



Adult Program Update for the 2014 Season

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New Scoresheet for This Season

Yup, another new scoresheet. There are enough changes that the CHRVA Scorers' Chair, Dixie Collins, has mandated that **ALL scorers MUST** view the video this year. However, you only need to take the test if your certification is expiring on October 31, 2013. See the [At the Scorer's Table](#) and [From the Ladder](#) articles and [the CHRVA website](#) for all the information that you will need.

Results of the Survey

Only 100 people responded to the survey in the last issue of DIGS. The hot topics were playoffs, Regionals, and playoff work teams.

- **Playoffs:** 70% of respondents asked that there be separate playoffs as long as there are at least three teams of each level in a combined level tournament.
- **Regionals:** After tossing out the "no responses" about half of respondents wanted to allow all teams to be allowed to apply for Regionals, even if they have not met the qualifying criteria. However, 85% said that if more teams enter than there are spots, teams that have met the qualifying criteria and enter by the deadline (including paying), get first dibs on the spots. The other spots will be filled by the other teams on a first enter and pay basis. (More information will be available long before Regionals). Finally, 67% felt that teams that did not meet the criteria could win the prize but should NOT receive any money toward the entry fee for Nationals.
- **Playoff Work Teams:** About a third of the respondents wanted the region to review the policy for determining the work team for finals. The tournament host, coordinators, and the referee assignors are in discussions about this. More information will be available before the season starts.

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 is 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. The team registration form allows for digital signatures. Please email the EXCEL document (no PDFs please) [to Barb](#). She will verify that all players are fully registered and paid and then issue you a team number. You must have a team number. No team number will create problems for you when you try to enter tournaments.

Fellowships

Fellowships give teams an opportunity to “audition” new players without having to make a season-long commitment, but most important, they are the Region’s only vehicle for training and certifying new referees and scorers. If you have players on your team who plan to become certified officials, they will need to view the appropriate online referee and/or scorer clinic(s) and then attend one or two Fellowships in order to get rated or trained.

Matches consist of two games. The first game will be rally scoring to 25 points. The second game will be played using the deciding game format of one game to 15 with a side switch at eight. Both sets will be capped at 25 and 15 respectively. The reason for this adjusted format is so that the referee and scorekeeper candidates can be rated in both formats and to keep the day moving along.

Don’t forget that the majority of the referees and scorers you will see during Fellowships are candidates, not seasoned officials. In most cases it literally might be the first time that they are on the ref stand or keeping score. Also, bear in mind that this is a test of their skill. If a rater asks you or your team to “do something” such as deliberately use a wrong server, please do so. They are trying to ascertain if the candidates can handle a variety of circumstances that might crop up during a regular season match. Yes, your team could lose a point by complying, but Fellowships don’t count, so you aren’t really losing anything.

Finally, we are looking for volunteers to help out as scorekeeper and referee raters. Referee raters must have Regional level or higher certification, and are required to help rate new candidates in order to maintain that status. To rate scorers you must be a Regional scorekeeper in good standing who has kept score for at least two years. Don’t forget that you can also rate referees and scorers as a player during your team’s work assignments. Don’t be surprised if you get tapped for that during a Fellowship during a “rating emergency.”

The Fellowship schedule will be posted on [the coordinators’ and officials’ pages of the website](#). Stay tuned...

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 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.

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.

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