

Great Lakes Region



Volleyball Association

USAV Great Lakes Region Policies for Junior Club Personnel

Note: The following definitions have been written to help everyone associated with a Junior Club in the USAV Great Lakes Region understand the terminology used in this document.

Club Personnel is defined as the following:

- All adult club personnel including but not limited to club directors, head coaches, assistant coaches, chaperones, administrators, tournament directors and trainers affiliated with a junior program intending to participate in USA Volleyball/Great Lakes Region Volleyball.

Prospective Club Player is defined as the following:

- A junior athlete who solicits information about a club either personally or through their parent/guardian;
- A junior athlete who did not play with any USAV Junior Club in the previous season;
- A junior athlete who has never played USAV Junior Club.

Committed Club Player is defined as the following:

- A junior athlete who has played in a USAV Sanctioned event in the current season;
- A junior athlete who has played with a USAV Junior Club in the previous season.

Note: A prospective OR committed junior athlete may solicit information from any club either personally or through their parent/guardian.

Not in Good Standing:

- A member who is not in good standing per Region By-Laws.

Marketing is defined as the following:

- A legal tool of promoting a USAV Junior Club through flyers, brochures, newspaper ads, direct mailing to an entire demographic area when addressed to “occupant”.

No unsolicited information may be given concerning a Junior Club when holding a camp, clinic or private lesson.

Recruitment is illegal and defined as the following:

- Personal correspondence with a committed USAV Junior Club player via face to face contact, mail, email, telephone, text message, fax.

Policies

1. Head coaches must be adults, 18 years or older, and members of the Great Lakes Region of USA Volleyball.
2. All head coaches and assistant coaches must be certified at the Impact and/or Cap Level.
3. All club personnel must submit to and pass a background screen approved by USA Volleyball and administered through the Great Lakes Region.
4. No club personnel shall allow, encourage, condone or require any behavior that threatens a player's USAV, elementary, high school or collegiate eligibility.
5. Club personnel may market their program.
6. Club personnel may speak to a prospective club player at any time.
7. Club personnel may not recruit a committed club player.
8. No individual under the direction of club personnel may recruit a committed club player.
9. Club personnel may communicate with a committed club player if the player or their parent/guardian initiates the contact. It is strongly recommended that Club personnel have documentation to verify that the contact was initiated by the player or parent/guardian.
10. Coaches affiliated with a USAV Junior Club program who are also in a high school setting must (unless prohibited by school policy) distribute all USAV Junior Club tryout information that is sent to the school.
11. A USAV head coach or an assistant coach who is 18 years or older must be present at all competitions and practices. During organized club team travel, club personnel must be present to supervise. The coach or club personnel are responsible for the team's behavior and actions while not in the custody or jurisdiction of their parents.
12. Club Directors must inform their players and the players' parents/guardians that they risk bodily injury, including paralysis, dismemberment or death, as well as loss or damage of property while playing Junior Club volleyball.
13. Club Directors are required to submit the names of athletes that are not "in good standing" to the Region at the end of each season.
14. Club Directors and coaches are prohibited from allowing a junior athlete to go through an "official tryout" if they are currently practicing or competing in their respective high school or junior high IESA schools. The athlete may attend the tryout and fill out all necessary paperwork but may not go through any physical testing or skill evaluation.

Violations of these policies may result in sanctions against the individual (club personnel) and/or the specific Junior Club.



“SIGNATURE PAGE”

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I have read and will adhere to the policies set forth in the USAV Great Lakes Region Policies for Junior Club Personnel. I understand that my registration will not be accepted by the Great Lakes Region unless this form is signed and accompanies my individual membership form.

Name: _____
Print Last Name First Name M.I.

Club Affiliation: _____

Position held in Affiliated Club: _____
(coach, director, chaperone, board member, manager, trainer, etc.)

Signature: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / ____

This section must be signed by ALL club personnel who are affiliated with a Junior Club and are requesting to become members of USAV Great Lakes Region including but not limited to director, coach, and/or chaperone.

This signed page must be sent to the Region Administrator's Office either by mail, fax or email. Individuals will NOT be allowed on any Great Lakes Region Roster until this signed document has been received.

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