



Adult Program Update for the 2013 Season

Rule Change from the National Office—Liberos Can Serve

This new rule allows the libero to serve in one position of the rotation.

- If no libero is on the court, either libero can replace the player about to serve with the normal replacement procedure.
- If a libero is on the court, you have two options:
 1. That libero can serve by moving directly to the service position (remember, this can only happen in one position of the service rotation). You must replace that libero with the original player and that libero is now replacing the player about to serve. The scoring table records a replacement of the libero with the original player and then a replacement with the player about to serve.
 2. The libero on the court can be replaced by the original player and the second libero can replace the player about to serve.

In both cases this is two replacements without an intervening rally, but this is allowed when the libero is going to serve.

Whenever a libero serves, this is recorded on the scoresheet. Scoring assistants and scorers are going to have to pay attention.

Online Tournament Entry System

We will once again be using Sports Commander for Fellowship and tournament entry. This system allows online payment through Paypal and it will eliminate all paperwork. There will be some minor tweaks to the system, but most of them are being made to ease the work of the hosts and coordinators. As a team rep/player, you will probably not even see them. The biggest tweak that will affect everyone. The problem with posting rosters should be fixed. The system will continue to track the date and time when you submitted your entry and its status throughout the process. The coordinators can post the pools and all the other documents on the site so that the hosts can download them for tournament day.

Team Registration

The team registration will be updated and hopefully the bugs will be eliminated. The process is the same.

1. You fill out the top portion of the form with your team name, division, and gender, and your contact info.
2. For the returning players, you only put their names. However if someone has moved, this is how you report that info to Barb.
3. For players who are either new in general or new to your team, you must fill out all info for those players.
4. **If any of your players fit the Collegiate membership category, they cannot be added to your roster until those players have sent proof of their student status to Barb. This must be sent every year.**

5. Any players who are younger than 18 must submit the special permission form signed by a guardian even if the player is already registered as a Junior.
6. Finally, if you add anyone to your team who was a member of another region last season, that player must make a written request (email if fine) to Barb or the Commissioner to have that membership transferred. That player will not be able to register in Webpoint until this is done.
7. Instead of emailing it to Barb, you email send it to me. I prefer that you send the Excel document with an electronic signature so that I can complete my part. I will be creating the team numbers and then forwarding it to Barb with a note to you. Just don't forget to send it to me.

No team number will create problems for you when you try to enter tournaments.

Tournament Entry Discount

The Board and AAVO were able to find a way to reinstate the self ref discount. Teams who have a certified referee(s) on their roster have the right to choose to provide the up ref for both work assignments. When doing so, they will get a discount on the entry fee. This will be part of the entry process. There will be rules on deadlines for withdrawing or making changes, and refunds when appropriate. This will all be outlined in detail in the users guide.

Clubbing and Borrowing Rules Review

A team is no longer limited to the number of borrowed players. You may now borrow an unlimited number of players from other teams in your club as long as those teams are registered at a lower or lateral level (no borrowing from upper level teams).

When an Adult team is reduced to five or six players and is not able to borrow from within its club or is not a member of a club, that team may borrow one or two players only from the same level or lower team(s) and only if those players will be the sixth and/or seventh players for that day (Two players sharing the day count as two players, not one). These players **MUST** be CHRVA members in good standing and they must wear the team jersey.

Teams borrowing players from outside of their club may only earn points toward the Regional Championships if a minimum of five (5) players from the team's roster are playing.

“Adult Split” On Again for 2013 Season

Since the number of teams in some divisions has become increasingly unequal, the Adult Tournament Committee (myself and the division coordinators) decided that we needed to implement the “split” this season. All tournaments from the first weekend through January 20 will be: WAA/A; WBB/B; MG/S; or MS/B. The teams will be evaluated during that week and then notified which division they have become for the rest of the season.

More information on all of these changes will be available on the coordinators' websites within the next few weeks. Please stay tuned. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or your division coordinators.

We all hope that these changes bring you many enjoyable playing opportunities. Have fun!