



From the President
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It's been a busy summer for your CHRVA Board and Staff. There are so many new things for the coming season that I can't urge you enough to read every word of this issue of Digs to click on every link. You won't want to miss out on anything new!

Registration

Webpoint opened for registrations on September 1. Although your membership doesn't expire until October 31, you and your teammates can begin registering and assembling your teams.

Please note that we have some new membership categories:

Junior Pre-season (partial) is \$20. It includes as many tryouts as you want to attend.

Adult Pre-season (partial) is \$20. This is for new members (or current) who are not sure what they want to do this season. Unlike the previous partial membership that was good for one Fellowship only, it gives adults free access to all CHRVA-sponsored Open Gym Nites (see Adult Program Update) and all the Fellowships. When players join a team, they just need to pay the balance of \$25 to upgrade to full member status.

Collegiate is \$15 for the entire season. Recognizing that college is ridiculously expensive these days, CHRVA has reduced membership for college students. Once you register online, just send a copy of your college ID or something else that shows that you are a current student in order to qualify.

ADULTS: As you register yourself, you will need to choose a "club." If your team was not in a club last season, you pick the team name from the list of "clubs." If your team was in a club, you choose the club name. If you are not sure what you are going to do, choose "undecided."

Two Liberos This Season

New this season, two liberos can be designated for your match. For more information on how this new rule will work and how the scorekeeper and libero tracker handle this, see the articles from the Officials.

Juniors Playing in Adult Tournaments

Junior teams are always welcome and encouraged to play in adult tournaments. Junior certified referees and scorekeepers may ref and keep score now as long as there is a coach or other certified adult nearby to supervise.

Changes to the Adults' Program

There are so many changes to the adult program for the coming season that I am just going to summarize them here. Most of the changes came from the survey that went out last spring, while one big one came from the National Office and some others came from the Adult Program Task Force.

- Starting with the first regular season tournament, all tournament entry will be online using the new online tournament entry system. This system has the option to pay online too.
- The National Office now allows adults to wear jewelry when playing “unless it causes harm to others.” CHRVA is interpreting that to mean that if your jewelry hurts someone, you will be asked to remove it immediately. Hats, unpadded braces, and casts are still not allowed.
- The rules for clubbing and borrowing players have been expanded.
- We have introduced some optional cost cutting measures to reduce the cost of tournaments.
- There will be some evening clinics for new referee and scorekeeper candidates (see the officiating article).
- There are two new membership categories (see above). One is for players who are looking to hook up with a new team or are perhaps new to the region. The other is for college students.
- The Region is sponsoring Open Gym Nites in Maryland and Virginia during October so that players and teams have an opportunity to find each other or at least to brush off some rust.
- And more!

For the full list with details, please see the Adult Program article.

Junior Girls' Program Changes

- There are some changes to the Junior Girl's Programs as well.
- The tryout period has been extended.
- Players may only be allowed to participate in one Regional Championships.
- Team rosters will be limited to 15 players and a combination of no more than five coaches/team staff.

For the full list with details, please see the Juniors Journal article. And don't forget that all adults associated with a Juniors' teams MUST be background checked.

I hope you have a wonderful season!