



From the President

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Happy Holidays!

So far the 2013 season is off to a good start. As I write this, about two-thirds of our members have registered, the Adult Program has kicked off with the Fellowships in November and tournaments in December, and Juniors are busily putting their teams together.

Each season we focus on updating some of the existing procedures and programs and creating new ones. We have some exciting things going on this year. Liberos are serving. See the Officials section of the CHRVA website for more information. We also received a grant from the P&G and the National Office to put together clinics to promote sitting volleyball in our Region. We hope to coordinate with the military, the Wounded Warrior Project, and other organizations that serve amputees. Keep your eye the CHRVA website, Facebook page, and your email for more information as it becomes available.

Please note that there have been some changes to the policies and procedures for the Region. As technology advances, so must we. All changes are in the Handbook. You can find the newest version on the website under “About CHRVA.” It is important to familiarize yourself with the rules so that there are no surprises in your future. The season is young and there have already been some violations reported. Here is a list of the most common violations:

- Unregistered players, coaches, chaperones, etc.
- Adults attached to Juniors’ teams who have not completed the background check
- Adult players who use the Collegiate membership, but fail to submit the proof
- Adult teams that borrow players from other teams without using the proper procedures

If you are an Adult player, please read the changes to the Adult Program that are posted on the website. For example, the referee discount is back, but with some changes. The discount is only available to teams that enter and pay for the tournament by the deadline for entry. If you enter but fail to mail your check so that it is received by the deadline, you cannot take advantage of the discount. By the way, that was the biggest aggravation for hosts and coordinators...teams entering a tournament but “forgetting” to mail the check. This season not only will the discount not be available, but your team might miss out on playing.

Of most importance to the Region is the upcoming Board of Directors election. I can’t urge you enough to get involved. No experience is needed, although it does help if you know something about volleyball. We welcome and encourage players, officials, coaches, club directors, and/or any member in good standing to run for the Board. The Board meets five times per year. At least two of the meetings will be face-to-face and we use conference calls for the other meetings. The conference calls have been wonderful. The meetings are shorter and you can participate from home, work, your car, a business trip, or wherever you happen to be. If you want to help make a difference in your volleyball community on any level, please contact Monica Peele. See the election information article for more information.

This is also the time of year when we start the planning process for the Regional Championships. The Girls, Boys, and Adults Programs all have different entry processes and deadlines. Please check with your division coordinator or program director for more information. Because we have gotten so large, we need lots of volunteers during those weekends. We have added locations and weekends in order to accommodate everyone. If you would like to volunteer to help out by checking in teams, selling t-shirts, directing teams and parents, or even monitoring matches, we can use all the help we can get. If you are interested, please contact me for the Adult Regionals at julie.briggs@chrva.org, Jackie Krampf for the Girls Regionals at jackie.krampf@chrva.org, and/or Rob Lewandowski for the Boys Regionals at rob.lewandowski@chrva.org. If you would like to help out with any of the “in advance” work rather than “day of” work, please contact the CHRVA VP, Eugene Yee at eugene.yee@chrva.org or the Regionals Assistant, Eric Martin at eric.martin@chrva.org.

I hope that everyone has a happy, healthy, and winning 2013!

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