



Digs – Winter 2016

Adult Program So Far This Season

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Happy New Year!

I am disappointed in the number of teams that have registered so far this season. We usually have quite a few more teams by now. I have spoken to several team reps who plan to get registered soon, so perhaps with the later start of the season, the teams are running behind as well.

If you are still looking for players or are a player looking for a team, visit the new [CHRVA Facebook group](#) where you can view posts from players and teams or post your own information.

Take a look at the schedule for your division. You might notice a change from prior years. For those who have never hosted a tournament, there is something called “historic weekends.” That rule meant that if a host held a tournament on a certain weekend, they got first dibs on that weekend in the future. It was a great idea 20 years ago when there were multiple tournaments on each weekend. Over time as teams and hosts have retired and new ones came on board, the schedule started to be unworkable. In some divisions, there were tournaments every weekend for three or four weekends in a row, followed by several weekends with no tournaments. All the hosts agreed that it really made no sense. As long as they got the same number of tournaments, it made sense to create a more balanced schedule. Hopefully this will make for a better playing experience for all of you.

Some other things to mark on your calendars:

- Adult Regional Championships for 2016 will be held on Saturday, April 16, 2016 at Maryland Juniors Sports Center in Jessup, MD. All divisions for both men and women will play that day.
- The USA Volleyball 2016 Adult Open National Championships will be held in Orlando, FL. The schedule has been posted on the USA Volleyball website. Hotel information will open in mid-January.

The 2016 Season Handbook is posted. Pages two and three give you quick summaries of policy and program changes and refers you the exact rule number so you can get all the details. What affects the adults directly is also posted on the adult page of the website.

If you are interested in hosting a tournament, we are still looking for hosts for the three “Just4Fun” tourneys during the regular season and post-season tournaments. [Please contact](#)

[me](#). The details for both are:

“Just4Fun” and Post Season Tournaments

We all like official tournament play that comes when playing USAV-sanctioned volleyball, but we also like to play just for the fun of it. CHRVA has put together a “Just4Fun” program. This is open to Adults and Juniors (Juniors must follow all rules associated with playing on a Junior team). We plan to sprinkle two or three into the regular season schedule. The host will choose the format, apply for a sanction, and then collect the money and set the pools through SportsCommander. Here is what will make it fun:

- You will not be required to use a Webpoint roster. You can play with any number of other players from other teams including outside your club or even outside the Region. The only roster requirement is that ALL players must be USAV members in good standing and be able to show membership at check in.
- No certified refs or scorers will be required. All matches, including playoffs, will be self-officiated
- No uniform requirements, but any rules in regards to hats, casts, or wearing anything that could injure the player or another will not be allowed. (Safety first!)
- Mixed levels of play are allowed
- Formats could include:
 - Regular men’s and women’s sixes
 - Co-ed sixes
 - Reverse co-ed sixes
 - Fours of any variety

Have a happy, injury-free, and winning 2016 playing season, but most of all, HAVE FUN!

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Any one of us are happy to answer any questions or help you out.