



## Digs – Fall 2016

### Adult Program Update

There are a lot of BIG CHANGES coming for the 2017 adult season! It's practically a whole new program and we can't wait!

### Changes

#### Officiating

For the 2017 season, the men and WAA/A tournaments will pilot a new program where all regular season tournaments will be self-refed *and* both the refs and scorers will not be required to be certified. In order to make that work, we needed to make some additional changes:

- Annual rule changes will be posted on each of the four adult webpages.
- Matching uniforms and numbered jerseys are optional.
- R1, R2, and score flipper will be responsible for catching illegal use of Libero (i.e. rotating to the front row, serving illegally).
- We'll continue to use the official scoresheet but only the top part, and the end results will be required to be completed. Anyone who cares to fill out the entire sheet will be welcome to do so.
- The Tournament Director will appoint two other individuals (one from each court) to serve on the protest committee in order to resolve issues using the Handbook and DCR. Hosts will be required to provide either hard copies or a laptop or tablet. Researching rules on phones will not be allowed.
- All teams will agree to this when signing the team registration form. This signature also holds your team to act with courtesy and consideration toward all work teams and each other.

As of right now, there are no plans to make changes to WBB/B. If this season goes well, we will ask those players and re-evaluate.

All of the above will be included in the Handbook under "Pilot Programs for Adults."

#### Borrowing Players

If a team is playing up a level (i.e. BB team playing in an A tournament), the BB team may borrow ONE A player. In this case that player will be treated as if he or she is from another club so the team must follow all rules associated with borrowing from outside the club (applies to Adults only).

### New Playing Membership for Adult Players

CHRNA has created a new membership category for adults. It is a one-day membership for \$20 that allows someone to play in one tournament during the season. This person can register up until morning check-in. The team rep must write the player's name on the roster with their membership #. The player must show the team rep the official membership using their phone or the player must be able to print a copy of the membership receipt and turn it in at check-in with the team roster. Our Registrar, Barb Cline, will check all rosters during the season for validity. The player can upgrade to a full membership at any time by logging into [Webpoint](#) and paying the balance of \$30. There are a few things to keep in mind:

- This is for adults only.
- This is not available as a collegiate full season membership; however, after playing, a collegiate player can update to full membership by providing verification of fulltime student status.
- This membership is good for ONE date only.
- When players register for this membership, they must enter the date of the tournament.
- In order to play at Regionals or Nationals, the player must upgrade to full membership status.
- This membership is not counted as one of the six players needed to register a team.

### Split Playoffs

For the past three years we have held split playoffs for multi-divisional tournaments as long as there were a minimum of three teams in each division. At this time we have finally "nailed down" the process of how the playoffs will be held and how many points will be awarded in each scenario. It has been documented and the details will appear in the next edition of the CHRNA Handbook.

### Team Movement

Per the Handbook, players' levels are determined by the team on which they play. You may call yourself a BB player when you register in [Webpoint](#), but if you play on an A team, your level of play is A. That means you cannot be borrowed by a BB team. It was not clear how this affected players when a team was moved up or down through voluntary or involuntary movement.

When a team is moved up or down a level either voluntarily or through forced movement, all players on that roster *who have already played* then become classified at the new level. If the team has been moved up, those players can no longer play at the lower level. Players who have not yet played may be moved to another team in the club that is playing at the lower level.

Also, sometime between the last week of January and the first week of February of each season, the teams will be evaluated based on the results of the tournaments played so far. The purpose of this is to even out the number of teams in each division for the good of the Region. If any teams are tagged for movement up or down, the coordinator will ask the team if they would be willing to move. If a team says no, the Tournament Committee will discuss if the move should be initiated through the Eligibility Committee. This would only happen if a team's results to date are very much skewed in the direction of movement. The Eligibility Committee will hold

a meeting and make a determination using feedback from the Tournament Committee, the results to date compared to other teams in that division, and feedback from the team.

## **Player and Team Registration**

### Individual Membership

You can still renew your membership and it will be good through October 31, 2017. Log in using your username and password from last year. Need help? [Contact the Registrar.](#)

### Team Registration

The Registrar is now accepting team registrations. You will find the official 2017 form [in the Adult section](#) of the CHRVA website and the Registrar will also have it. You will not be allowed to use a form from a past season. This year's form will include signature confirmation that your team will abide by all CHRVA and USAV rules at tournaments where there are no uniformed referees. This is very important.

In order to register your team you will need the following:

- Six or more players who have renewed membership or newly joined, have all paid in full, and provided any required documentation.
- If your team was registered in 2016, you do not have to provide more than the players' full names UNLESS they:
  - Have moved
  - Changed their names
  - Are new to your team
- You will need help from the Registrar if a player is coming from another region, is attached to a Juniors team or needs to change a name or address in [Webpoint](#).

You cannot play in a tournament without a team number. Once you have met the above criteria with the Registrar, she will assign you your team number.

If you have any questions, [contact the Registrar or your division coordinator](#).

## **Tournament Schedule**

The Adult tournament schedule has been posted on [the CHRVA website](#). The season starts in early December and ends the weekend before the Regional Championships. There will be no tournaments scheduled during the two weekends of the Christmas and New Year's holidays, Super Bowl Sunday and Easter weekend. There may not be a tournament scheduled for each weekend for the divisions with the fewest teams registered.

## **Adult Regional Championships**

The Adult Regionals are scheduled for Saturday, April 22 at the Maryland Juniors Sports Center in Jessup, Maryland.

## **Adult USAV National Championships**

The Adult National Championships will be held in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The exact dates, divisions and hotels will be announced in January. The [Adult section](#) of the CHRVA website will have links to information, entry details and hotel sites once they are available.

Don't forget that only regular division teams that have met the 30 percent rule and ALL conglomerate age teams will receive a rebate as long as you provide a copy of your entry form to the Commissioner by her deadline.