



Junior Girls Changes and Improvements for the 2012/2013 Season

As we prepare for the upcoming junior season here are a few things to keep in mind. All of the missing details of these items will be communicated to the clubs prior to the beginning of the season. Keep viewing the Juniors' website at www.chrva.org as that site is constantly updated with the latest information. Contact your club after tryouts if you have any questions.

MODIFICATION OF TRYOUT PERIOD

- ✓ Elimination of the "48 Hour Rule" – Although this rule has been eliminated, players still have the opportunity of attending two weekends of tryouts prior to being required to commit. See the following definition of the Open Tryout Period as described in the updated CHRVA Recruiting Policy (June 2012).

OPEN TRYOUT PERIOD

This is defined as the block of days when players may tryout with no expectations of that player having to make a commitment to a team/club, or a team/club requiring a commitment from a player. During this period, teams/clubs may extend offers to players, either verbally or in writing. However, once made, those offers may not be rescinded by the club until the end of the "Open Tryout Period".

- If an offer is made, that player's spot on the team is guaranteed only until the end of the "Open Tryout Period"
- A player or the player's agent may accept an offered position prior to the expiration of "Open Tryout Period" if they choose
- Extending a greater number of offers than there are open positions on a team, and subsequently indicating that those limited number of open positions will be filled on a first-come-first-serve basis is not in the spirit of this rule and is therefore a violation
- Upon conclusion of this "Open Tryout Period," offers and commitments may take place with no expectation of a grace period.
- "Open Tryout Periods" are published annually prior to the start of the season, sent to Club Directors, and posted on the CHRVA Juniors' website.

2012/2013 Tryouts

	UNDER 14	14 & OLDER	NOTES
Open Tryout Period Starts	Thursday, November 01, 2012	Friday, November 09, 2012	“Open Tryout Period” – This is defined as the block of days that players may tryout with no expectations of that player having to make a commitment to a team/club. Nor can a team/club require a commitment from a player. During this period, teams/clubs may extend offers to players (either verbally or in writing). However, once made, those offers may not be rescinded by the club until the end of the “Open Tryout Period”.
Open Tryout Period Ends	Monday, November 12, 2012	Monday, November 19, 2012	At the end of the "Open Tryout Period" teams/clubs may rescind unaccepted positions. There are no grace periods at the conclusion of the "Open Tryout Period"
	13 & under teams may start tryouts on November 1. As long as a player is age-eligible for a 13 & under team, that player may tryout, regardless of middle or high school affiliation		

All dates start at 12:01 a.m.

Other News

- ✓ Starting with the upcoming season, USAV has modified the playing rules to allow the libero to serve. Our region, along with all the others will follow suit. Additional information on how the scoresheet will handle this change is featured on the OFFICIAL's section of the www.chrva.org website.
- ✓ At the ages of 12, 13, and 14, boys are now allowed to compete with the girls either on a co-ed basis, or as an all-boys team playing in a girl's tournament. The all-boys teams will only be accepted if the tournament is not filled. Additionally, the boys' team will not displace a girls' team that is willing to play. The impact is not expected to be great as there are very few boys playing at these levels. This concept, which has been modeled in other Regions, is an opportunity to help grow the boys play in CHRVA. The Region, however, reserves the right to monitor these teams and move them if needed to a different level of 12, 13, or 14.
- ✓ Coed 12, 13, and 14 & under teams are now allowed to compete in the Club division of regional championships.
- ✓ There will be Spectator/Parent Code of Conduct displayed at tournaments that defines acceptable and non-acceptable behavior at tournaments. CHRVA/USAV sanctioned tournaments are private events and violators will be asked to leave the facility. Hosts will be asked to have them in noticeable places so that spectators know the expectations of USAV sponsored events and realize the ramifications of not complying. A copy will be placed on the website prior to the season.
- ✓ USAV and the USOC are partnering with Safesport (www.safesport.org). This organization seeks to create a healthy, supportive environment for all participants. Through education, resources, and training, they help members of the sport community recognize, reduce, and respond to misconduct.
- ✓ AAU now requires background checks for its coaches.

More on each of these topics are to be explained to Club Directors at the annual meeting. Contact your Club Director after their meeting in October or after tryouts.