#### Club Directors;

Happy November!

Our congratulations to the teams who succeeded so admirably over the weekend at the High school State Championships!

5A: Valor Christian! 4A: Palmer Ridge!

3A: Resurrection Christian!

2A: Wiggins! 1A: Merino!

Our "guys" are have all been playing in Chicago at the Chi-Town Challenge this weekend, and will finish up today.

Good luck boys!

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With the CHSAA season behind us, its time to ready ourselves for the RMR Girls Club season!

Here are some tips that should help you get your girls programs up to speed...

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Most common question this week:

# **OFFICIATING CLINICS:**

We intend to offer several different types of opportunities for players and coaches to train as "team officials."

1) Players or Coaches in their 3rd or higher year as "certified officials" may re-certify "online-only" at the USAV Learning Academy

For instructions on how to navigate to the Academy (from within your SportsEngine profile) see this article Use common sense regarding coaches eligibility.

If your "two years certified" was back in the 90s... please attend an in-person class.

If you missed a year here or there, but your'e a solid ref and scorekeeper, then simply take the online materials

YES, the USAV online courses are finally online

Supposedly the online exams come on line this week...

2) Clubs are encouraged to host in-house clinics

Use this RMR Google-Form to request to host an <u>officiating clinic</u> at your home gym! We send our RMR trainers to assist you 1st or 2nd year students in both theory and "hands-on!" Plan to have the athletes in uniform, for on-court scorekeeping practices, alongside fun scrimmages

- 3) We'll be publishing specific in-gym opportunities at "neutral" facilities, for students who couldn't make your home clinics
- 4) We may offer "on-site training" for teams that don't have any scorers or refs, early on Sunday Dec 17th, before the RMR Friendship Tourney starts
- 5) We may repeat that offering at Girls Power-1, for players or coaches who have not completed their officiating requirements by then

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#### **CLUB CODES**

Some of you have multiple (or no) "5-digit" club code on record.

Please review the list attached.

If your club codes need attention, please contact us at office@rmrvolleyball.org

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# New to Club Volleyball? REVIEW OUR NEW CLUB CHECKLIST to learn the basics!

1) Purchase your own membership, with background screen and safesport training <u>HERE</u>

https://memberships.sportsengine.com/org/rocky-mountain-regional-volleyball-association

2) Choose a 5-character (letters or numbers) club code (or reclaim one that you used previously)

If you're new, please review our lists of current and historic codes that are unavailable to you,

#### HERE

- 3) Submit your Annual Form while you wait for your background screen to clear. (1 or 2 weeks)
- 4) After your personal membership clears Kirsten will ask USAV to activate your SportsEngine Club HQ
- 5) Generate invitation links for your coaches and players
- 6) Build and validate your team rosters in TM2
- 7) Once your club is set up, register your teams for RMR events at TM2sign.com

Start by registering each team into the "Season Master Roster" event

Each team costs \$50, but we refund your first team (to offset your \$50 Annual Form application fee)

- 8) Plan where and when your teams will get scorekeeper and referee training (info below)
- 9) Use this RMR Google-Form to request to host an officiating clinic at your home gym!
- 10) Use this RMR Google-Form to request to host RMR Power-Series tournaments at your gym!

# -> DEADLINE TO ROSTER AND VALIDATE YOUR TEAMS (for SOS seeding) is 5pm MONDAY DEC 11th!

- \* Remember that if one particular coach is holding up your validation, that you could replace them with YOU (the Director)
- \* If one particular player holds up your validation, you can remove that player, validate for SOS, then add them back later
- -> TEAMS ARE STILL ALLOWED TO "FORM UP" AFTER THE DEC 11 SEEDING DEADLINE.
- \* They will just miss the initial seeding process, and may have to "work their way up" from the position that they are assigned by the committee later

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#### **MOST COMMON MISTAKES**

For those of you who are just getting rolling with club season, remember these "most common mistakes"

- 1) Don't let your families create memberships until you send them your club-specific invitation link!
- 2) Remind parents that they (the PARENTS) create a family account, THEN place the student athlete(s) into that family account

(Don't let athletes create their own accounts, since they are legal minors)

3) Parents don't have to be paid members, even though they do have to create the Household. The athlete is the RMR member.

See below, that	we are enco	ouraging new	or small te	ams to regist	ter one team	parent as the	"Team

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Rep."

#### **NEW for 23-24: TEAM-REPRESENTATIVE PARENTS**

## New requirement: all RMR teams have to have TWO rostered adults

- \*If you only have one COACH, then please add a parent as a Team Rep (cost only \$40 + \$14 B/G screen; SS and officiating certification also required)
- \* Consider IMPACT certification for the Team Rep/Parent, as well, so that if the coach is late, or sick, the TeamRep can stand in, on court!
- \* With two rostered adults, our scoretables ought to run much more smoothly!

- -> All teams are encouraged to register a "Bench-Eligible Parent" to assist with scorekeeping.
- -> Teams that have only one coach are **REQUIRED** to register this "Team Rep Parent."

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#### **CPR and AED CLASS**

The RMR is cooperating with "Colorado Compressions" to offer FREE CPR courses for Coaches and Directors! This is a hybrid course, based on a 3-hour at-home online class, followed by a 45 minute in-class meeting to discuss points of emphasis and "test out."

ALL COACHES SHOULD BE CURRENTLY CERTIFIED IN CPR AND AED TECHNIQUES
ALL RMR SITE DIRECTORS ARE REQUIRED TO BE CERTIFIED

Register HERE for CPR Training at RMR

Many of you are already certified through your school systems. That's great!

We're picking up the tab for everyone else.. IT'S THAT IMPORTANT!

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#### SITE DIRECTOR TRAINING

- \* We encourage any new site directors or facility staff to come "train in" with us at the boys powers
- \* We have a 4 hour hands-on program that helps you get a feel for this critical job, though on-the-job training

We have openings at each Boys Power

This weekend, at NoCo Saturday Nov 18th, 630-11am

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## **EVENT REGISTRATIONS**

All RMR events are open for registration.

Remember that for each event, registration closes at noon Monday, two weeks before the event.

Teams may be accepted after the deadline, on a space-available basis

#### PLEASE PRE-REGISTER

Your pre-registration (now) allows us to more accurately learn the number of courts needed for each event. You may pay now... all registrations are 100% refundable until the "noon Monday two weeks before" deadline

#### PLEASE PAY BY ACH (fee free!)

We need you to register electronically, and to pay online, rather than by paper check

Remember that ACH, although free, can take an extra couple weeks to process.

If you are registering "less than month prior" then please pay by credit card (3% fee applies)

## **CANCELLATIONS**

Are free up until the registration deadline

But may ONLY be made, online, at our **CANCELLATION PORTAL** 

This allows you to simply log in to cancel, at any hour, and without "having to reach an RMR staff member." Timestamps are recorded, so you know that you got in before the deadline!

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# **CERTIFICATES OF INSURANCE**

- \* If you will use a NEW FACILITY this year, click HERE to request a COI
- \* If you are returning to a site that was insured last year, the COI should auto-renew.
- \* Go HERE to verify that the COIs you need are still active, or to request a fresh copy of the certificate.

(you'll see the text box that we've screen-shot for you, below)

For a full description of our new digital tools, see our article on the Club Director page!

# REQUEST A COI COPY FOR CURRENT FACILITIES

Another new tool for Club Directors: If what you need is simply a copy of a current COI for a facility you've been using previously, click on the red arrow above. Your user name is your email address. Contact the office if you've forgotten your password. cois@rmrvolleyball.org

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Again, for those of you that might just be getting started... please review the "Pre-Season Checklist" on our New Clubs page.

A basic description of the season, and of how our Strength-of-Schedule ranking system (SOS) works, please see this <u>Season Plan presentation</u>

Also helpful are our friendly staff, whom you may reach out to at the following addresses:

General questions: <a href="mailto:office@rmrvolleyball.org">office@rmrvolleyball.org</a> or call (303) 584-0376

SportsEngine difficulties and membership: Kirsten, at <a href="mailto:membership@rmrvolleyball.org">membership@rmrvolleyball.org</a>
Club book-keeping or invoice/billing questions: <a href="mailto:accounting@rmrvolleyball.org">accounting@rmrvolleyball.org</a>
If you need further assistance, contact Keith Directly at (828) 280-7170

or executivedirector@rmrvolleyball.org

# Our Office has MOVED!

Our new office is on the west side, near Chatfield Lake, in Ken Caryl Our mailing address is now:

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Littleton, CO 80127

# See you on court soon!

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