

## General Information for CHRVA Junior Girls' Clubs

Welcome to the CHRVA Junior Division 2002-03 club season. This year promises to be a fun and exciting year as the CHRVA Juniors Division has undergone many wonderful and exciting changes.

**Background information.** In 2002, the Juniors Girls Division of USA Volleyball's Chesapeake Region (CHRVA) was composed of approximately 35 clubs, 225+ teams for ages 10 to 18, and more than 2000 players. The season for most teams runs from approximately Thanksgiving to May. USA Volleyball is a select program that requires travel to tournaments to play other teams. The practices, coaching, and play are at a higher level of competition than recreational leagues. The amount of commitment, practices, and number of tournaments entered vary from team to team and club to club. Teams range from developmental status to very experienced teams that hope to go to the Junior National Tournament in June. In the Chesapeake Region, teams are formed and run by independent clubs. Each club has different styles, varied number of teams, practice schedules, cost, tournaments and other items. They also provide the support activities necessary for running a quality sports organization. Most clubs run an information session for parents and players in the fall. The Chesapeake Region rules require the selection process to start after the Fall public High School season State Finals. These are normally over by November 15<sup>th</sup> and many clubs start their selection processes the weekend before or after Thanksgiving.

After the 2001-02 season, the Chesapeake Region Juniors Program underwent a reorganization. A new alignment plan was implemented within the Juniors' organization to help meet the growing needs and concerns of our Region. This reorganization enables the Region administration to facilitate positive communication and promotion of our players and coaches on a national level. This memo is presented as a starting point for clubs, both current and new, to gain access to information that is necessary for participation in the Chesapeake Region Junior Program.

Club Directors, coaches and team representatives are encouraged to use this memo and/or the Juniors' website (<http://www.chrvajuniors.com>) for future reference should questions arise concerning information on tournaments, clinics, rule changes or interpretations.

## **Major Changes from Last Season**

- The Chesapeake Challenge is now replaced by the MVSA Power League
- No longer will the final “tie-breaker” for entry into a junior tournament be the lowest registration number. Instead, it will be the date of the check containing the entry paperwork.
- The date for setting the rosters for Regionals is now March 15th
- Referees and Scorekeepers need to be recertified each year. Referee and Scorekeeping clinic information will be posted on the web-site.
- The tournament entry refund criteria will be strictly enforced
- Junior player transfers to a lower age group from which the player was originally registered is not allowed
- There will be a \$10 fee for permanent approved transfers to another team by a junior player
- Club coaches and team reps are now shared for the actions of their players/team

All CHRVA club directors should receive a copy of the region handbook. This handbook contains all of the rules and policies enforced by the region and is a wonderful reference guide for our Juniors Division.

Along with the new reorganization of the administration, there are new policies and procedures that were introduced at the Board of Directors meeting this past summer. Above, are just a few of the new policies being implemented for the 2002-2003 season.

Current information is posted on the Juniors'. If you haven't found the CHRVA Juniors web site it is: <http://www.chrvajuniors.com> and provides valuable postings for the clubs in the Region. It also has some of the support material that you might find useful reading. Look for the guides. The Guide for Coaches playing in the region has much of the procedural material.

Have a wonderful club season!

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