questions you may have about eligibility, definitions, forms, etc. **NOTE: We use an online, individual-based registration system, so please be sure to read the accompanying information and pass it along to your club members! We highly encourage all clubs to allow all their players/coaches to apply online and submit their payments directly to the Region.** Additional information/forms can be found at our web page - CarolinaRegionVB.org

CHECKLIST FOR TEAM APPLICATION (Team Representatives):

- ___ 1. Download the Team Registration Form and complete to register your team with the Region. The Region can put your players on your team in the online system OR the club administrator will be able to do it online ONCE (once the team is created by the Region and individuals are assigned to your club in the system). A Junior team must have SIX players and ONE adult coach on the roster before we will register the team.
- ___ 2. Email/Mail/Fax all Team Registration Forms (if responsible for more than one team) along with **ONLY ONE CHECK (payable to Carolina Region) or PayPal (Credit Card) payment** to arrive at the Region Office at least one week before your first tournament. In general, allow at least two weeks for processing. All individuals on your team must be completely registered (completed application either online or with paper form and payment received by Region) at least one week before a tournament to be eligible to compete.

CHECKLIST FOR INDIVIDUAL APPLICATIONS:

- ___ 1. Direct all your players to our Online Registration page for information on registering with the Region. If they have been a member in any season since 2004 then they should be in the online system already (they need to log-in or request their log-in info following instructions on the page). Renewing members go to their membership account and click to renew their membership. During their renewing process, they can choose your club (if known) or choose UNDECIDED and they can update the club later (once) or we can add them into your club when we receive the Team Registration form. After they have submitted their application to renew online, they will be able to complete their waiver electronically and submit a credit card payment for their dues. If not paying with a credit card, they will only need to mail a check to the Region Office to complete the registration process. **The Region recommends all individuals handle their own registration this season.**
- ___ 2. A 2020 Carolina Region membership form is available on the website also. Those players that do not have internet access or do not want to register online may still register using the membership form. However, those members that register online get a discount since the paper forms require more work to process. Players can download their own membership form and Participant Code of Conduct from the Forms section of our website.
- ___ 3. Each participant must **read and sign** (either electronically or by paper form) the Waiver and Release of Liability as well as the Participant Code of Conduct. All Junior participants must have a parent/legal guardian complete their application and a medical history form. **The medical history form should NOT be returned to the Office, but should be turned in to the Coach to carry at all practices and competitions.**
- ___ 4. All Adults registering with a Junior team MUST pass the USAV background screen and submit a Junior Club Personnel Code of Ethics. The online system will handle the screenings automatically, and it can be signed electronically! The \$19.00 background screen fee must be submitted before we can process it. All Junior Coaches must be IMPACT **AND SafeSport** certified before they can participate in a Carolina Region-sanctioned tournament.

CHECKLIST FOR NON-AFFILIATED (Team) INDIVIDUALS:

- ___ 1. Register online or fill out the Carolina Region membership form as stated above and send along with payment directly to the Regional Office.

CHECKLIST FOR ADDING TEAM PERSONNEL (During season):

- ___ 1. Have new participant(s) register online or complete the membership form as stated above.
- ___ 2. Complete membership application (online or paper) and send proper fee to the Region Office no later than one week prior to participating in a sanctioned event (**Can be Thursday before event with a \$5 late fee**).

FEES:

Type	Individual Regular (PAPER)	Individual Early Bird (PAPER)	Individual Regular (ONLINE)	Individual Early Bird (ONLINE)
Adult	\$75 (After 11/1/19)	\$65 (On/Before 11/1/19)	\$45 (After 11/1/19)	\$35 (On/Before 11/1/19)
Junior	\$75 (After 11/1/19)	\$65 (On/Before 11/1/19)	\$55 (After 11/1/19)	\$45 (On/Before 11/1/19)

Mail All Applications and Checks To: Carolina Region/USAV, P.O. Box 1757, Clemmons, NC 27012
Fed Ex or UPS Overnight (waive signature) To: 3770 Clemmons Road, Suite C, Clemmons, NC 27012
(US Postal Service does overnight to P.O. Boxes - waive signature please on all overnight deliveries)

TEAM FEE WORKSHEET

2019-2020 SEASON

JUNIOR TEAMS



You may REGISTER your team with the Carolina Region before the December 1, 2019 deadline to get the reduced Early Bird fee. **Include at least SIX players and one Adult Coach on the Team Registration Form with the team fee by the Early Bird deadline to get the price discount.** Teams may add additional players to the roster at any time during the season up to the roster limit size (15 players/5 staff). The person set up as your club administrator online may add players to your team through the online system (as long as the individuals are in your club in the system or you can send the names to the Region Office and we will add them to your roster). Individuals must be added to the roster at least one week before participation in a tournament (or as late as Thursday before with a \$5 late fee).

EARLY BIRD (Sending in for Region to **receive on/before** December 1, 2019)

Early Bird Junior Team Fee - \$65

REGULAR (Sending in for Region to **receive on/after** December 2, 2019)

Regular Junior Team Fee - \$75

JUNIOR CLUB INFO

All multi-team clubs will be eligible to use Club Player Movement within the guidelines of the policy (available in 2020 Operating Code and at the Frequently Asked Questions section of website). The Club Information Sheet will now only be used to update your club information in the online system.

The Carolina Region has instituted a price discount for multi-team clubs that register ALL their teams TOGETHER BEFORE December 1, 2019. The discounts are based on the number of teams in your club and we **MUST RECEIVE** all team registration forms and the team fee payment by December 1, 2019 to qualify:

If you have FIVE or fewer teams in your club, then ALL teams pay \$65 each
Example, Club A has 4 teams in the club: 4 teams * \$65 = \$260 total by Dec. 1

If you have SIX to ELEVEN teams in your club, then the team fee breakdown is:
Teams 1- 5 pay \$65 EACH; teams 6-11 pay \$60 each;
Example, Club B has 9 teams in the club: (5 teams * \$65) + (4 teams * \$60) = \$565 total by Dec 1

If you have more than TWELVE teams in your club, then the team fee breakdown is:
Teams 1- 5 pay \$65 EACH; teams 6-11 pay \$60 each; teams 12 + pay \$55 each;
Example, Club C has 14 teams in the club: (5 teams * \$65) + (6 teams * \$60) + (3 teams * \$55) = \$850 by Dec 1

All teams formed into any Club after the December 1 deadline will pay the REGULAR team fees of \$75 per team.

PLEASE WRITE **ONLY ONE CHECK** PAYABLE TO "CAROLINA REGION" AND INCLUDE WITH ALL REQUIRED FORMS (Club Information Sheet and Team Registration Form for each team). One PayPal payment for all teams can be submitted also as long as the note with that payment details all teams that the payment covers and payment and forms are received by December 1, 2019. Team forms can be submitted by email, fax, or mail to be RECEIVED by the deadline.

This document includes your 2019/2020 Carolina Region/USA Volleyball Registration Information and Forms. New teams may download it from our website at any time.



JUNIOR TEAM REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

1. All information in this packet has been summarized to aid in Season Registration. Refer to the 2020 Operating Code for the approved Carolina Region policies and procedures.
2. There IS a Team Registration form this season. **This form is required in order to register a team with the Carolina Region. We request that all individual registrations be handled online this season by the individual requesting membership (and parent/guardian for junior members)**, but we will accept the paper 2020 membership form if submitted. Illegible forms will be returned and your registration will be delayed. The forms are self-explanatory. You won't have any problems if you read this packet carefully and follow the enclosed Checklist. Please contact the Region Office if you have other questions.
3. ALL teams must have a UNIQUE Team Rep (a person can only be the team rep for one team in our system, but one person may still handle all your administrative duties internally within your club if you wish). Your coach may act as your unique team rep if you wish. Remember that coaches and team reps must register as members of the team, as do any other individuals wishing insurance coverage. All adults registering with a junior team must pass the USAV background screen and complete the SafeSport course.
4. **No** Junior team will be legal until six players and one adult coach have fully registered and been added to the team's roster. To add a player/coach to a team after a team has been registered, the player/coach may register online and select the club they are affiliating with. Once the Region clears that member as being paid and submitting a signed waiver, the Club Administrator will be able to add that member to a team in the club (or the Region will do it if player is listed on Team Registration Form or the club emails the Office). All adults will need to clear their USAV background screen before they can be added to a roster. Teams should register in the Age Division of their oldest junior player (teams will have to play in that division regardless of whether the oldest player(s) attend a particular event or not). Teams will sign up for either the EAST or WEST Geographic area (a North/South line through Greensboro is the approximate split of East/West in the Region for scheduling purposes) and an initial starting Group (Labeled 1-5 and corresponds to whether team thinks they are 1-top 20% of all teams in age group; 2-next 20%; 3-next 20%; 4-next 20%; and 5-bottom 20% of all teams in age group. After the initial selection, teams will move up/down the points system strictly on results of their matches.
5. Please submit the original required forms in **INK** (not faxed or copy machine copies). Complete the forms carefully and accurately. Improper completion or illegible print will result in the form being returned to you for correction and cause a delay in the processing.
6. Multi-team clubs may qualify for a team fee discount by submitting their team registration forms and payment by December 1. **All teams in a club must register at the same time and before Dec. 1 to receive the team fee discount.** Clubs may add teams to the club after December 1 at the regular team fee of \$75 each.
7. Select a team name when registering and use that name when entering and competing in tournaments. Be aware that there may be other teams from your area that may choose the same name if you are not original. Durham I or Raleigh II may get you registered, but can be easily confused. Seeding and classification, as well as eligibility depend on tournament directors reporting your team's results accurately. Please limit team names to a maximum of 20 letters. Teams choosing names already selected will have their registration delayed. Each team in a club must have a unique name to distinguish it from the other teams in the club. Each team should include an abbreviated form of the club name in its name and should use that form in all tournament entries and Region correspondence (i.e. PVC-Spike It). The Region reserves the right to edit and/or reject any team name. In case of duplicate team names, first priority will be given to the team that has used that given team name in the past and then based on when registration was received.
8. Correctly prepared application forms, accompanied by the appropriate fees, must be received by the Office not less than seven (7) days prior to the intended date of participation in a sanctioned event by the team or individual player. Special request for registration less than seven days prior to participation will require payment of a late fee of ten dollars (\$10.00) for a team registration and five (\$5.00) for an individual. This late registration must be received by the Office no later than **Thursday** prior to participation on that upcoming weekend. NO telephone registrations can be accepted by the Office. Payment must be received by mail, PayPal, or hand carried to the Office before any registration request can be processed. **When using overnight mail (Federal Express or other), specify that no signature is required or registration may be delayed, and have delivered to 3770 Clemmons Road, Suite C, Clemmons, NC 27012. The US Postal Service does deliver express mail to P.O. Boxes (remember to waive the signature). The office is closed on Saturdays so express mail through Postal Service should go to the PO Box to ensure delivery.**
9. A classification schedule with the appropriate fee indicated is attached for your reference. Submit only **ONE** check or money order, payable to "Carolina Region", in the correct amount to cover all fees including any applicable late fees. *No team registration will be honored until all fees have been received by the Office.* Please remit the correct amount. *Incorrect payment will result in delay in processing your registration. We will not accept Overpayments into credit accounts this season (refund checks will be sent).* Note: Each individual must pay an individual fee, and each team must pay a team fee. The Region does not accept credit cards at this time but you can submit a PayPal payment to the Region at office@CarolinaRegionVB.org (**NOTE: you do not have to register with PayPal to send a payment and you can pay with a credit card through PayPal**). If you submit a PayPal payment, fully document what the payment represents in the NOTE field to avoid delays.
10. A service charge of twenty dollars (\$20.00) will be charged for all checks returned for non-payment by the bank. No team or individual is eligible for competition until all fees and fines are paid.

ADDITIONAL REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

1. All individuals registering with the Carolina Region are required to complete a current Waiver and Release of Liability form (whether registering online or with the 2020 membership form). **We are encouraging all individuals to register online this season.** There will be a \$10-\$30 discount available for registering online (depending on when the application is received)! To register, have your players go to the Registration section of our website. Those players that do not have access to the online registration system or wish to register using the paper form may still do so. The membership form and Waiver and Release of Liability form is available for download and is on one two-sided form. Both sides must be completed in INK. The current form has 2020 at the top. This is the only acceptable form (previous year's forms will not be accepted). Please complete all requested information and sign in all indicated spaces. **All registrations must contain birthdate information and Juniors must provide their school grade.** The Carolina Region has adopted the USAV Participant Code of Conduct. A copy is available for download on the website and is to be kept by each participant. The disciplinary policy is listed on the form. No team or individual will be permitted to participate in USAV competition without a signed copy of these forms on file in the Region office (or electronically in the online registration system). Sorry, but that's the only way to keep our insurance in force. Both the Adult and Junior registration fees provide each member with liability and secondary health/accident insurance. See the Team Handbook online for a description of the coverage. Included for Junior teams is a **medical history and release form. Do not return this form with your registration. Keep a copy of this form with the team at all practices and competitions.** *North Carolina does not currently require these forms to be notarized, but if you plan to travel outside of the state (especially to Florida) you may want to have them notarized as other states may require them to be notarized.*
2. All adults affiliating with a Junior Club this season must sign a Junior Club Personnel Code of Ethics form each season (will be submitted online during the online application process). **All adults registering with a Junior team (as coach, team rep, club rep, chaperone, etc) must pass the USAV Background screen in order to be registered with a Junior team!** The online system handles the Background Screen automatically and can be signed electronically! The Background Screen fee is \$19.00 and must be received before the screen can be processed. It takes up to 5 business days for the Vendor to process, so the Region recommends adults apply at least 7 business days before their first sanctioned event. The individual's online record will be updated when the screen is passed (or failed). Coaches must be IMPACT or CAP certified and keep their Coaching Eligibility status current. All Coaches must have a current SafeSport certification in their record also. Coaches needing their SafeSport certification will take the SafeSport clinic online through their member record. Coaches that have not been IMPACT/SafeSport (or CAP) certified will not be added to a team's tournament roster until they attain their certifications. The Region will offer IMPACT clinics in the pre-season and USAV offers FREE online IMPACT webinars On-Demand during the season.
3. **High Performance Donation Program:** USA Volleyball has instituted a donation program to provide funds for its High Performance Programs. This is an OPTIONAL donation to benefit and grow the level of volleyball in the U.S. There is a box included on the registration form and during the online application process that individuals can check to donate \$5 to the High Performance programs. \$4 will be go to USA Volleyball for their Girl's & Boy's High Performance programs and Men's & Women's National teams (\$1each). \$1 will remain in the Carolina Region to be used to develop our own High Performance programs. If you wish to participate in this optional donation, please check the appropriate box online or on your form and include an additional \$5 on your registration fees. Thank you for your support. The Region will also accept other larger, tax-deductible donations to support our mission. Please consider showing your support for North Carolina Volleyball by making a generous donation. Contact the Region Office for more information.
4. **Email:** The majority of the communication by the Carolina Region is now done by email. All members are encouraged to provide a current email address. **Team and Club Reps are required to provide an email address.** Those members providing email will also be added to USA Volleyball's email newsletter. Members can choose to opt out of this service online or on their member form and they may unsubscribe at any time by following the directions at bottom of each email. We will also be providing the Carolina Region's newsletter, *Carolina Volleyball Review*, online only this season to help us keep our costs down and conserve resources.
5. **Online Registration:** USA Volleyball's online registration system is fully operational this season and this will be the system the Carolina Region uses from now on to register individuals and teams. Members have access to their personal accounts to update their personal information, view their team affiliations, and print membership cards. Each Club (whether one team only or multiple teams) will have someone designated as a Club Administrator on the system and that person will have the ability to print their teams' tournament entry forms and rosters, email all the members in their club, and many more capabilities to come. Additional details and information are available on our website.

SUMMARY:

Send all registration requests and forms to:

Carolina Region/USAV
Attn: Registration
PO Box 1757
Clemmons, North Carolina 27012
Or E-mail: office@carolinaregionvb.org

You may have registration questions answered by calling the Region Office at 336.766.3581 between the hours of 8:00 am - 12:00 pm or 1:00 pm - 3:30 pm. Our web page will always have the most up-to-date information.

NOTE: USAV Numbers will look like this – CR000001FJ20. CR is for Carolina Region. The “000001” is individual’s unique ID in the system. It will be unique for each member. The “FJ” is your individual gender and member category. Some examples of individual labels are FR, MR, FJ, or MJ for Male and Female, Regular or Junior (one-events would be EA or EJ). The “20” is the membership year (2020). Members with a USAV number that does not end in 20 are not current for the 2020 season!

SPECIAL INFORMATION

A. Tournament Registration: The Region will use centralized tournament registration again this year. All tournament entry forms must be submitted to the Region Office. A blank tournament entry form is available for download at the website that can be used to enter tournaments until your teams are formed in the online system. **After your teams are formed, your Club Administrator will be able to download a tournament entry form with your team's information pre-printed on it through our online system. Use it to enter all tournaments.** NOTE: **Individuals will not receive USAV membership cards this season.** All members will receive a member verification email when their membership is approved. Members will then be able to log in to their member account and print a membership card. The Club Administrator will also be able to print off membership information for their club members. All tournaments (with the exception of special events including MAPL, Queen City, Jr Hi Neighbor & Quest, which have entry direct to the tournament) will accept entries only through the Region Office. Regular season Junior tournament entry fees are \$175. Regional Championship tournament entries will be \$200. **The TWO-week entry deadline before tournaments will be strictly enforced. Late entries may be accepted on a space available basis with a \$25 surcharge (ALL late fees are now being designated to the Region’s HP Program) BUT spaces will be EXTREMELY limited due to the process used to assign tournament sites (see Section E for more info).** Check the schedule (our web page is always the most current so if sites are not listed, then we don’t know them yet – please be patient!), get your entries in early (note that you can enter several tournaments at the same time with one mailing and one payment), and enjoy the season. Returned checks are subject to a \$20 service charge and no team with outstanding fines is eligible to play. You may also enter tournaments with a PayPal Payment through our Online Payment page. Tournament Entry forms do not need to be mailed in if you pay through PayPal as long as the payment includes all relevant information (tournament date and team name).

B. All-Tournament Teams and Junior Regional Officials: We will only name an All-Tournament Team (ATT) at the overall Carolina Regional Championship tournaments where the top teams from the East and West come together to decide the Regional Champions. The ATT will consist of three players off the Championship team, two players off the Finalist team, one player each from the losing semi-finalist teams, and an MVP (does not have to come from the champion team). The coaches of the participating semi-finals/finals teams will nominate their players to the ATT. An ATT team will not be named at the individual East and West Championship sites, but we will award an MVP for each of those sites in 2020. The top two finishing teams will receive individual awards at all Regional Championships Events. The Officials Division has implemented a Junior Regional Referee and Scorer rating system to identify the next generation of officials! Outstanding Junior Officials may ask to be rated by National and Junior National Referees in order to receive a Junior Regional Rating. Referees that attain this certification will be receive a patch and CR branded referee gear and be recognized on the Carolina Region website!

C. Officiating: At a minimum and from among the junior players on the team roster, all Junior teams must have two USAV certified referees and one (different) USAV certified scorer on their roster. In addition, Junior teams must have one USAV certified adult (Coach, Chaperone, or Team Rep) Referee on their roster. Junior teams **will not be permitted to participate in a sanctioned Carolina Region tournament until they meet the minimum officiating requirements. All first-year coaches must attend an in-person Officials clinic to get certified unless they can confirm prior certification as an official.** Only those individuals that have completed their certification may perform the duties of first referee, second referee, or scorer at sanctioned events (there are penalties for not using certified officials this season). When assigned to work as an officiating team for a match, only the certified junior players may work as R1, R2, or Scorer. **The certified adult must physically supervise their team while in the vicinity of the score table at all times during the team’s officiating assignment.** Incomplete work teams (including the certified adult that is not supervising their team in the vicinity of the score table) may be penalized one point per-minute that they are incomplete to a maximum of 25 points off their next match. Certification clinics will be announced on our website. All referees & scorers must attend a clinic each season to renew their certification. There will only be one type of clinic available to attend in person - Full/Regular clinics. However, the clinics **will be online again this season** and EVERYONE is eligible to take the clinics online this season. For in-person Full/Regular clinics, Referees will attend the entire session (i.e. must be certified scorer also to referee). Scorers only may just attend the scorer portion and then leave. Attendees at all Full/Regular clinics will take the appropriate tests at the site. Clinics taken online will have their results flow automatically into the member record so the region is notified immediately of all clinic results!

The Region will not hold any Region-sponsored clinics this season. All in-person clinics will be hosted by a Club and that club will determine who is able to attend (some will open up to anyone; others will be club only participation). **New for 2020: Clubs with over 5 teams that host an in-person clinic will be open to the 14-and-under age groups only.** The suggested clinic will operate from 9 am – 4 pm, but clubs may adjust as needed for the facility (but may not shorten the time required). **Pre-registration for club-sponsored officiating clinics will happen within a member’s membership record this season and is REQUIRED (see Clinic section for instructions).** All major and mid-size clubs/teams are encouraged to setup their own clinic dates and sites. The Region will work with the clubs to provide clinicians. All clinics must still be approved by the Region in advance so they can be announced and other smaller clubs/teams may attend them (clubs may charge a fee for outside teams attending). Please set your dates and sites early, so the clinics can be announced on our web site with plenty of notice. See the “Host Your Own Clinic” information sheet at our Officials section of website for more information on setting up your clinics!

NOTE TO REFEREES & SCOREKEEPERS: All officials (adult and junior) must attend a clinic each season, even if your certification has not expired (to take the annual exam).

D. Uniform Rule: During the indoor sanctioned season, all teams must abide by the uniform rule that requires team uniforms to be identical in color and design and conform to USA Volleyball regulations regarding jersey numbers. For the 2019/2020 season, USA Volleyball rules recommend that the numbers on the front of uniforms to be at least 6 inches in height and at least 8 inches on the back with a minimum width of 3/4". Numbers must be centered on the front and back. It is permissible for shorts to have a minor difference in style and trim. Teams may petition in writing to the Region to receive waivers on the uniform requirements. Teams may be subject to more stringent uniform requirements (consult rule book) when playing at the Quest, MAPL, Queen City (or other sanctioned inter-Regional tournament), in other Regions, or at the USAV National Championships. Players are forbidden to wear any article - pins, jewelry, glitter, etc. - which may cause injury during the play of the game. **Casts are no longer permitted to be worn during play, even if padded.**

E. Junior Volleyball Info: All teams must play in **three** regular season tournaments to be eligible for a Regional Championship Event. At least one of those tournaments must have been a Carolina Region one-day tournament. The other two events may consist of any two of the following if held BEFORE the Regional Championships: (a) One or Two Carolina Region one-day tournaments; (b) Any two-day Carolina Region sanctioned event whose only criteria is date of entry (examples: Quest pre-season tournament and the Queen City Classic); (c) Only ONE of the following tournaments: a National Qualifier or any other Carolina Region sanctioned event with a restricted access entry criteria (example: MAPL Raleigh). All individual players must play in **two** tournaments to be eligible for a Regional Championship Event. We will have stand-alone National Bid tournaments in 2020. See the schedule on the website to see the date each age group will have their National Bid tournament. Only teams that confirm they will accept the Region's bid should they win the bid **will be allowed to compete for a bid**. All clubs will receive an email about this later in the season when more details from USAV are known. All teams will be split into EAST and WEST geographic areas (a North/South line through **Greensboro** area will be the beginning of the EAST area). Teams should select among five (5) categories when initially registering their team with the Carolina Region. The FIVE categories correspond with: 1-top 20% of teams in age group; 2-next 21-40% of teams; 3-41-60%; 4-61-80%; 5- bottom 20% of all teams. The Region will use these self-selections to determine the initial starting point's value for all teams in the Region Tournament System. **We will discuss this season's plans in detail at our Online Junior Club webinars (Tentatively scheduled for Oct 2 and Oct 29), so every team/club should be represented at one of these important online meetings.** These categories will not be displayed on the Tournament System and teams will move up and down the rankings based on results. Teams will be assigned into tournaments after the entry deadline in multiples of four based on their rankings (so majority of tournaments will play 4-team pools!). *Remember: Any Coach of a Junior team must be at least two years older than the age level of the team they are coaching, and a minimum of 18 years of age (Exception - individuals who have reached their 16th birthday may serve as a rostered Assistant Coach for teams that are a minimum of three age groups younger than the coach. Teams utilizing these junior coaches must register a Chaperone 25 or older also to be on the roster and sit on the bench in the event that the Head Coach is not able to finish a match on the bench. In addition, the Head Coach must be 25 or older and must be on the bench to start all matches. These Junior coaches must comply with all coaching prerequisites (IMPACT/SafeSport) before they can be added to the roster. In the event, the coach turns 18 during the season, they must clear the USAV Background Screen policy and would be governed by the current Coaches' policy as found in the 2020 Operating Code. All adults affiliated with a Junior team (including, but not limited to, the team rep, club rep, coach, chaperone, and trainer) MUST pass the USAV Background Screen in order to be registered with the team. All first-year coaches must attend an in-person Officials clinic to get certified unless they can confirm prior certification as an official.*

Coaching Clinics: There will be ONE IMPACT Coaches' clinic this season. IMPACT certification is required for all coaches who have not previously attended an IMPACT clinic. The clinic site will be announced on the Clinics section of our website as soon as it is confirmed. Most clinics will last from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm (if staying for entire IMPACT clinic) but check the schedule to confirm. Coaches can now check their IMPACT certification by logging into their membership account! We are asking all attendees to pre-register so we know how many to prepare for. A link to pre-register will be available in the member's membership record when the clinic is set-up. The Region will not hold catch-up IMPACT clinics this season since the IMPACT clinic is now available online and on-demand through the member's record (it will be free this season!).

Informational Meetings: This year the Region plans to hold some online webinars for Junior Clubs, coaches, and other interested individuals to discuss the upcoming season and any changes in store. The webinars will be announced on the Region's website at the Clubs-Junior Clubs section. **All clubs are encouraged to have a representative sit in on one of the webinars!**

F. Background Screens: All Regions of USA Volleyball have adopted the USA Volleyball Background Screening Policy. All adults affiliating with a junior club including but not limited to team reps, club reps, coaches, assistant coaches, chaperones, and trainers must pass the USAV background screen. Junior Tournament Directors have been added to the list of individuals to be screened (the Region will pay the screen fee for our TD's). Forms associated with the Background Screen process are available on our website (the online registration system handles the background screening automatically for all adults affiliating with a Junior club that need the screening including electronic signatures of the consent form this season!). No adult will be registered with a junior team until they pass the Background Screen. The cost of the Background Screen is \$19.00 and is in addition to the adult membership fee.

G. Tournaments: The lifeblood of the Carolina Region and USA Volleyball is the dedicated people who spend the time and energy to host tournaments. You too can be one of these special people!! Just complete a Tournament Sanction Request Form and return it to the Region Office. If your tournament is sanctioned you will receive a Handbook and assistance to guide you in making your tournament a success. Contact the Office or see our Tournament Director section on the website for more information.

H. Player Movement Within Club: All multi-team Junior clubs will be able to have Player movement in 2020 (no fee required). Player movement (either Temporary or Permanent) in a club is restricted based on the policies outlined below. All player movement must be recorded by a club officer and submitted to all affected tournament hosts before the start of competition (with the roster at Coaches' Meeting). Again for 2020: All Boys' teams will be considered part of the same club. Boys' teams are still restricted to the procedures below when utilizing Player Movement.

Player Movement Restrictions:

- Players being moved to a team in a lower age group must meet the birthdate requirements for the age group they are being moved to.
- An individual player may only be used TWICE for temporary moves during the indoor season. After a player has participated with another club team TWO times, the player shall be frozen to the roster of their original team unless a permanent roster move is reported to the Region Office.
- Players registered on a club team and participating in sanctioned competition within the jurisdiction of the Carolina Region may participate with another team from the same club having a higher ranking a maximum of two (2) times (within their individual limit) before rosters are frozen ONE week prior to their age group's first Regional Championship Event.
- Players may participate with a team having a lower ranking than the one with who the player is registered a maximum of one (1) time (within their individual limit) before rosters are frozen ONE weeks prior to their age group's first Regional Championship Event.
- Players may participate with two teams on a given weekend provided: (a) the age groups are playing on different days (i.e. 12's team plays on Saturday and 13's team plays on Sunday); (b) all other Player Movement Requirements described here are followed (limit of 2 moves per season, Movement Form filled out, etc.); (c) for clubs with combined adult and junior teams, a junior player MUST play with his/her junior team if that team is playing on the same day as an adult tournament. If the adult division is playing on a different day, then the junior player may move under the provisions of the Club Movement Policy.
- Any registered Club player may continue participation with another team in the same club upon notifying the Office of a permanent roster change before rosters are frozen ONE weeks prior to their age group's first Regional Championship Event. Once a permanent move is made, no other moves (temporary or permanent) are allowed for that player.
- Players registered as unaffiliated (member of the club but not on a team) must still appear on a Club Movement Form if desiring to play on a team within their club and are still limited by the restrictions above.
- Registered unaffiliated members in the Region (not on any team) must first join a club before they can play in a tournament.

Team Movement Restrictions:

- Teams may add a maximum of two (2) Club players not on their roster in any given tournament.
- Teams may add a maximum of one (1) player not on their roster from a higher ranking team in their club in any given tournament.
- Teams may add a maximum of two (2) players not on their roster from a higher ranking team in their club per season.
- Teams are limited to accepting up to two (2) permanent moves per season. If a permanent move is made with the intent to play in a Regional Championship Event, then ideally the player being moved should have played at least once with that team during the regular season under a normal player movement. The Region will hear petitions for extenuating circumstances.

Clubs failing to comply with the reporting requirements will have the player movement privilege suspended. Report forms are available on the Forms section of our website.

I. Price Discount for Youth & Boy's & 8-and-unders: As an incentive for clubs/teams to provide training and programs in developmental age groups (they do not have to form teams to play in tournaments but you are providing the opportunity to grow a love for the sport for players at younger ages), the Region is offering two membership categories this season: Youth (all girls born on/after Sept 1, 2008) will have a fee of \$15 and all Boys (18 and younger) will have a fee of \$20. **The Carolina Region is also encouraging all of our larger clubs to try to form at least one 18 and under Boys team and a 14 and under Boys team.** Brothers of your existing players are a good source to recruit to form these teams! The play/practice structure of these teams do not have to be the same format as your girls teams. Contact the Region Office for more details! **NOTE:** For girls clubs – if a player will be playing on a team playing in a National Qualifier or the Junior Olympic Volleyball Championships, USA Volleyball requires all participants to be FULL members (the Youth and multi-day, one-event categories are not a full membership by USAV definition). Those players will need to join as a Junior member in order to play in those events. USA Volleyball has created an 8-and-under membership category (born on or after September 1, 2011). The fee for this new category is \$0!! (USAV is paying the insurance costs for this category). Players in the 8-and-under category can participate with your older teams but USAV is also hoping clubs will form their own low-cost training and developmental opportunities specifically for this youngest age group. Help us hook the next generation of volleyball players on this sport!

J. Junior Boys Information: If competitive opportunities for the Boys' 14's (or under) do not meet their needs, they will be permitted to enter appropriate level girls' 14's to 18's tournaments if there is room in the tournament (girls' teams will receive priority if they enter by the deadline). In such a situation, games against boys' teams will count in pool standings, and the boys' teams WILL be able to advance to playoffs if they qualify (however, if a boys' team makes the playoffs of a girl's tournament they will automatically be moved to a higher age and/or division their next tournament). Again for 2020: For the Boys' 13-and-under age group, teams will be allowed to form coed rosters in order to encourage participation for boys and girls at this age group. The Region will work with these teams to find an appropriate Girl's division to play in.

K. One-Event Registrations: The Carolina Region also offers a one-event (one-day tournaments only) registration category for new players that want to experience Carolina Region tournaments to see what it is like or as an option when a team needs to pick up a player in order to play in a tournament. Players using this category must still register online or complete the membership form (completed front & back, signed by parent/guardian for juniors), check the one-event category box, indicate the date of the event they are participating in on the form, pay the one-event fee of \$5, and submit the membership form and fee at least one week before the tournament. A one-event can also be added as late as Thursday before the tournament with the \$5 late fee (i.e. same registration requirements as regular members). Players may only play as a one-event registration **twice** during the indoor season and then must upgrade to a full registration (at regular fee). An additional form would not need to be completed when upgrading or using one-event category a second time. The Region will allow a team to be formed in the one-event category once per season. Each player would pay \$5 and the one-event team fee would be \$10. The deadline for receipt of registrations remains the same as above (one week before). If the team wanted to do the one-event category again, no more than three of the original players can be on the second team's roster. Players wishing to play in a multi-day tournament (Quest, Queen City, MAPL Raleigh tournaments) may register as a multi-day one-event member for \$10. The same requirements and deadlines per above apply. USA Volleyball has created a new Tryout membership that players may choose if unsure they will make a team and want to attend any sanctioned tryouts between Oct.26 and Dec. 31. The cost for the Tryout membership will be \$11. If the player makes a team, they can later upgrade to a full membership and will receive partial credit for their prior payment (upgrade required before they can be added to a roster).

L. Sanctioning Events: One of the benefits of membership in the Carolina Region/USA Volleyball is coverage under the USAV Insurance Policy at all **SANCTIONED** USAV events. **NOTE:** CR/USAV Sanctioning **REQUIRES** all participants to be CURRENT members of USA Volleyball (and all adults affiliating with Junior teams need to have cleared the USAV Background Screen before participation). Teams and Clubs can request to have their practices, clinics, developmental leagues, or other volleyball-related event sanctioned by the Carolina Region in order to be covered under the USAV Insurance Program. Please go to our Forms (Insurance) section of our website for more information about the USAV Insurance Program and to download the Event Sanction Request Form (required in order to receive sanctioning of any event).

M. Faxed Information/Copies and Credit Cards: USA Volleyball and our insurance company require us to have original signatures on file for any paper membership forms received in the office. We will accept faxes to the Region Office, but memberships cannot be processed until payment is received in the office also. Any faxed or copies of membership forms that are submitted to the Region will require the original membership form to be submitted to the Region within 1 week (if not received within 1 week, membership privileges may be suspended). Please submit the original membership forms with original signatures in PEN to avoid registration delays. The Region has opened a PayPal account to accept credit cards. If you would like to pay your registration or tournament entries by credit card, go to our Online Payments page linked from our website and find the appropriate box to submit a PayPal payment to the Region (there is a box at bottom to enter any amount for items not listed). You can also go to www.paypal.com, click on the "Send Money" tab at the top, use office@CarolinaRegionVB.org as the email to send to, and be sure to include in the note the team name and any other pertinent details (tournament date, division, number of players/teams registering, etc). **NOTE: You DO NOT need to be a member or open an account with PayPal in order to send money. You can make a one-time credit/debit card payment through PayPal without opening a PayPal account!**

N. ADDITIONAL FORMS/INFORMATION:

Please go to CarolinaRegionVB.org and visit the Juniors section, the General Information section, the Clubs section, and the Tournament Director section to download additional forms that you may need for Registration/Tournaments:

- (a) 2020 Team Registration Form (Clubs)
- (b) 2019/2020 Event/Practice Sanction Request Form (not for tournament requests) (Forms)
- (c) Club Player Movement Form (Clubs)
- (d) Blank Tournament Entry Form (Clubs)
- (e) 2020 Membership Form (Forms)
- (f) USAV Participant Code of Conduct (Forms)
- (g) Host Your Own Clinic Information (Clinics & Forms)
- (h) Insurance Forms and Information (Forms)
- (i) 2020 Junior Team Handbook (Clubs)
- (j) Tournament Sanction Request Form (Forms)

Plus even more information on Carolina Region volleyball. Have a great season!

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Classification and Fee Schedule

To encourage early registration, the Carolina Region has established a two tier registration fee schedule. For those individuals registering before the cut-off date of November 1, (adults and junior individuals are the SAME date!) early registration fees have been established. All registration materials and the correct fees must be in the **Office's possession** by that date to qualify for the early INDIVIDUAL fee.

NOTE: There is an ADDITIONAL \$10-30 discount for regular INDIVIDUAL FEES below if member REGISTERS ONLINE!

INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION

Classification	Description	Regular Fee	Early Fee
Junior (players only; NOT adults affiliated with Junior teams)	18 and under - Players who were born on or after Sept. 1, 2001 or Players who were born on or after September 1, 2000 AND a high school student in the twelfth (12 th) grade or below during some part of the current academic year. 17 and under - Players who were born on or after Sept. 1, 2002. 16 and under - Players who were born on or after Sept. 1, 2003. 15 and under - Players who were born on or after Sept. 1, 2004. 14 and under - Players who were born on or after Sept. 1, 2005. 13 and under - Players who were born on or after Sept. 1, 2006. 12 and under - Players who were born on or after Sept. 1, 2007.	\$75 (after 11/1)	\$65 (on/before 11/1)
Regular (ALL adults)	Amateur playing status for men and women who are registered on duly sanctioned teams; team reps, coaches and officials.	\$75 (after 11/1)	\$65 (on/before 11/1)
Collegiate (call office)	Collegiate Players only (no junior coaches or officials) that are enrolled and attending a junior college, college or University.	\$15	\$15
Other	Youth (born on or after Sept 1, 2008)	\$15	
	8 and under Member Category (born on or after Sept 1, 2011)	Free!	
	Boys (ages 18 and younger)	\$20	
	Non-playing supporters of volleyball	\$65 (on/before Nov 1); \$75 (After Nov 1)	
	Outdoor	\$15	
	One Event – one-day (Limit two per season)	\$5 (\$10 for multi-day one event)	
	Facility/League	Please inquire	
Patron	Groups or organizations desiring to support or participate in Carolina Region volleyball.	\$50	

TEAM REGISTRATION

Classification	Description	Regular Fee	Early Fee
Junior	All players must qualify as Junior members of USA Volleyball	\$75 (after 12/1)	\$65 (before 12/1)
Regular/Adult	All teams not qualifying for the above classifications.	waived	waived

CLUB REGISTRATION (**EARLY REGISTRATION ONLY BY DEC 1, 2019**)

Club fee	Club fee has been eliminated for all clubs. All clubs have privilege of player movement this season!		
If 1-5 teams	JUNIORS - All teams pay \$65 each		
If Club has 1-11 teams	JUNIORS - teams 1-5 pay \$65 each first; then teams 6-11 pay \$60 each		
If 12 or more Teams in club	JUNIORS - teams 1-5 pay \$65 each; then teams 6-11 pay \$60 each; then teams 12 and above pay \$55 each		

The above Club structure team fees applies to **JUNIOR Early Group Registration only**. The president of any club will submit the Club Information Sheet to the Region which includes all officer's addresses, phone numbers and all teams included in the club. Clubs may register individuals with the Region as club members who are not assigned to a particular team. Such individuals are eligible to participate with any team in the club at their level, subject to the Region's player movement regulations. Teams may be added to a club after the Early Bird deadline (Dec 1), but will pay the regular team fee of \$75 for each team thereafter.