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Juniors News

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Girls

We are expecting a very full season. So far 675 teams have registered and we have 236 tournaments planned. Maryland Juniors has added another multi-day tournament to the region, joining the Capitol Hill Classic, which is held over Presidents' Day weekend and MVSA's Capital Festival held in May. The Maryland MLK Challenge is a two-day tournament held over Martin Luther King holiday weekend.

Girls' Regional Championships will be held over the last two weekends of April. The Open Division will be a two-day tournament, while Club will continue to be played on one day.

Mark your calendars now for High Performance tryouts. They are scheduled for May 31 and June 6.

Boys

Our boys' program continues to grow. Right now we have 37 regional teams and are planning four local tournaments. Still, we recognize that there is a need for more playing opportunities for boys. Consequently, we are continuing the practice of allowing boys on girls' teams and in girls' tournaments. At the ages of 12, 13, and 14, boys are allowed to compete with the girls either on a co-ed basis, or as an all-boys team playing in a girl's tournament. The all-boys teams will only be accepted if the tournament is not filled. Additionally, the boys' team will not displace a girls' team that is willing to play. Coed 12, 13, and 14 & under teams may compete in the Club division of regional championships.

The older boys teams are invited to play in all men's tournaments. If you haven't done so in past seasons, an adult representative must register the team in SportsCommander, the Adult Program online tournament entry system. For instructions on registering with SportsCommander and using the system, the men's tournament schedule, and the contact information for the Men's Tournament Coordinator, [visit the men's page on the CHRVA website](#).

George Mason University hosted a men's collegiate tournament at the VVC in Sterling with two teams each coming from Boston to the Carolinas. Local boys' teams helped work the tournament. This was the first exhibition which we hope will display the game of volleyball to boys in our region, and help us build the sport!

Outdoors

You may be thinking winter, but we are already planning for the 2015 outdoor season. We will again have Beach High Performance tryouts in May and a stop on the Junior Beach Tour.

Samantha Harris and Shannon Williams were featured in a Washington Post article about their recruitment to play NCAA sand. Samantha will be playing for Stetson University and Shannon for University of South Carolina. Shannon and Samantha placed 3rd at the UUA East Coast Championship, and placed 2nd in the women's open division at the Mayors Cup tournament in Rehoboth. Cameron Rodrigues, 17, partnered with Reid Jackson, won the open division of DC Doubles this fall. Since Cam grew up playing at the DC courts since he was 10, many regulars who witnessed him growing up cheered him on.

CHRVA partner KidsGoneBeach volleyball ran a fall sand training program called "Sunday Sand." We were glad to have cooperative weather, which allowed the program to run through the first week of November. Jordan McKinney who participated in the program traveled to California to play in their collegiate sand showcase "Endless Summer." Jordan and her California partner were moved up from U16 and competed in the event at U18 finishing pool play at 5W-1L. They lost in playoff rounds but caught the attention of coaches by playing up, and performing well! Jordan McKinney and Savannah Siegrist teamed to win the Southern Sands event on November 22. Both were members of the CHRVA Regional HP Beach Team and the Sunday Sand Training program.