



Junior Journal

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I hope everyone is enjoying what is left of the summer weather. Pretty soon, we will, no doubt, be anxiously listing to the weather report on a daily basis to see what the roads will be like. So, enjoy the weather as much as you can.

Over the summer, the junior's administration met and made some modifications to some of our policies in an attempt to continually improve the junior's program in the Chesapeake Region. The major changes are as follows

Junior Girls Changes and Improvements for the 2011/2012 Season

EXPANSION OF TRYOUT PERIOD

- 13 & under teams remain unchanged. They may start tryouts November 1 of each year. As long as a player is age-eligible for a 13 & under team, she may try out for her team of choice, regardless of middle or high school affiliation.
- The start of the tryout period for junior girls' teams 14 & under – 18 & under has been moved to the first Sunday in November. In 2011, the teams in this category can begin tryouts at 12:00 am on Sunday November 6 – not before. Despite the earlier start time, the earliest a player is required to commit to an offer ("commit period") is the third Thursday in November. For 2011, the start of the tryout "commit period" is November 17.
- After November 17, the "commit period" begins and players have 48 hours to commit to an offer. However, a player may "commit" at any point after the start of that team's first tryout, if she so chooses.
- These changes give teams a less compressed timeframe for conducting tryouts while relieving some of the pressures to make immediate commitments without having the opportunity to experience multiple tryouts if a player so desires.
- The Sunday start date was chosen instead of Saturday so as to give the high school playoffs an extra day without interference with club tryouts.

JUNIOR GIRLS MAY ONLY COMPETE IN ONE REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP EVENT

CHRVA has formally adopted the National Qualifiers' rule of allowing a junior girl competitor to participate in only one Regional Championship (with the exception of extreme circumstances). The following verbiage is now added to the Region Handbook:

"No junior girl may participate on more than one junior's team for the CHRVA Regional Championships teams except if that Junior team's roster is reduced to fewer than seven players as a result of injury. Only a player from within the team's club may be transferred to that team's roster as a replacement for the injured player. The injury must be of a verifiable nature and prior approval must be obtained from the Registration Committee. The result of any such movement will not cause a team's roster to consist of more than seven players. The injured player may continue to compete following the completion of the team's Regional Championship competition."

TEAM COMPOSITION

CHRVA is now enforcing the team composition rule as prescribed by USAV's "Domestic Competition Regulations" (DCR). Note that these limits apply to the match roster, not the club roster.

"A team may consist of a maximum of 15 players and five coaches/staff personnel."

OTHER IMPORTANT THINGS FROM LAST YEAR TO KEEP IN MIND FOR THE 2011/2012 SEASON

ALL ADULT COACHES MUST BE IMPACT CERTIFIED

Any adult coach who has not completed the IMPACT or CAP course cannot be attached to a junior's roster. The registration system will not allow it. IMPACT information will be updated on the web over the next several weeks.

NONMEMBERS (UNREGISTERED PEOPLE) PROHIBITED FROM ANY ACTIVITY ON THE COURT

USAV has now restricted who can perform activities on the court (sport court or playing surface) to only registered USAV members. Therefore non registered members (e.g. parents and siblings) cannot shag or perform other court related activities, on or off of the playing surface or sport court.

ALL WORK TEAMS ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE A USAV REGISTERED ADULT WITH THE WORK CREW

We were always required to have an adult "at courtside" in the past. There is now the requirement that a work team must include a "registered" adult. That adult has to be at the score table or behind the R1 (if a minor is serving as the R1). Failure to provide this member of the work team will result in loss of points at the beginning of the match and/or sanctions as proposed by the CHRVA Handbook if the adult is missing during the match.