

Player Identification/ Age Verification Policy

North Country Region considers player identification and age verification very important. Players and clubs hold the responsibility of providing accurate identification. Anyone found falsifying a player's name or age, or knowingly using age-inappropriate players, for regional tournaments will be referred to the Region Ethics and Eligibility Committee and due process for sanctioning. Sanctions may include suspension or a permanent registration ban. For all USA Volleyball corporate events (National competitions, qualifiers, festivals), any person who alters any document that certifies the age or identity of a participant, or falsifies any statement which lists the age or identity of a participant, will be sanctioned as follows: 1. Be immediately suspended from USA Volleyball registration, RVA membership and barred from further participation in the event; 2. Be barred from participation in any USAV Corporate events in any capacity, for a minimum of two (2) years; and 3. Have a minimum probation of one additional year, to run consecutively to the suspension. A junior player who knowingly plays in a lower age classification than he or she is actually eligible for, or an adult player who knowingly plays in a higher age classification than he or she is actually eligible for shall: 1. Be immediately suspended from USA Volleyball membership and barred from further participation in the event; 2. Be barred from participation in any USAV Corporate events in any capacity, for a minimum of two (2) years; and 3. Have a minimum probation of one additional year, to run consecutively to the suspension. Any player in question must provide proof of identity and age eligibility, if requested. When discovered and confirmed during an event, these penalties shall be the required minimum penalty imposed by the Event Arbitrator or the Event Ethics and Eligibility Appeals Committee. The Event Arbitrator and the Event Ethics and Eligibility Appeals Committee may recommend a more severe penalty. The Event Arbitrator or the Event Ethics and Eligibility Appeals Committee shall file a report of any age or identity violation with the Corporation's Ethics and Eligibility Committee and with the registering Member Organization with its recommendation.