

Carolina Region/USAV
May 7, 2024 Junior Advisory Board meeting
Online Meeting



Attendees: Jim Ross (President); Bruce Cao (NCVBA; Girls' Rep); Jack Petty (CHAVC); Sherry Fadool (Triangle); James Marshall (Stanly); Krista McGivern (NCVBA; At-Large); Steve Ellis (Vice-President); Fred Wendelboe (At-Large); Tina Readling (At-Large); Sarah Conklin (Boys' Rep)

CR Staff Attendees: Kevin Wendelboe

Meeting began: 7:00 pm

- I. Welcome/Agenda
- II. 2023 Minutes approval – The minutes from the 2023 JAB meeting were distributed with the meeting invitation. Motion by McGivern; seconded by Petty to:

Motion 1: approve the minutes from the May 9, 2023 JAB meeting. MSA

- III. 2024 Season Review – We had 886 Girls teams (+46) and 37 Boys teams (+2). Our individual full membership totals as of April 30 were: 9152 Girls (+512); 354 Boys -15); and 182 Youth (+107). We had an increase in Outdoor memberships as well: 517 Girls (+132) and 109 Boys (+18). We had 12 weekends of sanctioned indoor tournaments in 2024 with 1819 entries for Regular season events and 403 entries on Regional Championship weekends. We did not have any tournaments canceled due to inclement weather. 68% of eligible teams participated in a Regional Championship event.
- IV. 2024/2025 Girls' & Boys' Schedules – Kevin presented proposed schedules for the 2025 season. Easter is later in 2025 but the Big South Qualifier is still holding their event on the last weekend of March, so our final weekend of the season will end with the first weekend of April again. Kevin proposed the age groups stay on the same relative weekend as the 2024 season. Kevin reminded everyone that these schedules are not final until approved by the Carolina Region Board of Directors at their next meeting on May 13. We will publish the final approved schedules shortly after that meeting. Motion by Petty, second by McGivern to recommend to the Carolina Region Board of Directors to:

Motion 2: approve the 2025 Junior Girl's Tournament Schedule. MSA
See Appendix 1

Motion by Petty, second by McGivern to recommend to the Carolina Region Board of Directors to:

Motion 3: approve the 2025 Junior Boys' Tournament Schedule. MSA
See Appendix 2

- V. Topic of Discussion – Region Bid Ranking Process:
Club Directors and Team Reps of teams that applied to be considered for one of the Region bids to the USAV Junior National Championships were sent a survey about possible improvements to the process. Kevin reviewed the survey responses with the group. Of the ideas discussed, the group determined that adding a minimum field size to be eligible for a top 5, 10, 20, or 30 finish would be a good thing to implement. Motion by Fadool, second by Cao to recommend to the Carolina Region Board of Directors to:

Motion 4: institute a minimum field size of 1.5 times the qualifying finishing place to be eligible for those maximum points in the Carolina Region National Ranking Process. A top 5 finish would require a field size of 8; a top 10 finish would require a field size of 15; a top 20 finish would require a field size of 30; and a top 30 finish would require a field size of 45. MSA

- VI. Boys HS Volleyball update:
- A. Boys HS Growth Grant – we have awarded \$41,500 in growth grants to 52 schools/groups this year. This is the second year of the grant program and over \$80,000 has been distributed to grow Boys HS in North Carolina.
 - B. 90 schools are playing a spring schedule this season. There were 41 last year. There are already 12 teams asking for information about adding next year.
 - C. Sanctioning by the NCHSAA requires 25% of the total public schools in the state (which would be 107 schools with Boys volleyball) or 50% of any class (that number will vary). There will be a reclassification going on in 2025-2026 to move to 8 different classes. If that happens and there are no changes to the bylaws that affect sanctioning, Boys HS should have 50% of one of those classes. We're well on the way to getting the sport sanctioned in North Carolina.
- VII. Junior Referee Update –Junior Referee Scholarship Program began in 2023. The Region certified 20 Junior Regional Referees and 16 of them met the three-weekend minimum to qualify for a \$500 scholarship. Nine will graduate in 2024, so we will award \$4500 for them. Several of them worked last year so will also get \$500 from last year. Six will graduate in 2025 and one in 2026 and they will have the opportunity to earn another \$500 scholarship (\$1000 is the maximum per junior referee). We've had a few other Regions reach out for information on our program.

VIII. Strategic Planning Update:

The Carolina Region Board began working with Cyndi Wood & Associates (CWA) in June of 2023 with the goal of undergoing a Strategic Planning process to improve our organization. CWA recommended a three-phase process:

- A. Phase I – Skills Assessment of current CR Board of Director
- B. Phase II – Needs Assessment – sent to over 230 stakeholders. 110 responses. 70 people volunteered to work with the Region in future volunteer positions that we will be identifying.
- C. Phase III – Strategic Planning session during June 8-9 Board retreat. Short-term and long-term goals to be identified during this retreat.

We are already seeing many positive benefits of working with CWA and are excited about sharing more with our members as we get underway with the strategic planning.

IX. Items from the Floor:

- A. Sherry raised a concern about clubs using illegal rosters at recent non-Carolina Region events. She encouraged the region to address the issue to maintain the integrity of our volleyball competitions. The Region has sanctioned six teams in 2024 for illegal rosters or participation so the region will address it when we are made aware of it. It was pointed out that JVA and AAU have different roster policies so they would have to monitor their sanctioned events.

X. Adjournment – Motion by F. Wendelboe, second by McGivern to:

Motion 5: adjourn the May 7, 2024 Junior Advisory Board meeting at 7:57 pm
MSA

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 this meeting were adopted.