

Lone Star Region Newsletter

Commissioner's Notes

Will is busy keeping up with registrations .

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From the Referee's Stand

The season has started and we have excellent news for you—there are very minor changes to the rules (regulations) this year. Please review pp.xvi-xviii in the Domestic Competition Regulations for 2006-2007 or visit www.usavolleyball.org and look under rules for clarifications. Rules 7.5.4.2 and 7.7.2 have changes to what is done if positional faults are discovered and you should note this difference for play this season. Otherwise most clarifications are re-wording of the way we played last year. Have a great season and sit in on a clinic (see www.lsvolleyball.org under clinics for dates) for the most up-to-date information on rules and mechanics of volleyball officiating.

Thomas Hoy, Referee Chair

From the Scorekeeper's Table

The season is on and you have all your teams and players lined up, now it's time to get that certification process rolling and completed so there won't be any worries about qualifying for Regionals.

Take a look at the schedule on the website <http://lsvolleyball.org> for clinics in your area. Make arrangements NOW to fit one of these into your busy schedule. It is also a real good idea to qualify more than one player for scorekeeper and referee. Before you leave to attend a clinic make sure to check the website for the most current time and location information.

Steve Crane, Scorekeeper Chair

USA Women's National Team Tryouts

Dear College Coaches & Athletes,

USA Volleyball will again be offering open tryouts for any women wishing to obtain a position on one of the Summer National Team Programs in 2007. Unlike in past years, we will be holding 2 tryouts:

February 23-25 at the Olympic Training Center, Colorado Springs, CO

Information on the tryouts and the programs for which the athletes will be trying out, as well as specifics on the two tryouts can be found by going to: <http://www.usavolleyball.org/national/WNTTryout.asp>

NOTE: As this is the only means for an athlete to access the USA Women's Volleyball National Team and its affiliated programs (including the 2007 World Cup, World University Games and the US Open Championships) during the 2007 international calendar, this tryout falls within the NCAA "but for" analysis as it applies to Rule 16.8.1.3. If an institution so chooses, it may pay their athlete's necessary expenses to attend this tryout. See NCAA ARS Case # 9225. College athletes with eligibility remaining MUST attend one - but only one - of these two tryout to be involved in a National Team Program in 2007.

The link listed above also hosts all necessary application forms for both tryouts.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding the tryouts or any other USAV National Team and/or High Performance Programs.

USA Women's Volleyball Tryout-Clarification

Date: Thu, 16 Nov 2006 16:17:15 -0700
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Dear All,

Since the recent send regarding the upcoming National Team tryouts, it seems that the eligibility dates were both unclear and somewhat in error. Please allow me to clarify. The tryout is open to female athletes who:

- Have completed high school
- High school athletes that are born in 1987 or EARLIER***
- Are US citizens

High school age athletes are NOT eligible to attend the Creighton tryout. College athletes born in 1988 and 1989 will be evaluated for both the Junior National Team and National Team programs.

I hope this is clearer. Sorry for the confusion.

Tom Pingel
USA Volleyball

Inside Story Headline

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Minneapolis Selected as Host for 2007 USA Junior Olympic Girls' Volleyball Championship

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (Oct. 20, 2006) – USA Volleyball is proud to announce Minneapolis as the site for the 2007 USA Junior Olympic Girls' Volleyball Championship. The event will be held June 29-July 8 at the Minneapolis Convention Center.

“USA Volleyball is excited to have one of our premier events for 2007 located in the city of Minneapolis,” said Mike Chandler, USA Volleyball director of events. “Minneapolis has been an excellent host of USA Volleyball events in the past. Participants and parents should have a tremendous experience not only with the event itself, but also with the many things to do in the Twins City area.”

According to Chandler, USA Volleyball normally announces the host site for the USA Junior Olympic Girls' Volleyball Championship much earlier in the year. However, complications existed this year after the initial city targeted to host the event dropped out before the final contracts were signed.

“The Minneapolis Convention Center and Meet Minneapolis, the local convention and visitor's bureau, has stepped up to the plate to make this work at such a late date,” Chandler said. “To put on such a huge event takes a lot of coordination through the CVB to insure availability of the convention center and hotel rooms during the specified time period.”

This year's USA Junior Olympic Girls' Volleyball Championship has been extended from eight to 10 days to help balance the start and finish of the event. Another advantage to the staggered start and finish to the tournament will be each age group having its own championship day and championship court to itself. A quick look at the tournament format and schedule can be found at <http://www.usavolleyball.org/juniors/07JOChampSchedule.pdf>.

The tournament has also expanded from 756 to 788 teams as requested by the Youth and Junior Olympic Division. The 13 American Division has doubled from 24 to 48 teams. The 12 age group has gone up from 64 to 72 teams by splitting into a 48-team National Division and a 24-team American Division.

The USA Junior Olympic Girls' Volleyball Championship attracts nearly 8,500 athletes annually to the event hosted by USA Volleyball. Last year's Open held in Atlanta attracted 756 teams from across the country. Further, the event draws not only thousands of family and friends, but hundreds of college recruiters looking for the next top players for their programs.

Minneapolis has served as host for four other major USA Volleyball events in the past four years. The city was the site for the 2006 USA Volleyball Junior Olympic Boys' Volleyball Championship,

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as well as the 2006 USA Volleyball Junior Olympic Girls' Invitational Championship. Minneapolis also was the site for two World League men's matches between Team USA and Japan. USA Volleyball also conducted its Adult Open at Minneapolis in 2003.

USA Volleyball has permission from the United States Olympic Committee to incorporate the word "Olympic" into the title for the USA Junior Olympic Girls' Volleyball Championship through 2008, so long as the event does not have a title sponsor included. Individual clubs and regions are prohibited from using the term "Olympic" for any other purpose, including the name within their own club or reference to regions.

USA Junior Olympic Girls' Volleyball Championship Past Cities

2006 – Atlanta, Ga.
2005 – Salt Lake City, Utah
2004 – Houston, Texas
2003 – Atlanta, Ga.
2002 – Salt Lake City, Utah
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2000 – Louisville, Ky.
1999 – New Orleans, La.
1998 – Dallas, Texas
1997 – Denver, Colorado
1996 – San Jose, Calif.
1995 – Orlando, Fla.
1994 – Austin, Texas
1993 – Kansas City, Mo.
1992 – Albuquerque, N.M.
1991 – Tampa, Fla.
1990 – Albuquerque, N.M.
1989 – Toledo, Ohio
1988 – Fort Collins, Colo.
1987 – Albuquerque, N.M.
1986 – St. Paul, Minn.
1985 – St. Joseph, Mo.
1984 – Kingston, R.I.
1983 – Los Angeles, Calif.
1982 – Santa Barbara, Calif.
1981 – Omaha, Neb.
1980 – Davis, Calif.

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