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# Junior Advisory Board Meeting

May 6, 2019

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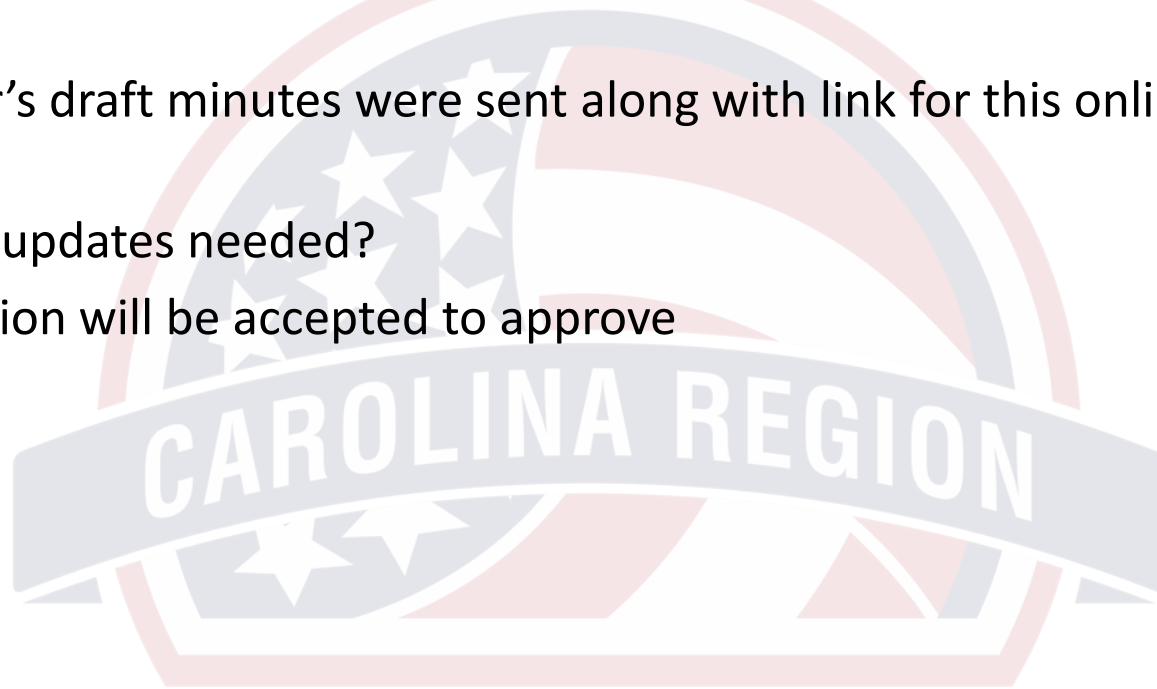
# Agenda

- 2018 Minutes approval
- 2019 Season Summary/Survey Results
- Recruiting/Tryout Policy Review and approval
- 2019/2020 Season Schedule
- NEW ISSUES
  - Tie-breakers at East/West Championships
  - In-person Officials Clinics
- Junior Beach Tour Report
- Election of Girls and Boys Representatives
- New business
- Next meeting
- Adjourn

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# 2018 JAB Minutes Approval

- Last year's draft minutes were sent along with link for this online meeting.
  - Any updates needed?
  - Motion will be accepted to approve



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# 2019 Junior Teams

Female – 863 (+58)

Male – 12 (+2)

Girls' 18's – East – 45 (-4); West - 26 (+1) - TOTAL - 71

Girls' 17's – East – 58 (+7); West - 40 (+2) - TOTAL - 98

Girls' 16's – East – 88 (+6); West – 50 (-1) - TOTAL - 138

Girls' 15's – East – 94 (+10); West - 69 (+15) - TOTAL - 163

Girls' 14's – East – 108 (+6); West - 70 (+1) - TOTAL - 178

Girls' 13's – East – 69 (+2); West - 50 (+2) - TOTAL - 119

Girls' 12's – East – 51 (+6); West - 45 (+5) - TOTAL - 96

# 2019 Junior Teams

TOTALS – 863 total girls' teams

Girls' 18's, 16's, 13's, 12's – 424 teams

Girls' 17's, 15's, 14's – 439 teams

Changing age group weekends would not get totals much closer so recommending no change for 2020.

18's, 16's, 15's, 12's – 468

17, 14, 13 – 395

18, 15, 14 – 412

17, 16, 13, 12 - 451

18, 16, 14, 12 - 483

17, 15, 13 – 380

18, 15, 13, 12 - 449

17, 16, 14 - 414

# 2019 Junior Division

Junior/Youth Members:

Female -- 8571 (+586)

Male -- 167 (+36)

Youth -- 262 (+16) (3 male)

Summer:

Female -- 216 (+15)

Male -- 99 (+92)

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# 2019 Junior Tournaments

12 Tournament weekends (all ages/divisions) + 5 special event weekends (multi-day events)  
2550 (+44) Tournament entries total (one weekend affected by weather with cancellations)

Regional Championship Events held March 23/24 & 30/31

- 515 (+62) teams played Regionals

- Mar 23/24 – 256 teams

- Mar 30/31 – 259 teams

78% of eligible teams participated

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# 2019 Club/Team Rep Survey

Results Summary

Sent to 965 individuals

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# Demographic Data

## GENDER:

Female – 20

Male – 21

TOTAL – 41

## ROLES:

Club Director Only – 4

Club Director, Jr Team Rep, and Junior Coach – 7

Junior Club Director AND Junior Coach – 2

Junior Team Rep ONLY – 1

Junior Team Rep AND Junior Coach - 27

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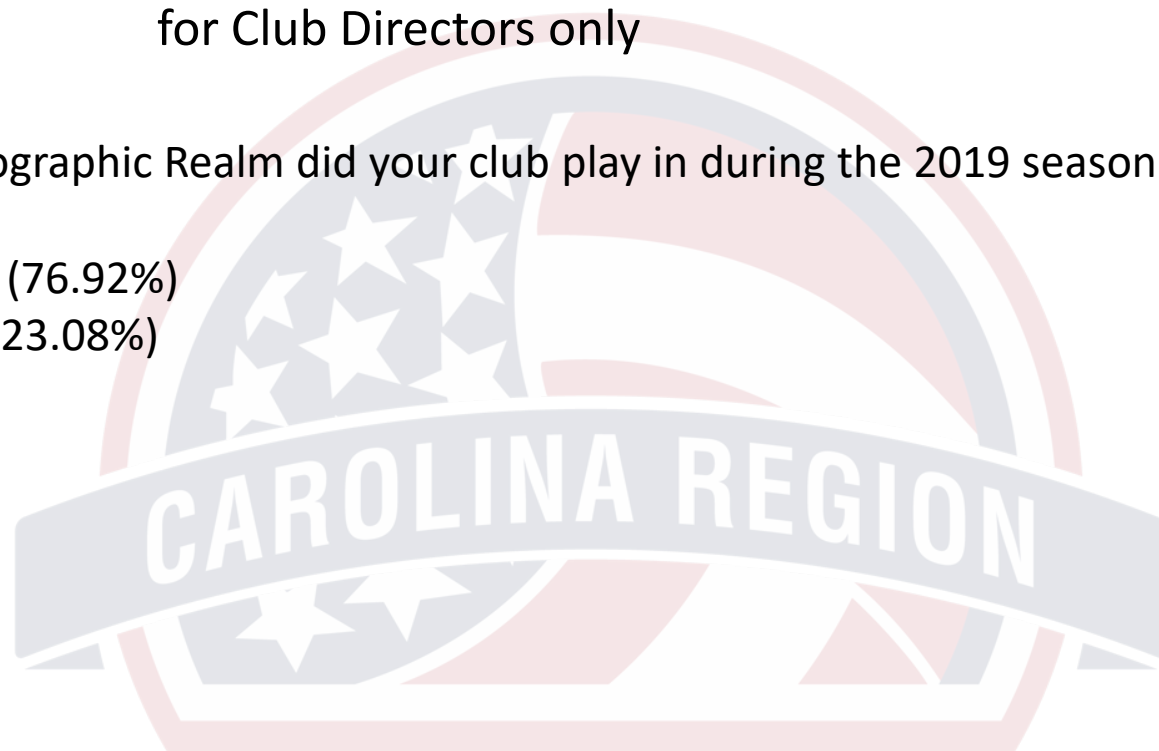
# Demographic Data

for Club Directors only

Which Geographic Realm did your club play in during the 2019 season?

EAST – 10 (76.92%)

WEST – 3 (23.08%)



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# Demographic Data

for Club Directors only

What Age Groups did you register teams for 2019?

18's – 6 (46.15%)

17's – 5 (38.46%)

16's – 7 (53.85%)

15's – 11 (84.62%)

14's – 10 (76.92%)

13's – 4 (30.77%)

12's – 6 (46.15%)

Youth/Club Developmental – 1 (7.69%)



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# Demographic Data

for Club Directors only

How many teams did your club register for 2019?

|          |     |          |
|----------|-----|----------|
| 1        | - 1 | (7.69%)  |
| 2 to 3   | - 4 | (30.77%) |
| 4 to 5   | - 3 | (23.08%) |
| 6 to 10  | - 3 | (23.08%) |
| 11 to 15 | - 1 | (7.69%)  |
| 16 to 20 | - 0 | (0.0%)   |
| 21+      | - 1 | (7.69%)  |



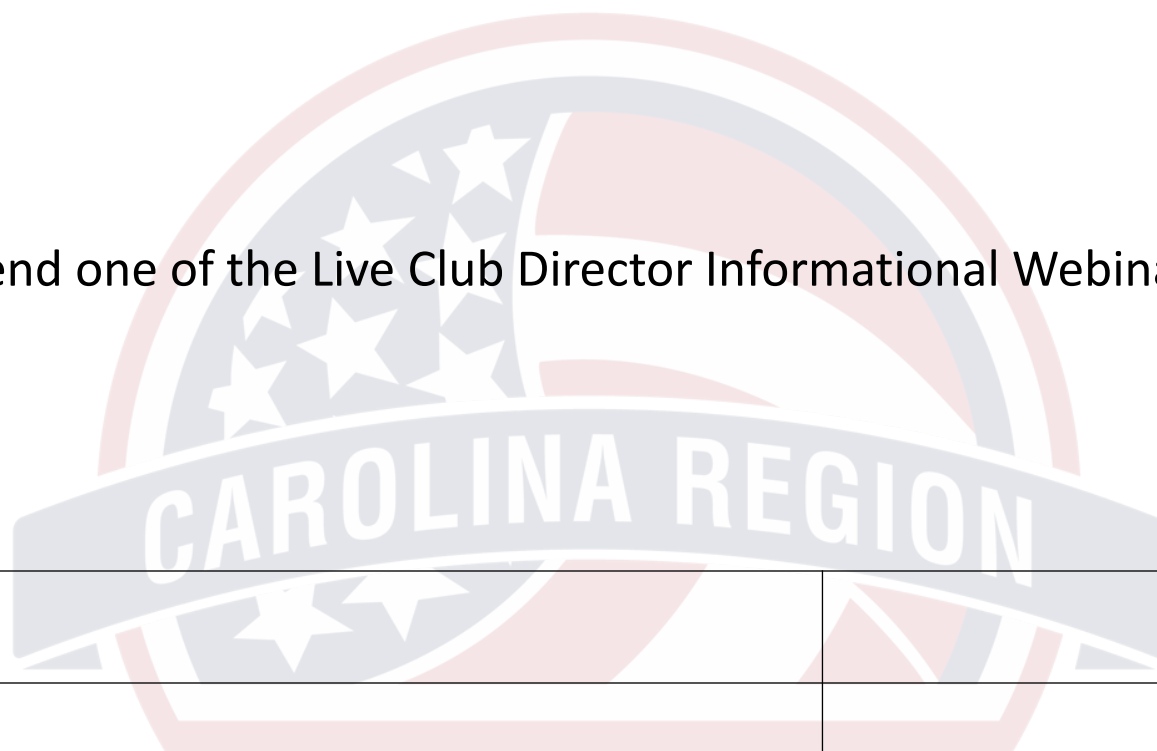
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Were you aware of the Pre-Season Online Club Director Webinars?

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|--------------|-----------|
| YES          | 11        |
| No           | 2         |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>13</b> |

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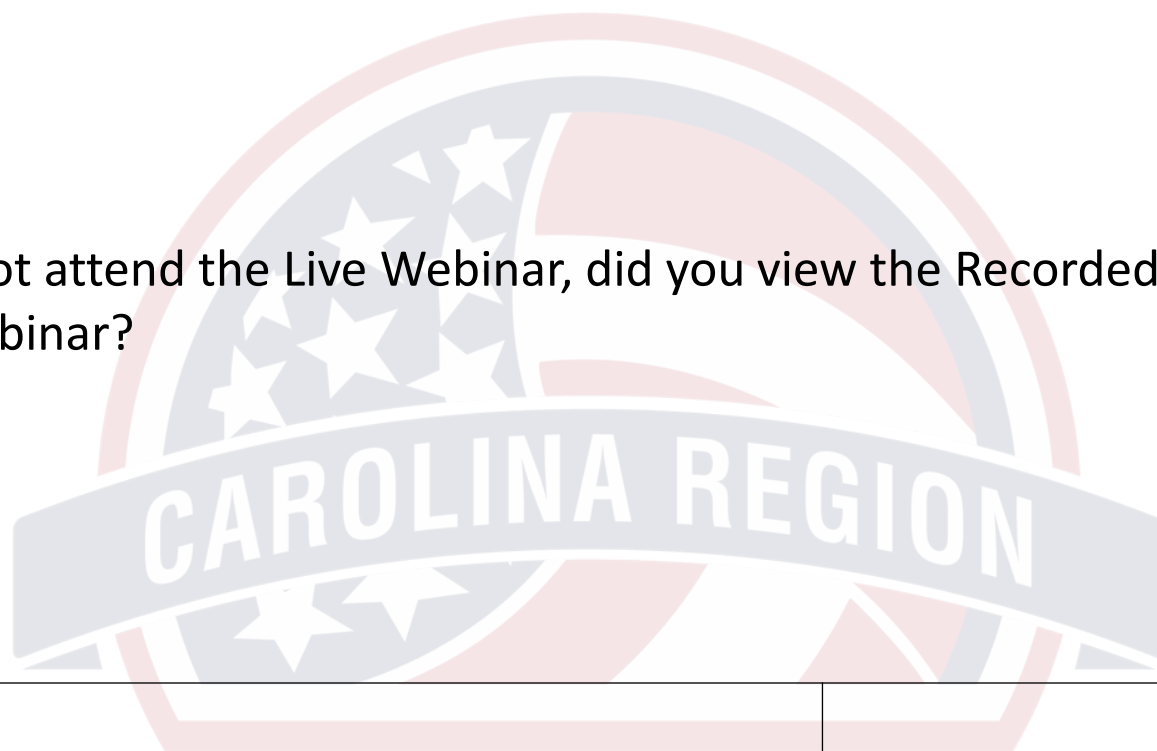
Did you attend one of the Live Club Director Informational Webinars?



|              |           |
|--------------|-----------|
| Yes          | 3         |
| No           | 10        |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>13</b> |

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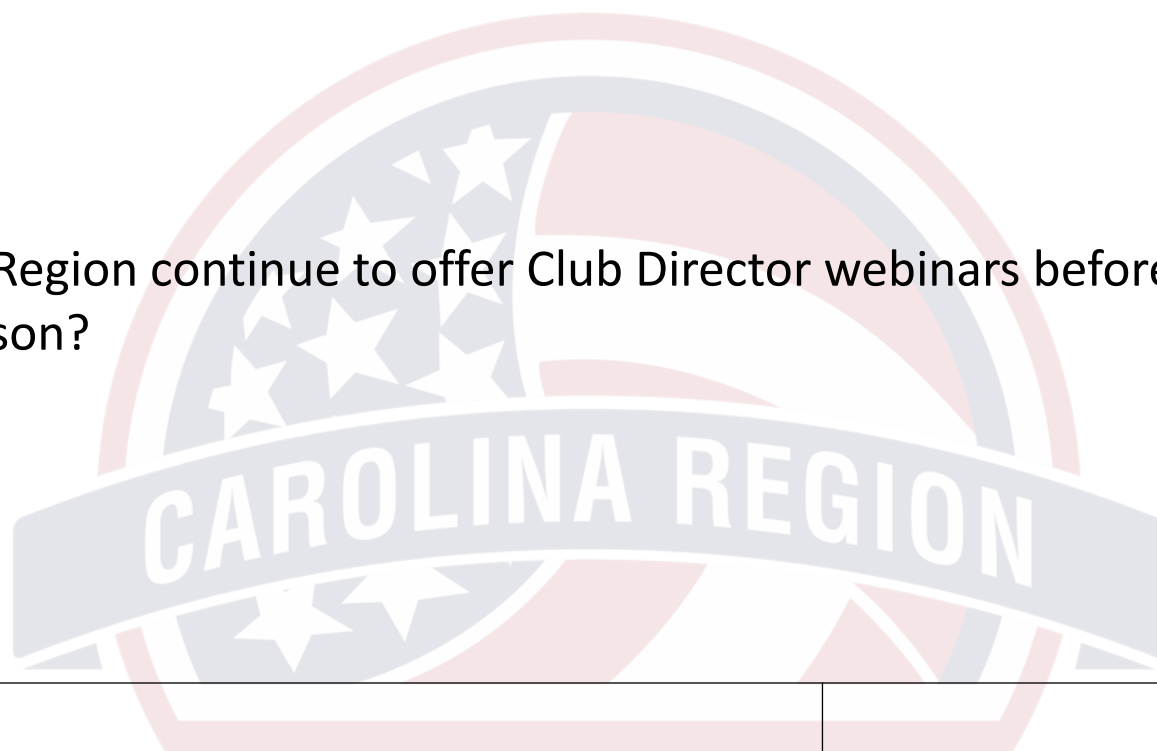
If you did not attend the Live Webinar, did you view the Recorded Club Director webinar?



|              |           |
|--------------|-----------|
| Yes          | 6         |
| No           | 5         |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>11</b> |

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Should the Region continue to offer Club Director webinars before the start of each season?



|              |           |
|--------------|-----------|
| Yes          | 13        |
| No           | 0         |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>13</b> |

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# Tryout Policy

The Carolina Region revised the Tryout Policies for the Junior Division before the 2009 season and updated it before this season. Two different tryout periods were created to help spread out the tryout periods and make it easier for players to try out with more than one club. Were you aware of the Tryout Policy?

## Tryout Policy

|              |           |
|--------------|-----------|
| YES          | 12        |
| NO           | 1         |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>13</b> |

# Tryout Policy

Did the Club utilize the Letter of Commitment Form?

Use LOC Form?

|   |           |
|---|-----------|
| YES   | 10        |
| NO  | 3         |
| I was not aware of the policy before the season | 0         |
| <b>Total</b>                                    | <b>13</b> |

Comments from 1 not using: Very small club

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# Tryout Policy

The Carolina Region continued the shortened signing dates this season so a commitment could be required by the club before the following weekend's tryouts. What impact did the change in signing dates have on your club?

|   |            |
|---|------------|
| the shortened signing date had a NEGATIVE effect on our club. | 0 (0.00%)  |
| the shortened signing date had a POSITIVE effect on our club. | 4 (30.77%) |
| the shortened signing date had NO effect on our club.         | 9 (69.23%) |
| <b>Total answered question</b>                                | <b>13</b>  |

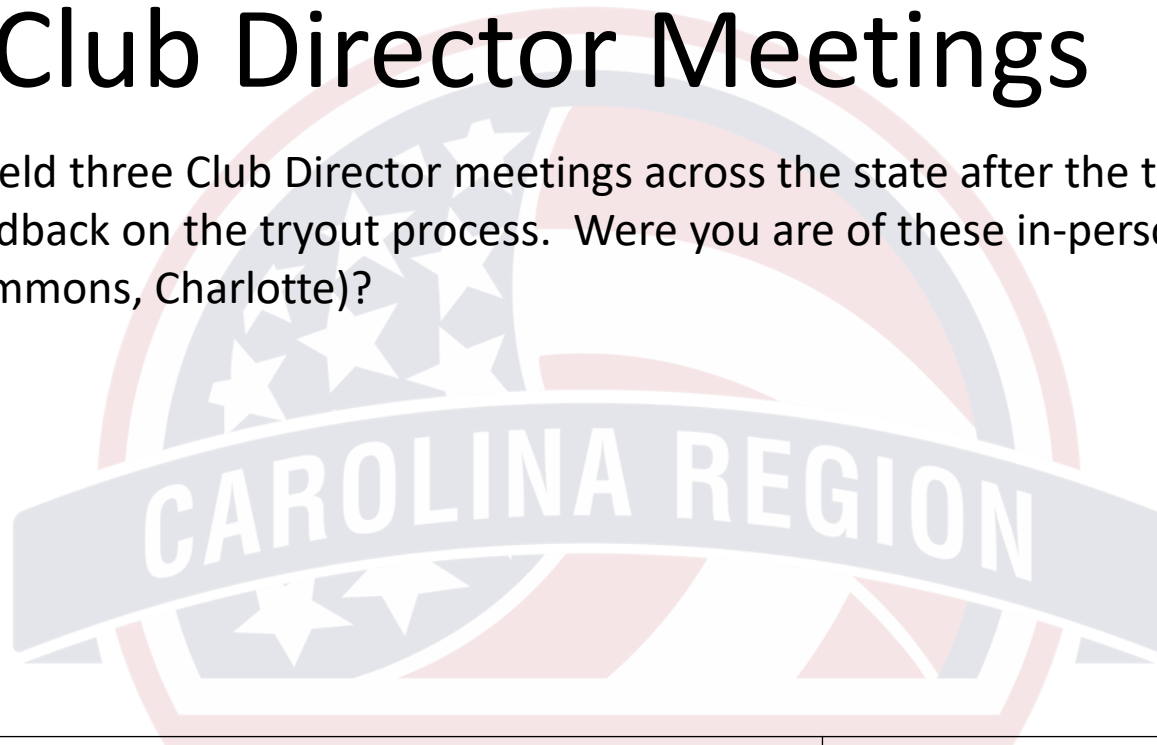
# Tryout Policy

How long should the Signing Date be this next Tryout period?

|   |            |
|---|------------|
| No change to existing signing date  | 6 (54.55%) |
| Shorten the signing date to two/three days  | 3 (27.27%) |
| Change the signing date back to allow players opportunity to tryout two weekends without having to commit | 2 (18.18%) |
| <b>Total answered question</b>  | <b>11</b>  |

# Club Director Meetings

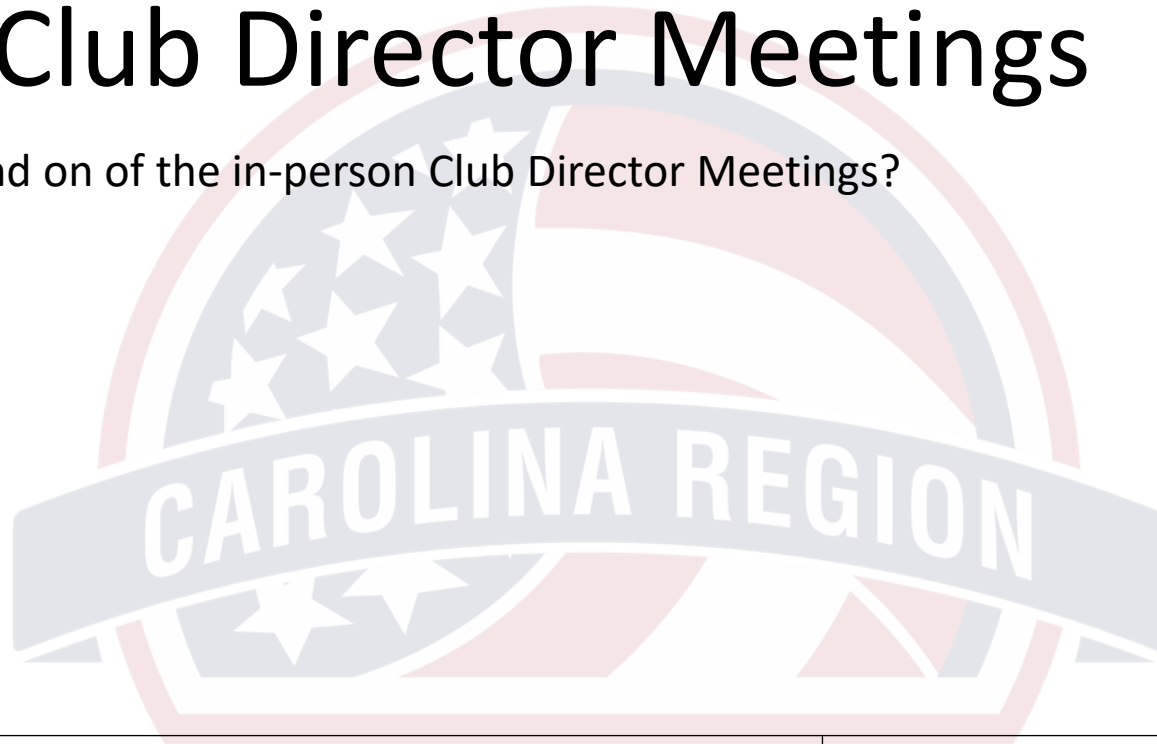
The Region held three Club Director meetings across the state after the tryout period to gather feedback on the tryout process. Were you are of these in-person meetings (Raleigh, Clemmons, Charlotte)?



|                                |            |
|--------------------------------|------------|
| Yes                            | 6 (46.15%) |
| No                             | 7 (53.85%) |
| <b>Total answered question</b> | <b>13</b>  |

# Club Director Meetings

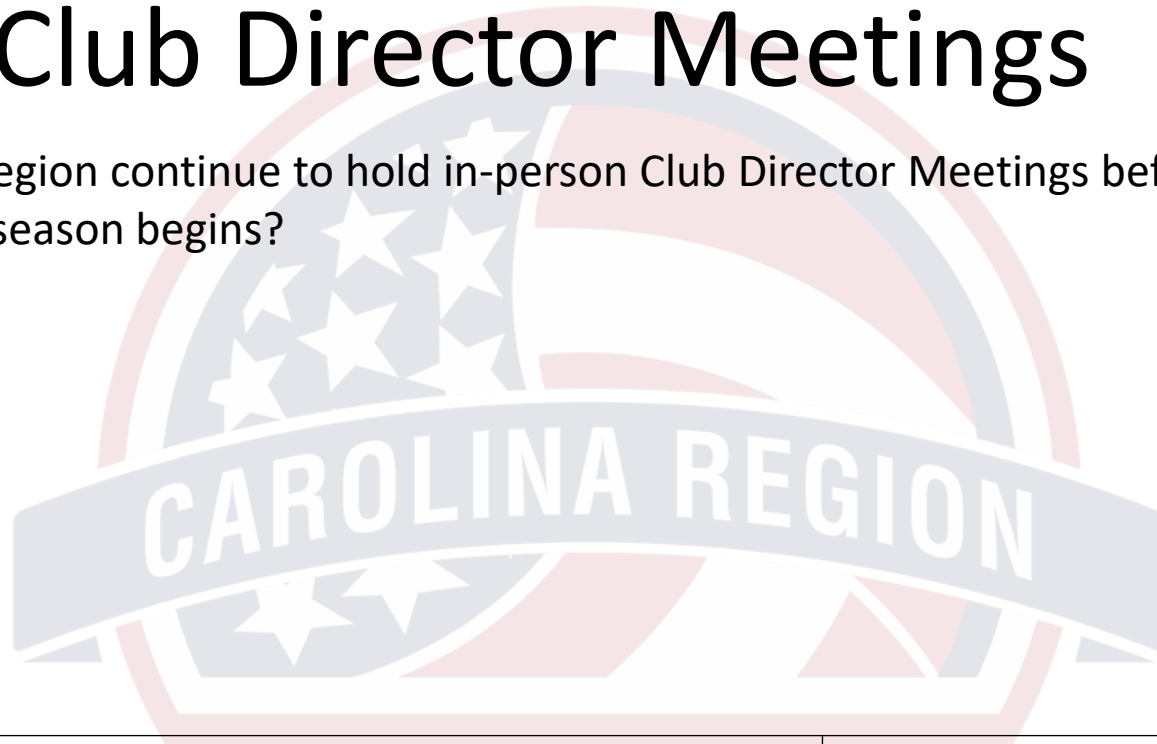
Did you attend on of the in-person Club Director Meetings?



|                                |            |
|--------------------------------|------------|
| Yes                            | 3 (25.00%) |
| No                             | 9 (75.00%) |
| <b>Total answered question</b> | <b>12</b>  |

# Club Director Meetings

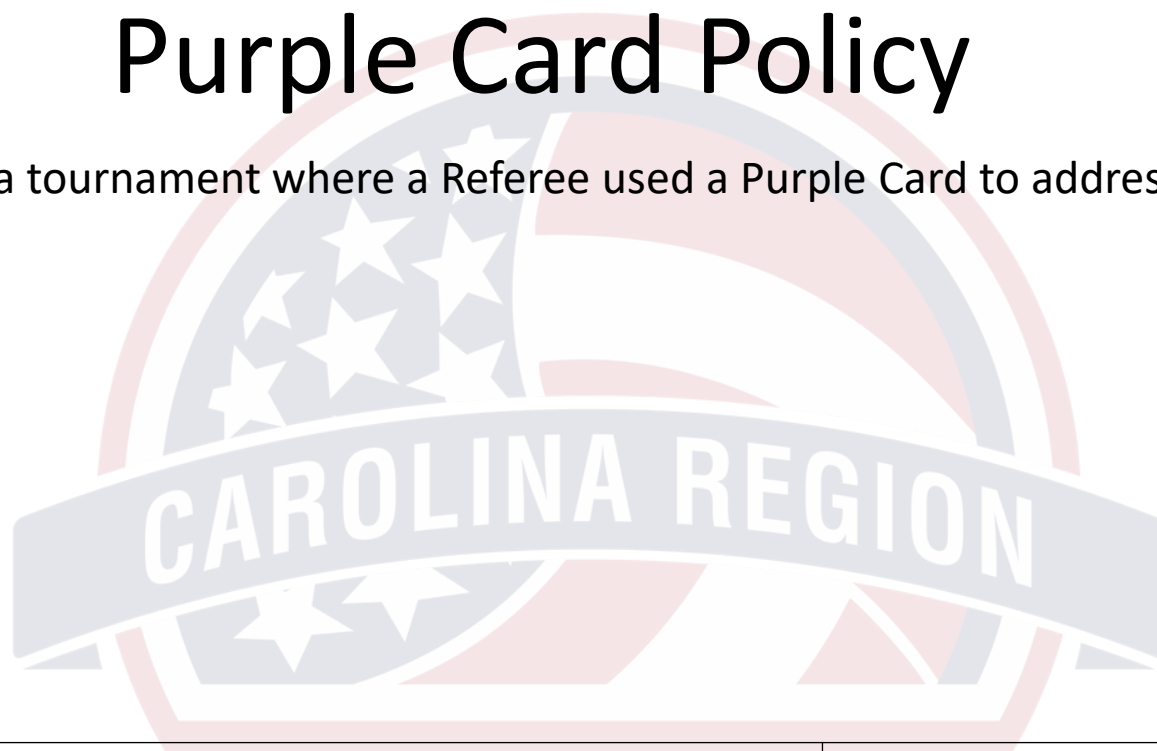
Should the Region continue to hold in-person Club Director Meetings before the tournament season begins?



|                                |             |
|--------------------------------|-------------|
| Yes                            | 12 (92.31%) |
| No                             | 1 (7.69%)   |
| <b>Total answered question</b> | <b>13</b>   |

# Purple Card Policy

Were you at a tournament where a Referee used a Purple Card to address spectator behavior?

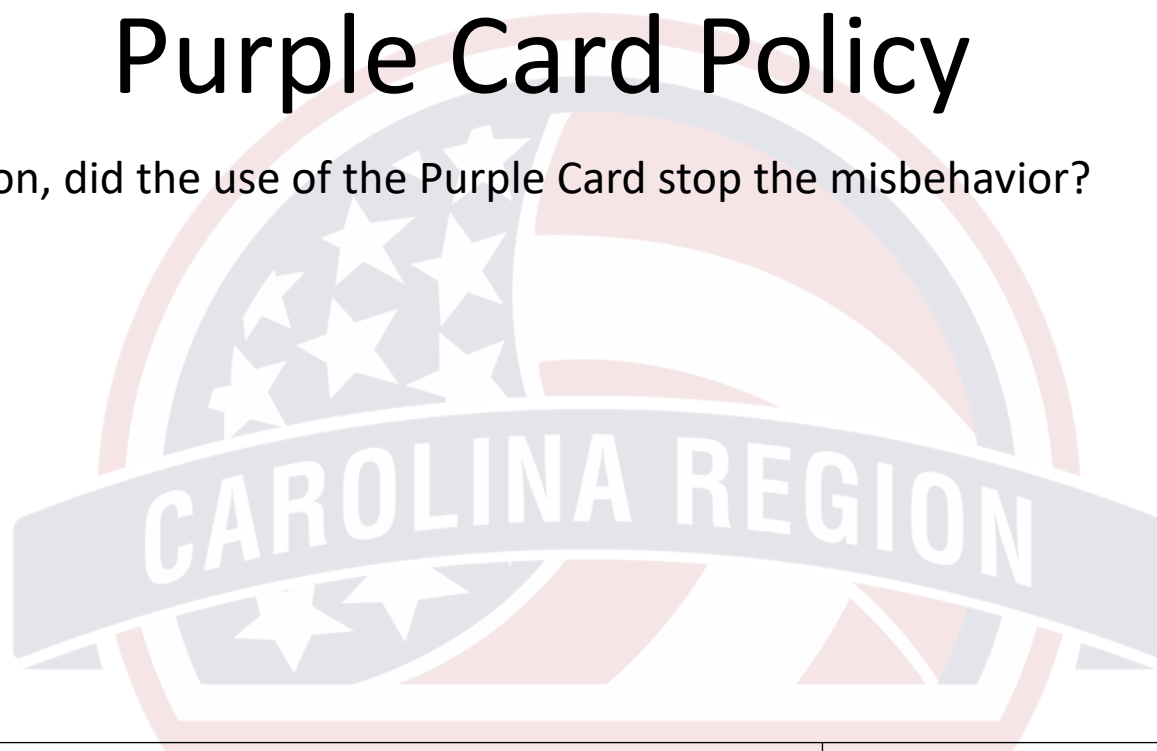


|                                |             |
|--------------------------------|-------------|
| Yes                            | 6 (14.63%)  |
| No                             | 35 (85.37%) |
| <b>Total answered question</b> | <b>41</b>   |



# Purple Card Policy

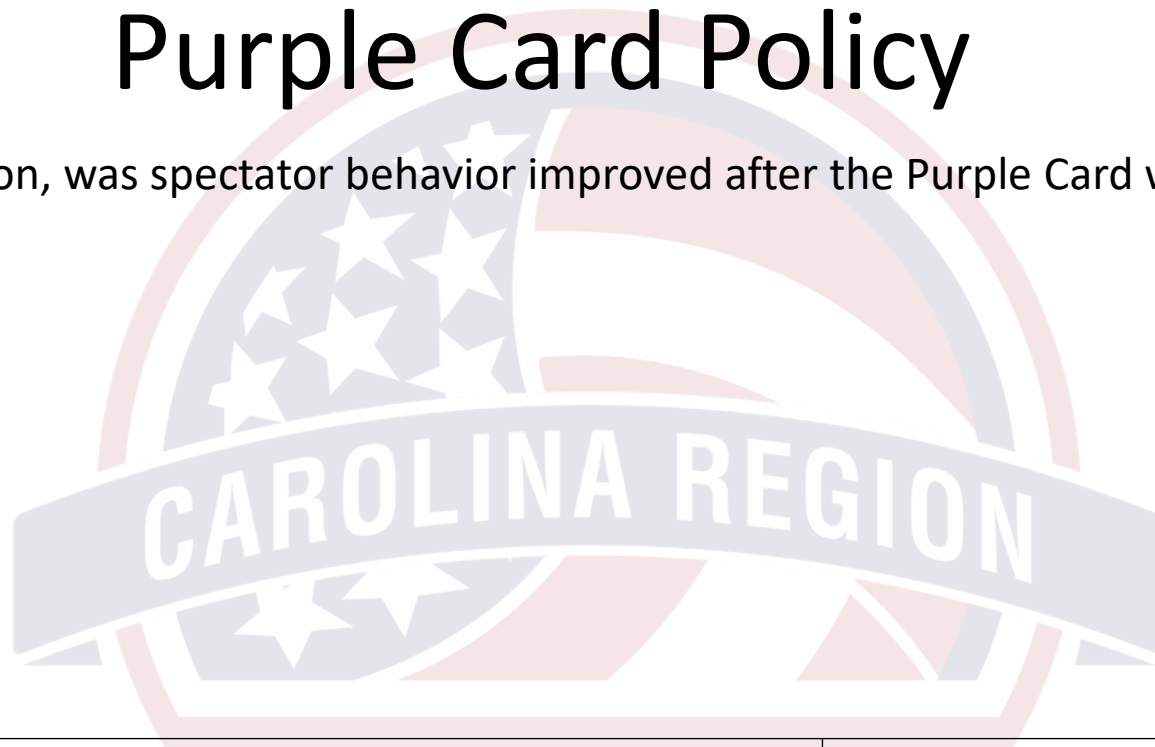
In your opinion, did the use of the Purple Card stop the misbehavior?



|                                |             |
|--------------------------------|-------------|
| Yes                            | 6 (100.00%) |
| No                             | 0 (0.00%)   |
| <b>Total answered question</b> | <b>6</b>    |

# Purple Card Policy

In your opinion, was spectator behavior improved after the Purple Card was shown?



|                                |             |
|--------------------------------|-------------|
| Yes                            | 6 (100.00%) |
| No                             | 0 (0.00%)   |
| <b>Total answered question</b> | <b>6</b>    |

# Purple Card Policy

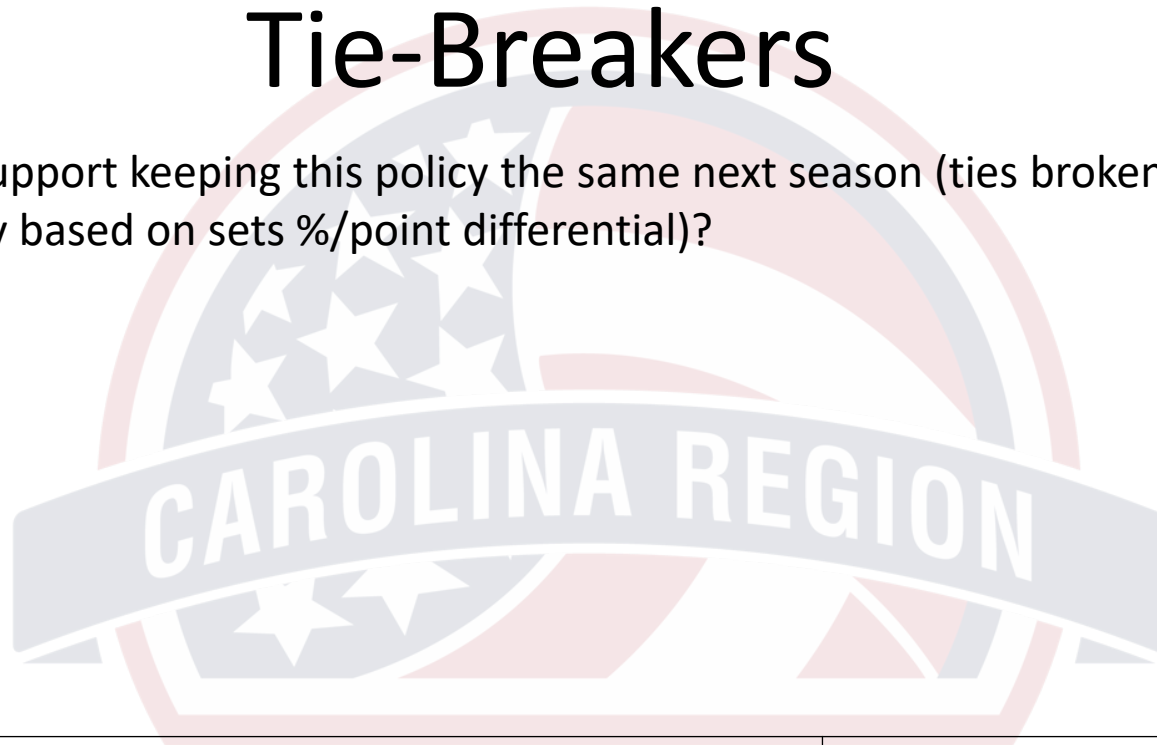
Do you have any other suggestions or comments on the Purple Card policy?

- I wouldn't have waited as long. I think it needs to be a swift penalty without warning.
- No
- It is a shame that we have to toggle a Purple Card but it is necessary. I think Clubs need to better educate their parents on sportsmanship - they are ruining the game for their daughters

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# Tie-Breakers

Would you support keeping this policy the same next season (ties broken automatically based on sets %/point differential)?



|                                |             |
|--------------------------------|-------------|
| Yes                            | 33 (84.62%) |
| No                             | 6 (15.38%)  |
| <b>Total answered question</b> | <b>39</b>   |

# Tie-Breakers

Would you support also using this policy at all East and West Championship tournaments (the Regional Championship tournaments that include top 4 from the East versus the top 4 from the West would continue to play a tie-breaker set if needed).



|   |             |
|---|-------------|
| Play one set tie-breakers (no changes to current tie-breaker procedures)  | 30 (76.92%) |
| Break ties based on match/set win percentage and then point differential. Only if still tied after points play one set. | 9 (23.08%)  |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>39</b>   |

# Officials Clinics

Club-hosted, in-person officiating clinics can be very large, difficult to schedule for both the club and our limited number of clinicians. We are considering limiting in-person officiating clinics to the 14 and under age groups and coaches. The 15 and older age groups would take the clinic online. NOTE - USAV has indicated they will be revising their online junior referee training curriculum, so the hope is these will be a much better training experience in the future.

|   |             |
|---|-------------|
| Yes, I would support limiting in person officiating clinics to the 14 and under age groups.   | 5 (13.51%)  |
| Yes, I would support limiting in person officiating clinics to the 14 and under age groups but smaller clubs can maintain the option to include everyone. | 21 (56.76%) |
| No, keep the in person clinic format the same.  | 11 (29.73%) |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>37</b>   |

# Junior Beach

Were you aware of the Carolina Region Junior Beach Tour?

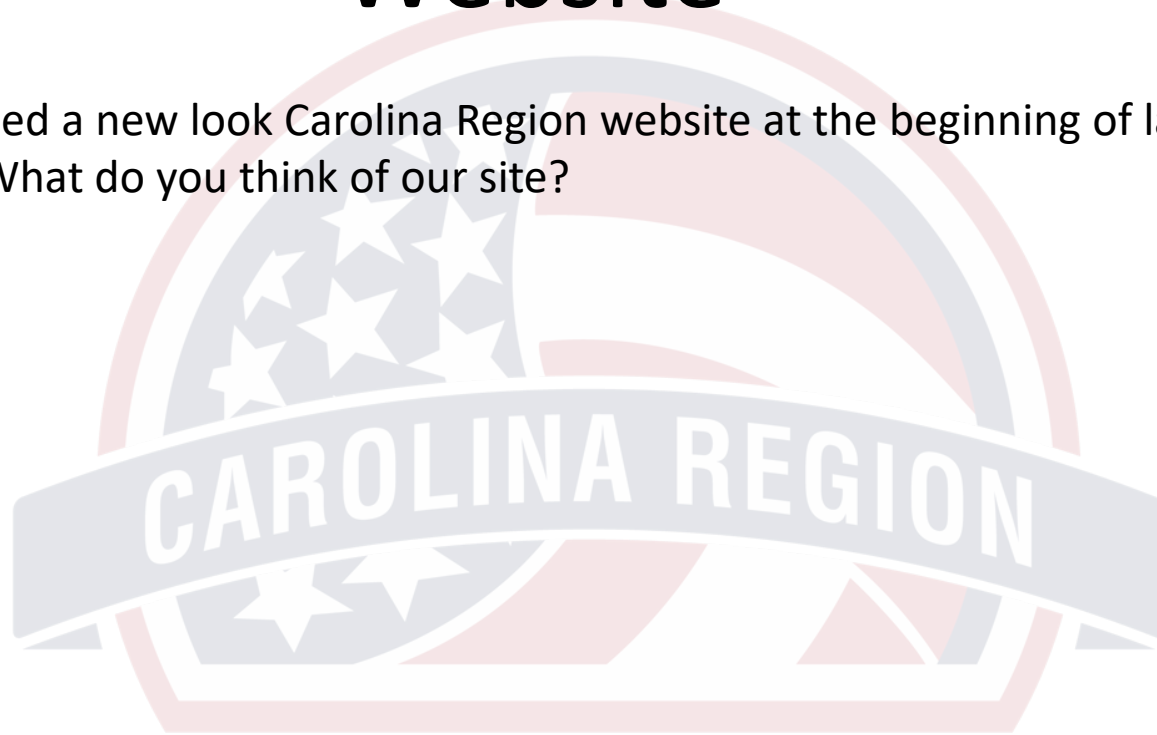
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|--------------|-------------|
| Yes          | 29 (76.32%) |
| No           | 9 (23.68%)  |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>38</b>   |

Is your club planning on offering Beach training in the future?

|  |             |
|--|-------------|
| Yes  | 10 (27.03%) |
| No   | 22 (59.46%) |
| We already provide a beach program after the indoor season | 5 (13.89%)  |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>37</b>   |

# Website

We unveiled a new look Carolina Region website at the beginning of last season. What do you think of our site?



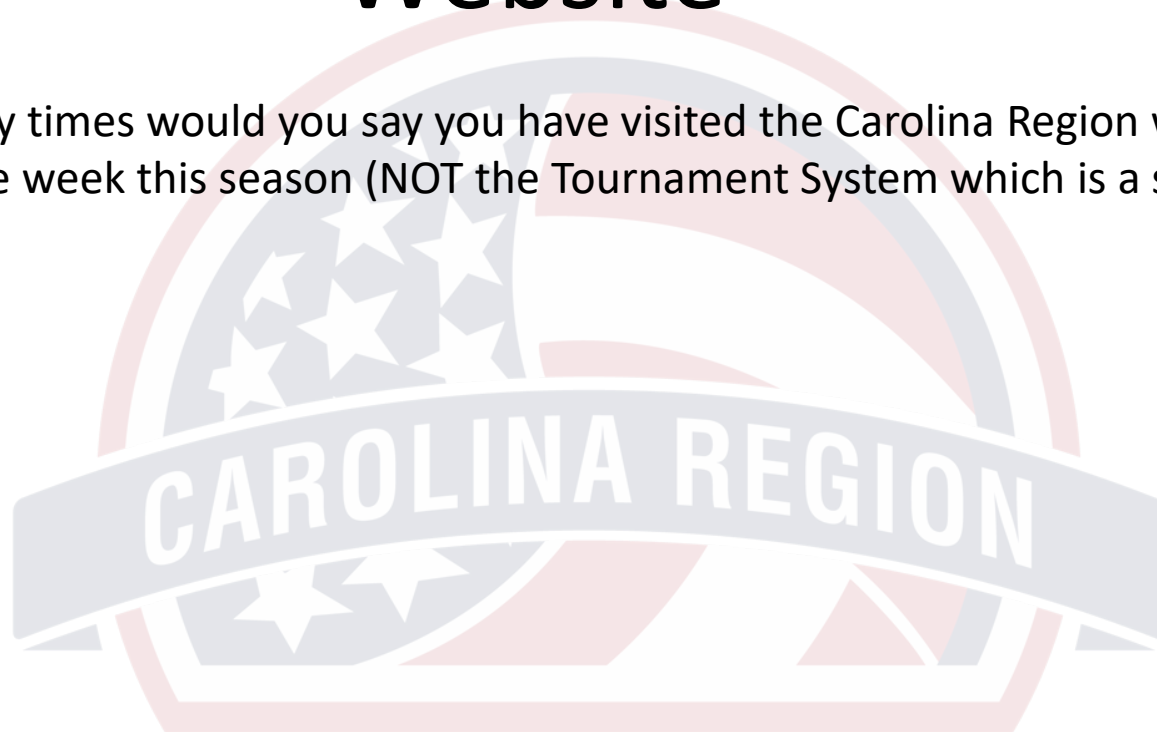
|                  |             |
|------------------|-------------|
| Love it          | 6 (16.22%)  |
| Like it          | 25 (67.57%) |
| Still needs work | 6 (16.22%)  |
| <b>Total</b>     | <b>37</b>   |

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# Website

How many times would you say you have visited the Carolina Region website during the week this season (NOT the Tournament System which is a separate site)?



|                        |             |
|------------------------|-------------|
| None                   | 3 (8.11%)   |
| Once a week            | 24 (64.86%) |
| 2-3 times a week       | 9 (24.32 %) |
| 4 or more times a week | 1 (2.70%)   |
| <b>Total</b>           | <b>37</b>   |

# Tournament System

We continue to add functionality to our Tournament System (<https://tournaments.carolinaregionvb.org>) with a lot more improvements for the front end and back end in the pipeline. Please let us know what you would like to see on the Tournament System:

- It's clear and updates are timely
- Nothing to add
- Make sure everyone is on the same page that goes for your directors of tournaments as well as referees there are so many referees that tell me multiple different rules which shows me there not on the same page and it's very frustrating as a coach
- None
- reward teams for entering tournaments by providing additional 10 points. Teams that dont play should not be rewarded with a high ranking
- Question: Why are teams ranked in the Tournament System who never play any CR regional tournaments? (Travel Tournament only teams).....

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- It was sooooo hard to find the right link this year as far as which tournament, rules (such as start time and afternoon play).
- Just a simplified number of clicks to get to what I need to see. I still feel like every time I go to find out my next tournament location I have to fish around for it.
- Easier way to find and get to the tournament page.

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# 2019 Survey Final Comments

- We like the point system that Carolina Region utilizes. The region provides timely responses to questions that I have throughout the season and that is much appreciated.
- I suggest we allow extra points for the teams that advance to tournament bracket play (semis). There is no reward for making it to the semis... Teams that advance to the semis and lose could lose points that would potentially put them in a worse tournament position than those not making the semis. Should be some bonus for advancement.
- Like the way the refs R1 the playoffs of the local tournaments but they need to work on the consistency of calling doubles. If the refs are going to call a tighter game then they need to work with the team refs during the day to make the same calls. I do not mind the calls but when you have not called them all day and my ladies start imitating the other team pushing a ball iver, etc and then you start calling it, it is hard to explain to them and then parents. I feel the refs did a great job but we need a little more consistency to make the teams refs better overall

# 2019 Survey Final Comments:

- I would like to see no team movement for Regionals. This year our last tournament we lost in semi-finals but because we gained points we had to move up for Regionals
- Nope, things went smoothly.
- I was personally disappointed in the adult refs and some of the 14 teams with the officiating. Showed the rule book to 2 to prove they made an incorrect call (didn't allow 2 chance to serve for 14's). Didn't allow 2 minute warm up period after coin toss for first game of day.
- Referee's call games very differently. Sometimes making calls in their words "To Set The Tone". Younger referees are biased and inconsistent. This was a tough season for players and coaches where referee's dictated the outcome of the matches.
- no. Thank you and CR for all you do. I thought the officiating was very consistent all year and we appreciate all the host sights. Thanks again
- Had a wonderful season this year with all teams friendly and helpful.
- I do not at all like that only first and second play after morning play. It makes their day so much shorter.

# 2019 Survey Final Comments:

- The U12 group gets tournaments in Mayodan every year. For many of us in the east this requires a hotel stay. We shouldn't need to do a hotel stay for any in region tournament. The region should do a better job of looking for tournament locations that are more central to the majority of the division.
- For the 12s level, please make sure all referees understand the serving line rules beginning at the first tournament. We had some inconsistencies.
- Have all the refs be consistent with their calls. I don't care the age group. In order for players to improve, they HAVE to be penalized for double hits. Region championships was a joke in that no doubles were called (14 East Division 1).
- We do not want to play at local other big club facilities, they had recruited players from other clubs during the tournament if we have a choice to where we want to play. maybe cross regions.
- Thank you for all you do.....
- another great season thanks

**END OF SURVEY**

# Club Tryouts-Proposed

## 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 26, 2019** 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 10, 2019** (after the North Carolina State Championships for public High Schools on November 9, 2019). 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 Date:

**Clubs are encouraged to allow players the opportunity 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 - Nov. 1, 2019 at 6 pm** after the FIRST Tryout Period begins for the **U12, U13, and U14** age groups and **FIVE DAYS - Nov. 15, 2019 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 anytime 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 seven 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.



# Draft/Proposed 2020 Junior Schedule

## December:

28-29 – Quest New Year's

## January:

4 - Regular season tournaments begin; All divisions for age groups 14's, 17's

5 - Regular season tournaments begin; All divisions for age groups 15's;

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

12 - All divisions for age groups 12's

18-20 – City of Oaks Tournament – Raleigh Convention Center; (MLK trns)

25 - All divisions for age groups 15's, 17's;

26 - All divisions for age groups 14's;

## February:

1 – All divisions for age groups 12's, 16's; 18's Queen City (Feb 1-2)

2– All divisions for age group 13's

8 - All divisions for age groups 14's, 15's; (ACT Test Date)

9 - All divisions for age groups 17's;

15 – All divisions for age groups 12's, 13's; 16's

16 - All divisions for age groups 18's;

22 – All divisions for age groups 14's, 17's;

23 - All divisions for age groups 15's;

23 – National Bid tournament – 12's, 13's, 16's, & 18's age groups



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## February:

29 – All divisions for age groups 12's, 13's, 18's; MAPL Raleigh (Feb 29-Mar 1)

## March:

1 - All divisions for age groups 16's;

7 – All divisions for age groups 14's, 15's; (SAT dates);

8- All divisions for age groups 17's;

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

15 - All divisions for age groups 12's;

15 – National Bid tournaments – 14's, 15's, 17's;

21 – Regional/East/West Championships for age groups 15's, 17's;

22 – Regional/East/West Championships for age groups 14's;

28 – Regional/East/West Championships for age groups 12's, 16's, 18's

29 – Regional/East/West Championships for age groups 13's;

## April:

4-5 – Junior Hi Neighbor (ACT Test Date)

10-12 – Big South weekend

12 - Easter

# New Issues

- Use Regular Season tie-breaker procedures for all East/West Championships:
  - Survey Results
    - 30 – Yes; 9 - No

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# New Issues

- Limit In Person Officials' Clinics to the 14 and under age groups only:
  - Survey Results
- Yes, I would support limiting in person officiating clinics to the 14 and under age groups - 5 (13.51%)
- Yes, I would support limiting in person officiating clinics to the 14 and under age groups but smaller clubs can maintain the option to include everyone - 21 (56.76%)
- No, keep the in person clinic format the same - 11 (29.73%)

# New Issues

- Others?



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# 2019 Junior Beach Tour

Ninth Season! The sub-Regions schedule has been continued for this season. We still have several tournaments designated as MAJORS/CHAMPIONSHIPS . Teams will need to earn bids to compete at the Carolina Region Junior Beach Regional Championships. Teams will earn bids based on how they finish at tour events and in the MAJORS.

## **We have TWO events on USAV National Beach Tour**

- Charlotte Open – April 27-28, 2019
- Carolina Grand Slam – May 18-19 (Apex)

We have four other events designated as Beach Regional Qualifiers with bids to Nationals

- NC Sand – April 13-14, 2019 (Greensboro)
- Carolina Challenge – June 15-16 (Wilmington)
- Powerade NC State Games – June 22-23 (Charlotte)
- Summer Fest – June 22 (Apex)

Complete schedule is here - <http://www.carolinaregionvb.org/jrbeachtour/>

The second season of the National Beach Tour, established by the Regions and USAV, is underway now. See <https://www.nationalbeachtour.com/> for more info.

The High School Sand League is in it's seventh season! The Region sanctioned practices and competitions for the HS Sand league this season for the first time.

# Elections of Junior Reps

Girls Representative (1 year term)

A. Nominees received in advance and from the attendees

- Doug Balsler – Champion VBC

Boys Representative will be chosen by boys reps later this summer.

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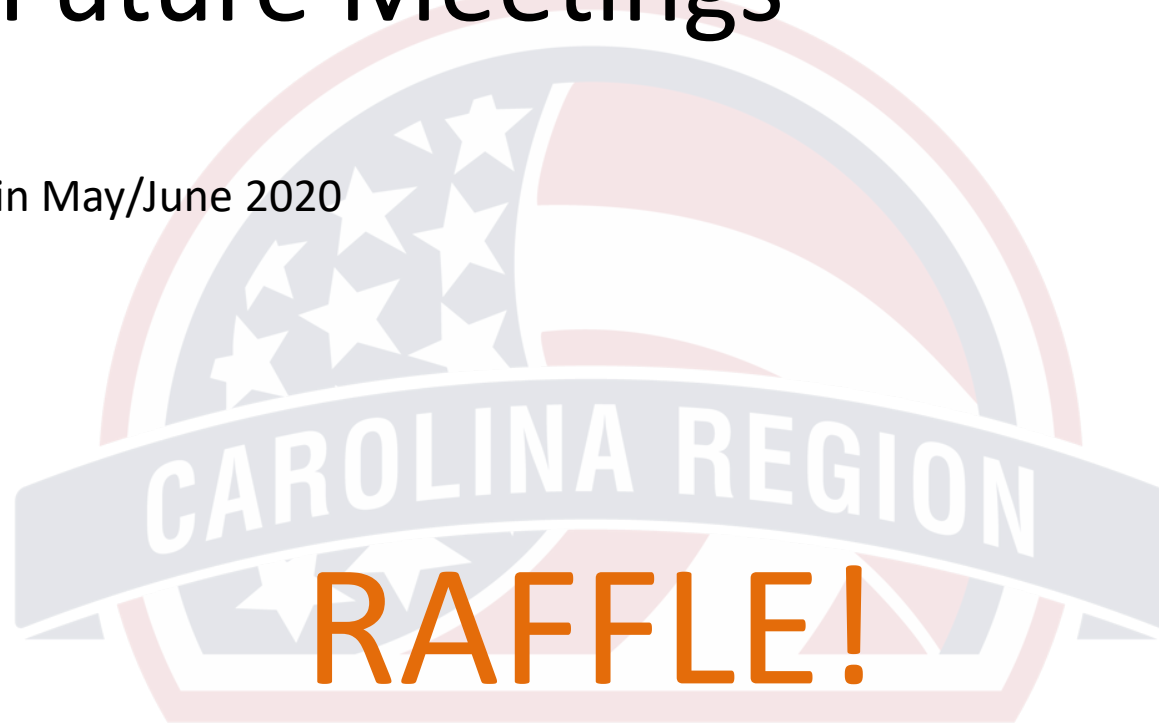
Other Business?



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# Future Meetings

TBA in May/June 2020



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