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OFFICIALS TRAINING CAMP FEBRUARY 7 - 9, 2020

In line with the 2019 -2020 strategic plan to Grow the Officials, North Country Region is hosting the Region's **FIRST EVER** Officials Clinic run by the **USA Volleyball Officials National Training Team. REGISTRATION WILL CLOSE January 10, 2020.** Register early to reserve your spot in this training. Limited spots available.

Quick resume: of the Training Team
6 National PAVO
6 National USAV
4 International referees
All 6 have been NTT and NRT members
6 B10 referees
All 6 have worked various rounds of NCAA DI Championships- two Final Four officials)

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR ALL INTERESTED OFFICIALS
CLICK HERE TO REGISTER

WE'VE COME A LONG WAY, BABY!

The 2018 -2019 season marked the first year that North Country Region required and vetted all Region coaches to meet safety, education, and training standards prior to being added to a USA Volleyball Webpoint roster. Coaches who could not or did not meet the standard, could not be added to a verified roster due to the Region's Webpoint roster settings and were not eligible to coach in USAV-Region sanctioned events. Club directors worked diligently with their club personnel to ensure that requirements were met and the club was in full compliance with Region and USA Volleyball policies.

For the 2019 -2020 season. USA Volleyball introduced Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies (MAAPP). These policies outline training requirements and limit



one-one-one interactions with minor athletes. The policies were effective June 23.

The policy covers six areas:

- Limiting one-on-one interactions, including meetings and individual training sessions
- Massages and rubdowns/athlete training modalities
- Locker rooms and changing areas
- Social media and electronic communication
- Local travel
- Team travel

Any violation of MAAPP is reportable. For more information on MAAPP click anywhere on the article.

OFFICIALS TRAINING AND RATING HOSTED JANUARY 5, 2020 ROSEMOUNT IRISH TOURNAMENT



Robyn Courchane, North Country Region member and USA Volleyball National Referee provided instruction and wisdom to North Country Region officials who participated in the officials training and rating opportunity.

Rosemount, MN - North Country Region hosted its first of the season officials training and rating opportunity on January 5th. Travis Karlin, NCR Officials Chair, and Beth Modaff, NCR Officials Coordinator, organized the event with the assistance of the Rosemount Irish Volleyball Club. North Country Region was able to advance the training and certifications of 16 officials.

Tournament Directors who would like to host an officials rating and training clinic at their North Country Region sanctioned tournament should contact Beth Modaff (beth@ncrusav.org).

REGION RANK TOURNAMENTS BEGIN JANUARY 2020



Jan 31 - Feb - 2, Minneapolis CC



The Car Ride Home



A PLACE FOR VOLLEYBALL PARENTS

North Country Region's website has a section dedicated to **YOU**, the parent! With the assistance of local sports psychologists, leaders in sports, USA Volleyball and club directors, the North Country Region staff collects, updates and provides resources to better serve the entire membership.



micha hancock

"IF YOU ARE PASSIONATE ABOUT IT, DO NOT GIVE UP."

WATCH THE LATEST CUORE FEATURE MINI-DOCUMENTARY ON MICHA HANCOCK. MICHA SHARES WITH US WHAT SHE HAD TO SACRIFICE AND SOME OF THE DIFFICULTIES ALONG THE WAY OF BECOMING A PROFESSIONAL VOLLEYBALL PLAYER.

Junior Online Officiating - Explained

DIRECTIONS

- Login into your **USA Volleyball Webpoint** Profile
- Click **Region Clinics** - left side, blue menu
- Select Region **Ref/Score Clinics**
- Scroll to find **Junior Officiating Training**
- Click **Participant Registration**
- Complete information and register for the course
- Once registered for the clinic, click the **red USAV Academy** button on your Webpoint profile
- On "My Account" page in USAV Academy click on the courses that have **GO**
- Upon completion of this course, players earn an **R2 badge**, and all USAV officiating training requirements for juniors to participate in events are met.

WHAT COURSES ARE IN JUNIOR ONLINE OFFICIATING TRAINING

- NO19 North Country Region Officiating Overview NO20_999
- Junior Second Referee (w/quiz) US20_102q
- Junior Signals (w/quiz) US20_103q
- Scoring Basics Non-deciding Set (w/quiz)
- WHEN ALL COURSES ARE COMPLETED AN **R2 BADGE** IS EARNED
- EXPIRES FALL 2021

USA VOLLEYBALL MEMBERSHIP CARD - VERIFY INFORMATION

 North Country Region Membership Card 2020 Season		BG Status: N/A BG Exp: N/A Badges: 2
Name: Joe Awesome Member #: NO555555FJ20 Member Dates: 11/13/2019 - 10/31/2020 Club Name: JVB Rush	LOP: J4	 Commissioner: Laura Bush
- Front -		- Back -

SYSTEM OVERLOAD

USA Volleyball Academy can become bogged down when many members are utilizing the training courses at the same time (Sundays or long holiday breaks). It has been known to happen that courses become frozen, the system shuts down, or courses cannot be added to your Academy. We know it is frustrating. USA Volleyball Staff is adding more space on its server to accommodate this overload. Just know ALL of us (USA Volleyball and Region Staffs) work diligently to provide solutions as quickly as we are able.

When we have a solution and the slow down is fixed, we hustle to reload courses and communicate to all those HelpDesk tickets. Take a break. Enjoy your day while waiting!

North Country Region will be launching a Region High Performance program in 2020. The mission of the initiative is to identify, train, and develop athletes and coaches to build a sustainable pathway to reach the elite levels of our sport.

North Country Region will have indoor tryouts at collegiate facilities for junior girls and boys located around the region. Through the tryout process, we will select athletes and coaches to attend the North Country Region High Performance Camp in July.

The dates and locations of the tryouts will be announced before the start of the season. For more information and proposed locations, please visit the High Performance page on our website by clicking any of the links connected to this article.



Junior Club Director

HUB – IMPORTANT INFORMATION



TEAM ROSTERS REQUIRED IN USA VOLLEYBALL WEBPOINT

North Country Region requires:

- teams that compete in North Country Region, other Region, and/or USA Volleyball sanctioned events **must have valid rosters** in USA Volleyball Webpoint
- USA Volleyball Webpoint valid rosters are to be submitted to the tournament director of North Country Region sanctioned events **prior** to the tournament
- AES rosters **DO NOT** satisfy the requirement of having a USA Volleyball Webpoint valid roster
- tournament directors are required to turn away teams (even on the day of the tournament) that have not submitted a USA Volleyball Webpoint valid roster

Directions to ADD/EDIT/CREATE teams in USA Volleyball Webpoint - **CLICK HERE**



REMINDER - North Country Region discontinued TEAM FEES starting the 2019 - 2020 season.



2020 - USA Volleyball Background Screen Upgrades

To better ensure safety of all USA Volleyball participants, USA Volleyball has upgraded its background screen used to vet adults who will be working with minor age athletes. In August, North Country Region shared with membership and posted on the North Country Region website of upcoming changes with USA Volleyball background screens. The exact cost of the background screen had not been secured when the announcement was posted. Beginning January 1, 2020

- USA Volleyball background screens will be **more extensive**
- Background screen will expire every two years
- Full screen will occur each initial year of the two year screen cycle with an automatic less extensive screen in the off year.**
- A two year annual background screen is \$17.50 a year for a total of \$35 every two years.



Junior Players who are 18 or turning 18 - SafeSport Requirement

NEW Athletes 18 years of age or turning 18 during the club season are **required to complete "Core" Center for SafeSport training (per USOPC and U.S.Center for SafeSport policies)**. No Cost to Members **Parents** of minors must complete Junior Athlete SafeSport Consent Form to have access to the training through USAV Academy. Recommend to have all 17s complete the free training so no issues with adding player to a roster.

CLICK HERE TO ACCESS CONSENT FORM

Recommend

- All 17 year olds in club complete training to avoid potential roster issues during club season
- Complete training **EARLY** - 90 minutes on line
- Directions on how to access SafeSport through USAV Academy - **CLICK HERE**



WHAT IS A GRADE TEAM?

A "Club" that has a Junior Player, whose date of birth places them in an age division older than their current grade (USAV Age Definitions). If all team members are in the same grade or younger, the team can be made a "grade team" to accommodate the player who is older but in the same grade.

For more information about grade teams, requesting an age waiver, and rostering a grade team, **CLICK HERE**.



WHAT IS REQUIRED TO BE ON A USAV - NCR WEBPOINT ROSTER?

- Minimum of 6 Junior Players
- Minimum of 1 Head Coach (cleared USA Volleyball approved background screen, IMPACT trained, completion of SafeSport training)
- Junior Age Coach - 17 and under (complete IMPACT, complete "Core" Center for SafeSport Training, adult - head coach present at practices and tournaments)
- Uniform Numbers of all Junior Players
- NEW** Athletes 18 years of age or turning 18 during the club season (required to complete "Core" Center for SafeSport training) **CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION**

In leadership, there are no words more important than trust. In any organization, trust must be developed among every member of the team if success is going to be achieved. Mike Kryzewski

2020 Tournaments - GET RANKED



Each year, USA Volleyball's North Country Region sanctions some of the most prestigious and successful volleyball tournaments in the nation. These sanctioned events are designated as **NCR GOLD MEDAL** tournaments. These tournaments are hosted by NCR-USAV member clubs and meet all Region sanctioning requirements including current membership affiliation, verification of all safety and training compliance and use of USAV tournament registration and roster verification resources.

Teams participating in a North Country Region **GOLD MEDAL** competition can rest assured that the event will be of the highest quality and value.



Like **GOLD MEDAL** events, **NCR PODIUM** tournaments are premier volleyball events; but **PODIUM** events also have important region rank implications. **PODIUM** tournaments offer NCR teams the opportunity to receive **"REGION RANK"** points awarded for both competition and finish.

Beginning in January 2020, cumulative region rank points will be updated weekly on NCRUSAV.org; then following the 2020 junior volleyball season, NCR will announce the top ranked teams in each age division! Because of the ranking opportunities involved, R1 officials are utilized at **PODIUM** events. **REGION RANK INFO HERE**



What does it mean when a tournament is sanctioned by NCR - USA Volleyball?

It means.....

- the host club is committed to providing a safe and respectful environment for participants both on and off the court
- ... teams are playing in a tournament where ALL adults working regularly in ANY capacity with minors (coaches, club directors, chaperones, tournament directors, officials, etc.) have passed a rigorous USA Volleyball approved background screen and participate in ongoing SafeSport and IMPACT training
- ... the host club and its tournament are insured by USAV and supported and assisted locally by the North Country Region in-house staff
- ... athletes are playing at their appropriate age level and are following the eligibility rules set forth for the sport of volleyball by USAV
- ... paid officials, as well as scorers and youth work teams, are trained properly on the rules of volleyball as provided by USAV
- ... all events including PODIUM and GOLD MEDAL tournaments are promoted through valuable NCR-USAV marketing resources to over 400 member clubs and over 18,000 individual members

EVENTS EVENTS EVENTS EVENTS EVENTS #EARNIT

"I cannot believe how quickly my tournament filled and how many teams are on the waitlist! Yay AES and Yay NCR!!!! Thank you for providing this benefit. I was nervous but no more. I trust NCR!"



Safe Zone Environment, USA Volleyball Sanctioned, Rosters Validated, North Country Region Staff On Site, Awards, Reasonable Entry Fees & REGION RANK POINTS!



**HIGH PERFORMANCE
COACHES WANTED**

The USA Volleyball High Performance Coaches Pipeline is comprised of highly motivated coaches who are committed to helping USAV identify and develop future U.S. Olympians. Coaches are trained in the U.S. National Teams' skill and system model, coach High Performance training and competition programs, and enjoy a nationwide network of some of the top volleyball coaches in the U.S.

HP coaches come from all different backgrounds: NCAA Division I, II and III, current and former national team players and coaches, international coaches, junior club coaches, high school coaches, junior high coaches - you name it. All that is required is a desire to learn, a love to teach, an open mind, a great attitude and a passion for USA Volleyball and helping our national teams win gold medals. [//go.teamusa.org/33RvXQ5](https://go.teamusa.org/33RvXQ5)



Podcasts *For the Volleyball Nerds*



About Podcast Around the Block is an in-depth, opinionated and thought provoking podcast that covers the rapidly growing collegiate, club and high school volleyball scene.*

Co-hosts Kelly Surrency and Coley Pawlikowski draw on their expertise to enlighten, intrigue and entertain every volleyball enthusiast.

Frequency 2 episodes / month

Since Nov 2017

Click Here to link to the feed.

*prepvolleyball.com



Woot Woot *Shout Outs*

Team bonding at its finest for this 14 and under team. North Country Region captured this picture of the **Icy Iguanas IRISH 14-3** at the Rosemount Irish January 5th tournament.



The crew was having a great time both on and off the court.



Quick Links for Members *How-To...*

- Officiating - Online Training Instructions
- Grade Teams Information
- SafeSport - Parent Consent Form for 17 under training
- Membership Directions and Registration
- Membership Benefits Chart
- Webpoint - Club Admin Manual
- Webpoint - How to Print Membership Card
- Webpoint - Roster Information
- Webpoint - Add or Edit a Team
- Letter of Commitment
- Activate Club/Edit Info on Club Directory
- Team Codes
- Tournament Sanctioning
- Tournaments Registration and Information
- Tryout Sanctioning Form - List your Tryout
- Transfer Policy and Procedure
- Background Screen - How to Register
- Certificate of Insurance Request
- Incident - Injury Report
- Junior Club Directory Information
- Junior Medical Release Form - coaches keep
- Junior Players Wanted - Request Form
- Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy Information
- Officiating - Request In Person Clinic
- Region Rank Tournament Information
- Roster Requirements



Member Benefits *The Latest*

Art of Coaching - NCR complimentary subscriptions emails were sent from Art of Coaching to eligible coaches on January 7th. Only **52 complimentary subscriptions** currently remain. First come, first served!

Special Offer

LIMITED OFFER TO 120 ELIGIBLE COACHES*

STARTS: DECEMBER 16, 2019

WHAT: ART OF COACHING SUBSCRIPTION

HOW: CHECK YOUR EMAIL - SENT BY A.O.C.

WHO: ELIGIBLE COACHES

USA Volleyball

ART OF COACHING
VOLLEYBALL

ELIGIBLE COACHES ARE...

- Current Members
- IMPACT Certified
- SafeSport Trained
- USA Volleyball Background Screened

*First Come, First Served