

# CHRVA GUIDELINES FOR OUT OF REGION TEAMS

Out of region teams are encouraged to apply to Chesapeake Region Juniors tournaments. However there are several Chesapeake Regional rules and practices that may be different than ones used by other Regions.

The "Coaches Guide" found on the Juniors Web Page is a summary of how the Girls program in the Chesapeake Region operates. It is required reading for all coaches and suggested for all parents.

This document summarizes the differences in the way the Chesapeake Region runs tournaments. The Coaches Guide contains more information on many of the topics .

## 1. Communications

Communications are primarily electronic. The Region's Junior Girls web site [www.chrvajuniors.com](http://www.chrvajuniors.com) contains announcements and applications forms for every tournament. The only paper required is to send the application form to the Tournament Age Group Coordinator along with the entry fee check.

Official acceptance to a tournament and work-play schedules are also provided through pages on the Juniors web site,

## 2. Application System

CHRVA works on a Just In Time application and notification system. The closing date (first selection) for applications is generally 3 weeks ahead of the tournament. Applications received by the closing date are used to fill the tournament before any late applications.

Some tournaments don't fill by the closing date. Tournament status and listing of teams in the schedule are places that indicate a tournament still has available slots.

## 3. Tournament Levels

CHRVA doesn't have an official designation of team level. Most of the tournaments are "mixed" with "club" and "open" level teams competing in the same pools.

A few tournaments are targeted at either Open or Club level of competition. However, there are no rules preventing any team from any "level" entering and playing in any tournament.

## 4. Tournament Priority of Fill

There is a "Priority of Fill" system for our tournaments. Tournaments with a higher priority in an age category must be filled (80%) before allowing a lower priority tournament to proceed.

## 5. Acceptance to a Tournament

Out of region teams should request entrance from the Tournament Director unless the Tournament Invitation indicates out of regions slots have been reserved. When the Host has named a specific team or designated slots reserved for out of region teams, the Coordinator may be able to notify the out of region team of their acceptance into a tournament before the closing date.

In region teams are accepted on a last played basis i.e. those that have not played the longest are chosen first.

Out of region teams can be accepted by the Tournament Director. This allows them to define the type of tournament they would like. When the Tournament Director accepts an out of region team, they get

priority entry over most in region teams. Otherwise in region teams are taken first and out of region teams are used for any vacant slots.

## **6. Work Teams**

All tournaments have a requirement that teams provide work crews. Typically this includes two lines people, a certified score keeper, a score flipper/libero tracker, down referee, and a certified up referee. For teams that can't or don't want to provide the certified referees or scorekeeper, the Tournament Director will make arrangements for paid substitutes. The cost is on the tournament application form.

The Chesapeake Region requires courtside supervision of the work team by an Adult. This Adult can be a member of the work team as the scorekeeper, first referee or second referee. If not one of the officials listed, then an Adult is required at the scorekeeper table to supervise the scoring and work team performance.

Team supplied Referees that have been approved in their home region to be a first (up) referee are accepted in the Chesapeake Region.

## **7. Paid Referee Assignments**

Most tournaments use a mixture of paid and team supplied first (up) referees. Normally a team can expect to have a paid referee for 50% of the matches during pool play and all playoff matches. However, if there are insufficient paid referees, the Tournament Director may request a work team to provide a team first referee for a match when a paid referee would normally be scheduled. Team first referees that work matches scheduled for paid referees will be compensated at standard CHRVA rates.

A few events will supply all paid first (up) referees. This will be indicated in the notes section of the tournament application.

## **8. Withdrawing from a Tournament**

Teams may withdraw without penalty from a tournament up to 11 days before a single day event and 31 days before a multi-day event.

Let the Age Group Coordinator know as soon as possible if you are withdrawing or have other difficulties.

## **9. Check Processing**

Checks are cashed approximately a week before the tournament for those teams accepted into a tournament. Unused checks are shredded.