



ERVA Competition Waiver Policies & Guidelines

The Evergreen Region has the authority to grant competition waivers at the Regional level for players needing to:

- Play in a younger age division for developmental purposes.
- Play on a girls team due to limited participation opportunities based on geographical location.

Waivers will be granted on a limited basis and are only valid within the Evergreen Region.

- Teams traveling outside the Region with a waived player must notify the tournament director and seek approval for that player's participation.

Waiver Deadlines & Review Schedule

- **Application Deadlines:** September 15th or December 1st (submitted online)
- **Review Dates:**
 - Applications submitted by **September 15th** will be reviewed by **October 31st**.
 - Applications submitted by **December 1st** will be reviewed by **December 15th**.

General Waiver Guidelines

- Age waivers may only be requested for a player to compete in a division that is **one (1) age group lower than their USAV-eligible division** (e.g., a U15 player may request to play in U14, but not U13).
- **High school grade level** players may only receive a competition waiver **one season**. Repeat applications are not allowed.
- **Middle school grade level** players may apply for a competition waiver **MORE** than one season.
- Teams are limited to **two (2)** age-waivered players. Requests for more than two (2) per team must be an additional request AND receive Executive Board approval.



- For clubs with multiple teams in an age division, waivers will **not** be granted for the top-ranked team unless approved by the Executive Board.
 - Waivered players must be of **average or below-average skill** on the team they are joining.
 - **Waiver restrictions apply to participation in:**
 - USAV National Bid tournaments (PNQ, ERVA Bid Tournament, GJNC)
 - ERVA Power League (for U12 boys on girls teams)
 - Providing false or misleading information will result in waiver revocation.
 - Exceptional circumstances may be considered by the Executive Board.
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BOYS Requesting to Play on Girls Teams

- Boys **above the U12 age definition** are **not eligible** to compete on girls teams.
- **Eligible U12 boys** may request a waiver to play on a U14 or younger girls team if:
 - There is **no all-boys team** within a 30-mile radius in their current or one age division higher (U12 or U14).
 - They do **not** play on the club's top-ranked girls team in that age group (e.g., 14-1 if the club has 14-1, 14-2, 14-3 teams).
 - The girls team is **not participating in ERVA U14/U16 Power League events**.
- **Waivers will NOT be granted** for U12 boys if:
 - There is an all-boys team available within 30 miles in the current or next age division.
 - In this case, the boy **must play on the boys team** but may practice with a girls team with club/coach approval.



Waiver Application Process

1. **Club Director OR Coach** completes the waiver application in full by **September 15th** or **December 1st**.
2. The **ERVA Executive Board** will review submitted applications by the corresponding review dates.
3. If approved, the waiver is valid for **Evergreen Region Sanctioned Events ONLY**.
4. **For events outside the Region**, teams must contact the tournament director for approval and instructions on roster procedures.
5. **Girls age-waivered players** and **U12 boys on girls teams** are **NOT eligible** for:
 - USAV National Bid Tournaments (PNQ, ERVA Bid Tournament, GJNC)
 - ERVA Power League (for U12 boys on girls teams)

Waiver approval is not guaranteed. Please ensure you have an alternative plan for the player if the waiver is denied.