

New for 2024-25 Season

2025 USAV National Championships

Girls 18s – April 25-27 – Salt Lake City, UT

US Opens – May 23-28 – Denver, CO

Girls 11-13s – Jun 21-24 – Kansas City, MO

Girls 14-17 – Jun 25-Jul 3 – Dallas, TX

Boys – Jul 3-6 – Minneapolis, MN

USA All Star Championships – Madison, WI

Items from the RVA Assembly and Junior Assembly Meetings in May:

- Competition Committee Motion passes – No brackets should be larger than 16 on Day 3 of NQs
- Competition Committee Motion passes – Teams attending a NQ will be required to accept or decline bids at the beginning of the tournament or no later than Day 2. Potential penalties may be assessed.
- Competition Committee Motion passes – Clarifying what happens if teams are tied in set and point percentages at the end of pool play. The seeds for the tie breaking sets will be determined by using the original ranking in the pool that is tied.
- Competition Committee Motion passes – The field of GJNC 13 Open Division will be expanded from 24 to 36 teams. They will use the 8, 12 and 16 tiers for granting the number of bids for the qualifiers.
- Request made to the Rules Commission to review the number of Liberos that may be used during a match. Reference Rule 19.11. The intent is to allow the team to choose to change one or both players designated as Libero for each set; including playing any set with no libero, 1 libero or 2 liberos.
- Request made to the Rules Commission to review the number of substitutions allowed per set for junior play – intent is to increase the number to 15 from 12.
- Jr Assembly Motion passes – Adding a Rule of 2 – the maximum number athletes that can be added from an already qualified team from the same club to participate at the 18s GJNC.
- Jr Assembly Motion passes – Restricting any player that qualified with an 18s team and is frozen to that roster from playing in a younger division at GJNC, if age eligible. They want the player to decide whether they are playing up in the 18s or playing with their age group for the season. There have been clubs creating all-star teams to play in both the 18s and the 17s or younger age groups with the intent to medal in both.
- Officials Assembly – There will be a no tolerance policy for bad behavior from spectators. Approximately 1/3 of the USAV Regions are now using some version of the Purple Card Policy. Disagreeing with a call is not an excuse for bad behavior.
- Officials Assembly – Want to nationally recognize the Jr Officials as certified officials at tournaments. Allow them to R2 during tournaments in place of a rostered adult as they can be a better option.

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2024-25 Membership pre-purchase available Aug 1st – effective Sept 1st

Background screens and SafeSport Training done after Aug 1st are valid for the 2024-25 season.

Reminder to those with USAV Admin access – if your membership expires (on Aug 31) and you have not pre-purchased the 2024-25 membership, you will lose the USAV Admin access and access to your club. PLEASE pre-purchase your 2024-25 membership, submit to the background screen and complete the appropriate SafeSport Training AFTER Aug 1st BUT PRIOR TO Aug 31 to hold onto your USAV Admin access.

AZ Region Cell Phones

The Arizona Region has purchased 3 cell phones for emergency or specific needs.

Stefany Pew – Officials' Liaison to the Region Office – 480-973-9308

Stefany has been hired as the Officials' Liaison to the Region Office and to be an operational and communication aid for Earl Capps and the Officials' Division. The cell phone is her office phone but is also for her to be contacted directly by officials needing information or to be on boarded.

JR Salima – Ethics and Compliance Officer – 480-973-9885

JR will have a phone for ethics and compliance complaints and investigations. He will have voice mail to leave a message when he is unavailable.

Emergency Line – 480-973-4500

Almost every Monday following a tournament there are messages on the office phone regarding a team that would be late or not coming due to an emergency, an accident on the freeway that is making teams late or other information that needed to be heard on the day of the event but no one was in the office to hear it. So, an emergency cell phone was purchased that will be available on tournament weekends for someone to be reached. It will not be answered on days when there is not an active tournament happening or during office hours. The phone will go with the person covering the AES computer for the tournament for the weekend. Please give this phone number to your coaches that travel to tournaments in the event they need to reach tournament personnel due to an emergency.

New Membership Type – AZ Adult Parent Official Membership

The AZ Region is offering a new type of membership for parents that want to be certified to referee during a team's ref assignment. This will be especially helpful to those teams that have just one coach and the team must provide the R1 for their match. The membership will be set up the same as the Chaperone membership – including price and SafeSport Training and Background screen requirements. The membership type can be put on a roster as a staff member except in a coach position.

Jr Girls 12s Division Change

There is a shortage of officials in all sports across the country. Volleyball in Arizona is no exception. In an attempt to assign the officials we do have to the divisions that need them the most for training, a change has been made for the 12s Club Division. All the 12s deserve officials but in facing reality, we are not able to cover all the courts with officials.

The 12s Club Division will be divided into 12s Championship and 12 Club. The 12s Championship is open to any 11s and 12s teams that are traveling teams. The 12 Club is more developmental and is for those teams just beginning and can be eased into club volleyball.

The 12s Championship teams will be required to indicate what National Qualifier they plan to attend during the season. The Arizona Region NCQ does not count for their qualifier. Their contract will be the same as the 13-16s Club Division. If they do not have officials on their court, the club will be reimbursed \$24 for the coach being the R1. The 11s and 12s in 12 Championship will be split out for their own Region Championships.

The 12 Club Division is considered a more developmental division. It will not be staffed with officials. Their contract will be less than the 12 Championship and 13-16 Club Division. The coach will be required to R1 and will not be reimbursed to do so. There will not be any fees charged for officials in the 12 Club contract – therefore, there is no reimbursement for officiating. There will be a simplified scoresheet for the 12 Club teams. The 11s will not be split out of the 12 Club Region Championships.

To potentially help the coaches of the 12 Club Division, a new membership has been created to allow a parent to become a member and certified official for the team.

Officials' Pay Increase

To help officials choose to work the Arizona Region tournaments over other organizations' events, the match pay for officials at all levels has been increased for the 2024-25 season. This is the 2nd significant pay raise in 3 years.

The Arizona Region offers officials training to better their skill, their rating and ultimately to increase the opportunities for them to work at higher levels. Other organizations do not offer the training opportunities that the Arizona Region sponsors and offers. We realize officials are independent contractors and can choose where to work. We ask that officials take that into consideration when choosing events to work.

The Arizona Region will again offer swag to officials as they work the Arizona Region events. Currently, the type of swag is being determined. We value our officials and want to show them.