2026 Preseason Letter

Welcome to the 2025-26 USA Volleyball / Great Plains Club Season! Below is a breakdown of everything you need to know when starting a GPR / USAV sanctioned club!

COSTS:

- Registering a club in the Great Plains Region is completely free of any administrative costs!
- USA Volleyball Memberships are required for all participating athletes and coaches. Breakdown of those costs are further down the page.
- Uniforms. <u>USAV Uniform requirements can be found here.</u>
- Other costs associated with sports programs: court rentals, equipment, travel, coach stipends, etc.
- GPR sanctioned tournaments are priced as:
 - o \$250 GPR Regionals & Bid Tournaments
 - \$210 GPR Gold Tournaments (Certified officials)
 - o \$120 GPR Silver / Bronze Tournaments (No certified officials)

STARTING A CLUB:

Please fill out the following link to officially start the registration process for your club: https://greatplainsregionalvolleyball.sportngin.com/register/form/266339927

Once submitted, you will be given access to your USA Volleyball Member Management System via SportsEngine. Instructions on how to utilize the system can be found here:

https://usavolleyball.org/resources-for-clubs/sportsengine-playbook-for-clubs/

MEMBERSHIPS FOR PLAYERS & COACHES:

We have three types of memberships: https://www.greatplainsvolleyball.org/membership-options

You can view what the Insurance covers here: https://usavolleyball.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/24-25-USA-Volleyball-Handbook-as-of-9.20.24.pdf

1) Full Season Membership

- \$75/Player and \$60/Coach
- Allows you to compete in any Great Plains / USA Volleyball sanctioned event.

2) Short Season Membership

- \$37.50/Player and \$22.50/Coach
- Restricted to in-Region play only.
- Limited to competition from March 1 to April 30. This is a good option for clubs who do not start until after basketball season.

3) One-Event Membership

\$10/Player and \$10/Coach

• In-Region only and allows the individual to compete in one event on a specified day. Limited to 3 one-event purchases per season.

Per USAV requirements, coaches are required to take a coach course (IMPACT), safety course (SafeSport), and pass a background screen, all of which will all automatically be loaded into their account once they purchase a membership. The background screen will result in an additional \$15 purchase.

REGISTERING FOR TOURNAMENTS:

Our 2026 tournament schedule dates will be released later this fall with the registration links opening in AES (tournament entry system that we use) shortly after.

https://www.advancedeventsystems.com/

That information will all be posted here as well as emailed out to you: https://www.greatplainsvolleyball.org/tourneys

WHAT GREAT PLAINS / USA VOLLEYBALL PROVIDE FOR YOU:

Great Plains is one of 40 Regions under the governing body of <u>USA Volleyball</u>. Our mission is to provide opportunities to support the continuous growth of volleyball within our Region. We do this by supporting our club programs, developing officials, heightening the athlete experience through large events such as our <u>Regional Championships at CHI</u>, and filling in the gaps through additional programming and offerings such as the <u>Nebraska High School Boys League</u>, <u>All Star Program</u>, and various grassroots camps/clinics.

By joining the Great Plains Region, you are connecting yourself to the largest volleyball community in the Nation. From Team USA members to athletes experiencing our sport for the first time, USA Volleyball continues to develop programs to serve every one of our members.

More information about our Region can be found on our website: https://www.greatplainsvolleyball.org/

Please let us know if you have further questions! Here is a breakdown of our Region Staff and what we can assist you with!

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