

Carolina Region/USAV  
May 4, 2014 Juniors Advisory Board meeting  
Koury Convention Center, Greensboro



Attendees: Sherry Fadool (Triangle); Michael Hodge (Jammers);  
Linda Osterman (Alamance Force); Tina Readling (Piedmont); Jim Ross (NC Elite);  
Blaine Tandler (Piedmont); Fred Wendelboe (Set Point);

Guests: Trevor Hewitt, Mike Huffman

CR Board Attendees: Brian Webb; Andre Hargrove

Staff Attendees: Kevin Wendelboe

Meeting began: 9:00 am

- I. Welcome – Kevin Wendelboe
- II. 2013 Minutes – A copy of last year’s JAB meeting minutes is available for review. Motion by Webb, second by Osterman to:

Motion 1: approve the May 5, 2013 minutes of the Carolina Region Junior Advisory Board meeting. MSA

- III. 2014 Season Review – Junior girls membership continued to grow this season. We had 6497 junior and youth girls (+438 over last year) and 28 boys (+2). Junior girls’ teams grew by 44 to 636 teams. Total teams in each age group and realm were reviewed in case we want to look at changing which age groups play on each weekend to try to equalize the numbers. We had one weekend affected by severe weather which caused the cancellation of several sites. The new site assignment system got positive reviews. Although we grew, we were still able to accommodate all the teams that wanted to play on a given weekend, but we did have a few new facilities and tournament hosts which helped that cause. We still need sites in the East to host tournaments as we still needed to make some adjustments to the “west” in order to find places to play for East teams.
- IV. End of Season Survey Results – This season we surveyed only the club directors at the end of the season. We had 22 responses out of 120 clubs as of Thursday before the meeting. The responses submitted were reviewed. One item from the past that had been an issue was the Club Tryout Policy. Survey results seemed to indicate that more clubs are aware of the policy now. A vast majority approved of the new assignment system and still approve of the East/West split.

- V. Club Tryouts – Kevin presented the proposed Club Tryout Policy for the 2014/2015 season. Only update is the 2014 dates that correspond with same timing as for this past season. A question was asked whether having the 15’s with an extended signing date was fair to the majority of 15’s players. Motion by Tendler, second by Ross to recommend to the Carolina Region Board of Directors to:

Motion 2: Move the 15’s age group to the SECOND Tryout period. MSA

- VI. 2014/2015 Schedule – Kevin presented a proposed schedule for the 2015 season. Everyone agreed that the schedule would work within our known conflicts with SAT/ACT testing dates, Big South Qualifier, and Easter. The group discussed whether it made sense to switch the 12’s and 13’s to try to even out the teams participating on each weekend. Motion by Fadool, second by Webb to recommend to the Carolina Region Board of Directors to:

Motion 3: approve the 2015 Junior Tournament Schedule with the 12’s and 13’s switching their assigned weekends. MSA See Appendix 1

The group discussed the tournament entry priority policy. Currently the date the Region receives the paid entry is still used to put teams into the tournament if space becomes an issue. Only one team did not get into a tournament this year that entered by the deadline. We handled several other teams by letting them play in the other realm (East/West). A few people felt that if a team enters by the deadline, we should not penalize them. We should come up with another way to determine the team(s) to go on a waiting list. Motion by F. Wendelboe; second by Tendler to recommend to the Carolina Region Board of Directors to:

Motion 4: establish that the first criteria for selecting teams into a tournament will be based on the Points Rankings after their first points tournament of the season. A team can only be eliminated once under this policy each season. The second criteria will be based on a random lottery of the entered teams. **Motion FAILED**

A question was asked why we used the term “SITES” when determining where the tournaments were assigned. Several people still liked the idea of establishing a division breakdown when assigning out the tournaments. Motion by F. Wendelboe; second by Fadool to recommend to the Carolina Region Board of Directors to:

Motion 5: change the label in the Points System when the tournaments are assigned from “Sites” to “Divisions”. MSA

VII. New Issues:

- A. Three-team Pool issues – We had some issues at tournaments that had a 4-team pool and a 3-team pool. The top 3-team pool team could end up with an 8-0 sets record while the 4-team pool teams could end up with a 6-0 record. We told TD's that the 8-0 record should be seeded higher than the 6-0 team but there was still some complaints from the coaches about that. We need an official policy on how to seed this so there will not be any issues at the tournaments when this comes up. Motion by F. Wendelboe; second by Ross to recommend to the Carolina Region Board of Directors to:

Motion 6: establish a policy for seeding teams that are undefeated after pool play into the Playoffs based on the highest initial seed of their respective pools. Thus, Pool 1 teams will be seeded higher than Pool 2 and Pool 2 teams will be seeded higher than Pool 3 teams in the case of all teams being undefeated. MSA

- B. MVP at the East/West Regionals – This season at the East/West Regional Championships on March 22 and March 29 we only provided plaques for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Place teams and individual medals for the players. A request was made to also award an MVP at each of the tournaments. Kevin asked if the JAB agreed with the request to add an MVP award at those Championships? An All-Tournament Team will still only be awarded at the Overall Regional Championships. Motion by F. Wendelboe; second by Readling to recommend to the Carolina Region Board of Directors to:

Motion 7: award an MVP out of the Championship match at each East/West Regional Championships. MSA

C. Overall Regionals Issues:

- i. How do we want to handle teams from the same club that end up in the same pool based on the Rankings? Do we handle it differently for regular season vs East/West Championships vs Overall Regional Championships? Motion by Hewitt; second by Ross to recommend to the Carolina Region Board of Directors to:

Motion 8: if feasible, move one or more of the teams from a pool if multiple teams from the same club are initially seeded into a pool during Regular Season tournaments but there will be no changes to the seeded positions for all Regional Championship tournaments. MSA

- ii. Kevin asked for guidance on how we want to seed the Overall Regional Championships? Do we want to seed just on the Points Rankings or have an equal number of East and West teams in each pool? Two different options were discussed. Motion by Hewitt; second by Readling to recommend to the Carolina Region Board of Directors to:

Motion 9: seed the Overall Regional Championships as follows:

Pool 1	Pool 2
1 <sup>st</sup> East	1 <sup>st</sup> West
2 <sup>nd</sup> West	2 <sup>nd</sup> East
3 <sup>rd</sup> East	3 <sup>rd</sup> West
4 <sup>th</sup> West	4 <sup>th</sup> East

MSA

- iii. Kevin asked if we should invite teams from Site 2 or lower if we get through all of Site 1 eligible teams without filling the Overall Regional Championships. The group agreed that the goal is to have 8 teams at the Championships so we should continue inviting teams until the field is complete. It was suggested that we hand each team that earns a spot in the Overall Regional Championships a letter after the tournament reminding them that they have earned a spot and give them a deadline to commit to the Championships. This will help speed the process of filling the tournament.
- VIII. OPEN Division – Although we had planned to have an OPEN division during the 2014 season, it was eventually voted on to not have OPEN tournaments as we could not get all the clubs to agree on how it would operate. There were a couple Power tournaments that were held last season. The JAB did not want to propose any additional OPEN tournaments this season.
  - IX. 2014 Junior Beach Tour – This is the third season for the Carolina Region Junior Beach Tour. It has grown each season. This year we have created sub-regions across the state so there can be more than one tour stop going on across the state on a given weekend. We have also initiated a bid process for teams to earn access to the Beach Regional Championships. Winning a tour stop will earn a bid and there are a few major tournaments on the schedule where more bids will be available. This is also the second season for High School Beach Club tournaments. It has grown over last season also.
  - X. High Performance Program – We have two tryout weekends for the Region HP Program – May 3 and May 10. Level 1 & 2 training will occur in May/June and we will decide shortly whether we have competitive teams to send to Tulsa for the Championships in July.

- XI. Elections:  
A. Girls – Trey Mainwaring has expressed an interest in remaining the Girls’ Representative. Motion by Fadool, second by Ross to:

Motion 10: close the nominations. MSA

Motion by F. Wendelboe, second by Fadool to:

Motion 11: elect Trey Mainwaring by acclamation as the Girl’s Representative to the Carolina Region Board of Directors. MSA

He will serve a one-year term.

- XII. Other Business:  
A. National Bid tournament – We combined the National Bid tournament with the Overall Regional Championships for the 2014 season as we had seen a decrease in the number of teams wanting to go for a bid. This did result in an increase in the number of tournaments that a team had to participate in to be eligible for the National Bid. The JAB discussed whether we should separate them again. Motion by Tendler; second by Fadool to recommend to the Carolina Region Board of Directors to:

Motion 12: separate the National Bid tournament from the Overall Regional Championships tournament. MSA

Motion by Tendler; second by Fadool to recommend to the Carolina Region Board of Directors to:

Motion 13: eliminate all criteria to be eligible to compete for a National bid except that they must be a Carolina Region registered team and they must participate in one Carolina Region Sanctioned event. MSA

- XIII. Next Meeting – May 3, 2015. Time/Place to be announced.

- XIV. Adjournment - Motion by Osterman, second by Ross to:

Motion 14: adjourn the May 4, 2014 meeting of the Junior Advisory Board at 12:12 pm. MSA

**NEXT MEETING**

May 3, 2015. Time and site TBD

**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.

## Approved 2015 JUNIOR TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Below are the approved weekends for the Carolina Region Indoor Sanctioned Volleyball Season. Note: the 12's and 13's age groups have switched this season. This was to equalize the total number of teams potentially playing on a given weekend based on historical team totals for each age group. The National Bid tournament will be separated from the Regional Championships for 2015. The weekend of the National Bid tournament will be announced at a later time. Site assignments for each Regular Season tournament will be on the Carolina Region Points System again posted after the Tournament Entry deadline passes (2 weeks before the event is the entry deadline).

### **December:**

27-28 – Quest Tournament - Greensboro

### **January:**

3 – Regular season tournaments begin; All divisions for age groups 13's, 16's, 17's, 18's

10 – All divisions for age groups 12's, 14's, 15's

17 - All divisions for age groups 13's, 16's, 17's, 18's

24 - All divisions for age groups 12's, 14's, 15's; (SAT DATE)

31 - All divisions for age groups 13's, 16's, 17's, 18's; Queen City Classic 2015 (1/31-2/1)

### **February:**

7 – All divisions for age groups 12's, 14's, 15's (ACT Test Date)

14 - All divisions for age groups 13's, 16's, 17's, 18's

21 – All divisions for age groups 12's, 14's, 15's;

28 – All divisions for age groups 13's, 16's, 17's, 18's;

### **March:**

7-8 – MAPL Raleigh

14 – All divisions for age groups 12's, 14's, 15's (proposed SAT DATE)

21 – East/West Regional Championships for age groups 13's, 16's, 17's, 18's

28 – East/West Regional Championships for age groups 12's, 14's, 15's

### **April:**

4/5 – Big South/Easter

11 - Overall Regional Championships – all age groups (top teams from Site 1 only)

18 – (ACT Test Date)

25 –