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Membership News

Membership Options

Fall Membership Options will be available through November 30th, 2020.

- The Region is utilizing the Fall Membership to better ensure that members can make full use of this \$15, upgradeable membership option
- Eliminates membership option confusion on a new MMS system
- Best serves the entire Region as each state is on a different timeline

Tryout and Full Membership Options will be available starting December 1, 2020

- If a member has purchased a Fall Membership, then the upgrade of \$35 is automatically applied when purchasing a Full Membership
- Tryout Membership is a \$10 limited membership specifically utilized for tryouts.
 The membership expires 30 days after purchase. and allows junior players to tryout without the financial commitment of a full membership. If the junior player decides to participate for a club season, then the \$10 is applied towards the cost of the Full Membership

To learn more - CLICK HERE





2021 Tournament Information



FIND AN NCR TOURNAMENT CLICK HERE

Under the guidance of USA Volleyball, our clubs and teams can be assured that when they compete, the competition level is **APPROPRIATE**, play is **FAIR** and opportunities are **LIMITLESS**

- athletes are playing at their appropriate age level and are following the eligibility rules set forth for the sport of volleyball by USAV
- officials, coaches and athletes receive ongoing training on the rules of the sport of volleyball as provided by USAV
- because of the rigorous standards that NCR members are held to, <u>our teams are able to</u> <u>register for non-USAV tournaments</u> - thus providing additional playing opportunities
- however, because teams participating in our tournaments are required to meet such rigorous standards, NCR does NOT allow non-USAV teams to compete
- only USAV member athletes, coaches and officials are directly connected to USA Volleyball thus providing them with access to opportunities to play, coach or officiate at the highest levels of our sport if that is their personal goal



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USA Volleyball National Qualifiers
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Northern Lights Qualifier CLICK HERE

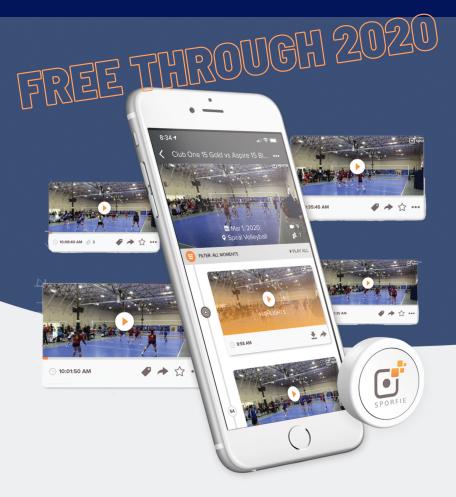


18s Girls Junior National Championships April 23-25, 2021 Columbus, Ohio



Girls Junior National Championships June 26-July 5, 2021 Las Vegas, Nevada







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Junior Club Director FACT CHECK on VALUE

During the past two seasons, North Country Region - USA Volleyball has received many requests to compare and contrast the value of a membership to a National Governing Body to other volleyball focused organizations. While the Region has hesitated to enter into this request, we know it is important to share to the volleyball community and our membership.

To be forthright, being one of the 40 Regions of USA Volleyball provides a structure and resources that are broad and varied. The comparison of USA Volleyball and a Region office to other organizations is not apples to apples; it is more oranges to bananas.

MEMBERSHIP VALUE

KEEP PARTICIPANTS COSTS CONTAINED

Our deep dive into the facts of comparing costs are shown below. A price cannot be placed on the value of customer service, quality support, ability to verify safety checks on adults, the training/certifying of officials, and providing opportunities for juniors and adults in indoor, beach, sitting, and High Performance. Participating in NCR Tournament allows the Region to provide more resources and services to our members We re-invest into the Region.

North Country Region is the only organization in the upper Midwest that has direct access to USA Volleyball for coaches, athletes, officials, and fans. As a member you are on a Path to the Podium. Please download a copy of COST COMPARISON. It is detailed; it is transparent, it is accurate.

COST COMPARISON

NSVU JVA Club Membership vs. NCR USAV Club Membership Girls 12U-18U Example

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NSVU JVA Assumes 2 coaches and 10 players per team	Number of Teams	Cost of JVA Club Membership	Cost of USAV Club Membership	ACTUAL Difference - JVA (USAV)	NCR USAV Assumes 2 coaches and 10 players per team
	1	\$ 270.00	\$ 202.50	\$ (67.50)	
Organization Description	2	\$ 420.00	\$ 337.50	\$ (82.50)	Organization Description
Trade Association for Club Directors	3	\$ 570.00	\$ 472.50	\$ (97.50)	Registered Non-Profit - National Governing Body of Volleyball for the United States
	4	\$ 720.00	\$ 607.50	\$ (112.50)	
Memberships Offered	5	\$ 870.00	\$ 742.50	\$ (127.50)	Memberships Offered
Club Director	6	\$ 1,020.00	\$ 877.50	\$ (142.50)	Adult - includes Club Directors, Coaches, Players
Coach	7	\$ 1,170.00	\$ 1,012.50	\$ (157.50)	Junior Player
	8	\$ 1,320.00	\$ 1,147.50	\$ (172.50)	Youth 9-11
	9	\$ 1,470.00	\$ 1,282.50	\$ (187.50)	Official
	10	\$ 1,620.00	\$ 1,417.50	\$ (202.50)	Outdoor
	11	\$ 1,770.00	\$ 1,552.50	\$ (217.50)	Tryout Only
	12	\$ 1,920.00	\$ 1,687.50	\$ (232.50)	High School Boys
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NSVU Club Cost - Price Breakdown	14	\$ 2,220.00	\$ 1,957.50	\$ (262.50)	USAV Volleyball+NCR Club Leadership-Membership Price Breakdown
Club Director = \$120 (includes background screen)	15	\$ 2,370.00	\$ 2,092.50	\$ (277.50)	Club Director = \$67.50 (includes background screen)
+ Per Team Fee = \$110	16	\$ 2,520.00	\$ 2,227.50	\$ (292.50)	+ \$50 Membership Fee x 2 coaches = \$100
+ \$20 Background Screen x 2 coaches = \$40	17	\$ 2,670.00	\$ 2,362.50	\$ (307.50)	+ \$17.50 "annual" background screen x 2 coaches = \$35
TOTAL = \$270 Per Team	18	\$ 2,820.00	\$ 2,497.50	\$ (322.50)	TOTAL = \$202.50 Per Team
Each additional team is \$150 more	19	\$ 2,970.00	\$ 2,632.50	\$ (337.50)	Each additional team is \$135 more
	20	\$ 3,120.00	\$ 2,767.50	\$ (352.50)	
	21	\$ 3,270.00	\$ 2,902.50	\$ (367.50)	
	22	\$ 3,420.00	\$ 3,037.50	\$ (382.50)	Other Comparisons
Other Comparisons	23	\$ 3,570.00	\$ 3,172.50	\$ (397.50)	- ALL participants have their own USAV membership; THEREFORE, each member
Junior player memberships are not offered	24	\$ 3,720.00	\$ 3,307.50	\$ (412.50)	receives their OWN personal benefits
NSVU accepts USAV background screens and SafeSport	25	\$ 3,870.00	\$ 3,442.50	\$ (427.50)	- SafeSport is a member benefit for anyone 18 years and older or with
certifications for coaches participating in their events	26	\$ 4,020.00	\$ 3,577.50	\$ (442.50)	parent permission
Tournament registration fees are increased for teams not	27	\$ 4,170.00	\$ 3,712.50	\$ (457.50)	– ALL adults working with minors must pass a USAV background screen &
affiliated with the organization	28	\$ 4,320.00	\$ 3,847.50	\$ (472.50)	complete SafeSport certification
NSVU accepts USAV credentials for officials working their	29	\$ 4,470.00	\$ 3,982.50	\$ (487.50)	- These safety credentials are required for all NCR events & verified regularly
tournaments	30	\$ 4,620.00	\$ 4,117.50	\$ (502.50)	- NSVU accepts USAV background screens/SafeSport certification; but
	31	\$ 4,770.00	\$ 4,252.50	\$ (517.50)	NCR does NOT accept NSVU credentials due to background screen liability
	32	\$ 4,920.00	\$ 4,387.50	\$ (532.50)	and disqualifiers of criminal behaviors
	33	\$ 5,070.00	\$ 4,522.50	\$ (547.50)	- ALL officials working NCR events must be USAV members, pass a USAV
	34	\$ 5,220.00	\$ 4,657.50	\$ (562.50)	background screen and be SafeSport certified
	35	\$ 5,370.00	\$ 4,792.50	\$ (577.50)	- The last season that NCR charged team fees was 2018-19
	36	\$ 5,520.00	\$ 4,927.50	\$ (592.50)	- The last season that NCR charged tournament sanctioning fees was 2017-18
	37	\$ 5,670.00	\$ 5,062.50	\$ (607.50)	- NCR member teams can play in JVA events
	38	\$ 5,820.00	\$ 5,197.50	\$ (622.50)	- NCR encourages clubs and members to join other organizations to maximize
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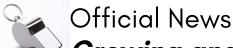
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opportunities

NCR member teams can compete in USAV events
 Pipeline to the USA Volleyball National Team

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Growing and Supporting Officials

In addition to its new member management system (MMS), USA Volleyball has now launched a brand new learning management system (LMS) where the online officiating courses are housed. Here are some details to get you rolling:

Renew your NCR-USAV membership in the new MMS (SportSEngine). At this time, only the Fall Membership (valid until 12/31/2020; cost is \$15) is available for purchase; however, this can be upgraded to a Full Adult Membership when it becomes available. If you would like to move forward and purchase the Fall Membership so you can check out the new LMS and begin taking your courses, here is the link to do so: NCR-USAV Fall Membership. Note: When renewing your membership, officials should select Administrator and then the Adult with Junior (Non-Coaching Role) membership option.

Background Screen Information If your background screening needs to be updated, you will be advised and have the opportunity to purchase this when you renew your NCR-USAV membership.

SafeSport Training - Member Benefit

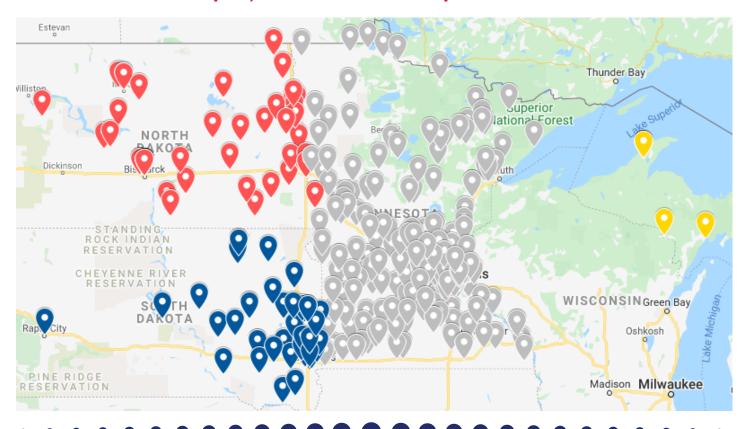
When you register for your NCR-USAV membership, you will be automatically registered for SafeSport Training. See the Officials page on our website for step-by-step instructions on where to find this and how to complete it once you've purchased your new membership in the new MMS.

Officials Training: The online officiating training courses can be found in the USA Volleyball Learning Management System (LMS). Detailed instructions on how to find, register and view the courses can be found on our website here: **Online Officiating Training**

Opportunities for Paid Officials: North Country Region has multiple opportunities for officials during the 2021 club season.



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QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR CLUB AND YOURSELF

- What is the club's philosophy? To win? To Improve?
 To have fun?
- How do you select your players?
- What age groups do you offer? How many team do you have at each level?
- Is your club compliant with USA Volleyball NCR safety protocols?
- Who are the coaches for my child/s age level? How many coaches per team?
- How is playing time allocated? Can athletes play up?
- What are your club dues? Is there a payment schedule? What is the refund policy?
- What is covered in the club dues?
- Are there any other financial obligations? Travel arrangements?
- Is there a fundraising opportunity?

- Will you allow the athlete to play the position he/she wants? Is it up to the coach to make the decision?
- Do your players keep the uniforms?
- Does the club offer private lessons, strength training, speed/agility training?
- How often is practice? Are practices mandatory?
- Are players allowed to play other sports while in your club?
- What if my child misses a tournament or a practice?
- How long is your season? Do you offer beach opportunities?
- How far will the team travel?
- Is the club a non-profit organization and established as such with the state government?
- Is there a board of directors?

Collect this information for several clubs so you can discuss and make a great choice!

CLUB BUDGET EXAMPLE

- Annual club fee (ask what sort of payment plans are offered.
- Uniforms (sometimes included in annual fee)
- North Country Region USA Volleyball fee
- Travel, Lodging, hotels, airline tickets, food
- Team wear extra gear that is not required but is great to have - club/team hoodies, tshirts, hats, etc
- Team related gatherings food, hair ties, backpacks,, fun team projects

QUESTIONS TO ASK YOURSELF

- What does my child want to get out of the club experience?
- Does my child want to play in high school? At what level in high school?
- Does my child want to play volleyball after high school? If so, what level?
- What is my child's priorities for time management: school, free time, job, other hobbies
- Is my child able to keep up with school work
- Can our family afford the program we choose
- How important is at that we, as parents, travel with our child? Can we save money if our child travels with the team?

COMMON CLUB VOLLEYBALL MYTHS

Myth 1 - It's about the club, not the coaches. The reputation of the club your child plays for is important, but it does not guarantee the coach your athlete will play for is skilled and/or right for you. Understand the philosophies, reputation, style, and character of the coach your athlete will be playing for. Interview the coach if necessary. Speak with other players and parents who played for the coach in the past. Also ask yourself, is this person someone you want your child to spend time with? Is this a person of integrity and character?

Myth 2 - The more expensive the club fees the better the club/coaching and the more you get. After all isn't the saying "you get what you pay for...."true? Not always. Some clubs charge more because they must cover their overhead (salaries for full time employees), turn a profit and/or pay more for gym rentals. Other clubs charge more because they were formed by a sports complex as a way of filling gym time.

Myth 3 - Playing club for your high school coach's club ensure playing time on the high school team. Fact: the best players will play regardless of the club they play for. Sometimes playing club for your high school coach can be a negative. High School coaches sometime 'pigeon hole' or 'slot' players into the certain positions based on their biases or need they are trying to fill for the high school team an not necessarily the best position for your child. It is sometimes a good idea to get a fresh look from a different coach.

Myth 4: Playing in tournaments across the country provides more exposure to college coaches. While it is true many college coaches attend national tournaments, a LARGE majority of the players from this area who continue to play in college did not participate in national tournaments.

USA VOLLEYBALL JUNIOR PLAYER AGE DEFINITION For use during the 2020-2021 Season

To determine the correct age division, please find the Month of Birth in the left column and then the year of birth in the same row. The heading of the column matching the Year of Birth is the correct age bracket.

	18 & Under ¹	18 & Under ²	17 & Under	16 & Under	15 & Under³	14 & Under ⁴	13 & Under ⁵	12 & Under	11 & Under	10 & Under	9 & Under	8 & Under
July	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Aug	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Sept	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Oct	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Nov	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Dec	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Jan	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Feb	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Mar	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Apr	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
May	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
June	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013

¹ Players who were born on or after July 1, 2002 OR players who were born on or after July 1, 2001 and a high school student in the twelfth (12th) grade or below during some part of the current academic year.

² Female Only - Players who were born on or after July 1, 2002, (who are defined as 18 & under by the USAV Age Definition) and are in the 11th grade for the current academic year are waivered to compete in 17 & under. (This age waiver is based on recruiting concerns for 11th grade girls previously required to participate in girls 18's qualifiers and the 18's GJNC.)

³ Male Only - Players who were born on or after July 1, 2006 <u>OR</u> players who were born on or after July 1, 2005 (15 years or younger) who shall neither have completed nor are in a grade higher than the eighth (8th) grade during the current academic year are eligible to play in the 14 & Under division. This exception is based on the net height difference of 7'4 1/8" to 7'11 5/8" between the 14 and Under Division to the 15 and Under Division.

Male Only - Players who were born on or after July 1, 2006 (14 years or younger) who shall neither have completed nor are in a grade higher than the seventh grade (7th) during the current academic year are eligible for a Region approved waiver to compete in the boys 13's age group.

Male Only -Players who were born on or after July 1, 2007 (13 years or younger) who shall neither have completed nor are in a grade higher than the sixth grade (6th) during the current academic year are eligible for a Region approved waiver to compete in the boys 12's age group.

CLUB INVITATIONS TO JUNIOR PLAYERS

ALSO REFERRED TO AS CLUB ASSIGNMENT REQUESTS

Age Division	Specific Guidelines	Invitation Start Date		
18 age division	None	Immediately		
14 and younger	Not Playing High School Volleyball	October 25		
15 and older	Minnesota High School Volleyball Participants AND/OR any high school age student who did not participate on a high school team during the 2020 fall semester	November 1		
15 and older	High School Volleyball Participants in ND, SD, and the U.P of Michigan	November 22		

When a membership is purchased, you will not have the option of associating yourself with a club. The club must send you an invitation, and you must accept it, before you will be associated with a club in the system. This process must happen before a player or coach can be placed on a roster. This is different than past seasons. Previously, you could pick a club during an initial membership purchase. There will be policies in place that prevent clubs from sending invitations to players prior to tryout dates. The individual must be listed within the club's member directory in order for you to send this association invitation and the club must follow all region policies and guidelines. An individual must have a membership before accepting this invitation. If the clubs send an invitation to someone without a current membership, the individual will be directed to purchase a membership before the association will be completed.

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EVENTINFO:

November 6-8, 2020

Hickory Point Beach, Tavares, FL \$50,000 Prize Purse (\$25K per gender) Presented by the Norelli Family Foundation

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EVENTINFORMATION:

Tournament Format:

This tournament will be a King/Queen format. Each athlete will register individually and be placed in a pool based on their USA Volleyball ranking points heading into the event. Each athlete will play with everyone in their pool. The athlete with the best record at the end of the pool moves on to the next day. At the end of Friday, the top four qualifier athletes will advance to Saturday's main draw. At the end of Saturday, winners from the pools will have the opportunity to choose a partner from the 2nd-4th place teams from all pools to compete with them in the bracket on Sunday.

Matches will begin at 9:00 am ET each day.

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Personalized Donor Landing Page



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