

Bayou Regional Volleyball Association

A Region of USA Volleyball

MEMBERSHIP AND REGISTRATION INFORMATION

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

The "Friendship Season"

The adult division 'friendship season' runs from November 1 to January 1. There is no 'friendship season' for the junior divisions. All participants competing in a sanctioned tournament must be currently registered USAV members. All sanctioned tournament rules and policies apply, with the following two exceptions:

1. Players on a team do not have to have identical uniforms as long as there is a clearly visible unique number on each player's shirt.
2. A player does not have to be affiliated with a team to participate in a friendship tournament, but must be a currently registered USAV member.

The Regular Season

The regular season runs from November 1 (for juniors) and January 1 (for adults) to the conclusion of the National Championship Tournaments held for each division.

The Outdoor Season

The outdoor season runs from March 1 to October 31. All participants must be USAV members to compete in any USAV/Regional sanctioned event.

Individual Membership Fees

Regular	.....	\$40.00
	For players, coaches, officials and includes sports accident insurance coverage, access to member handbook, rulebook, and VB USA magazine.	
Outdoor	.....	\$15.00
	Includes newsletter and liability insurance that is required by all USAV participants.	
One-Event	.....	\$25.00
	This fee applies to competing in a single sanctioned event during the season. A person participating in more than one event during the season must pay the full appropriate membership fee. The one-event fee includes insurance only.	
Extended Official	.....	\$48.50
	In addition to the regular registration fee, the \$8.50 provides USAV certified officials' protection against claims of negligence by players or spectators and from personal injury resulting from an accident while officiating any <u>non-sanctioned</u> volleyball activities.	
PAVO Members	.....	N/A (credit)
	USAV members who belong to the Professional Association of Volleyball Officials deduct this amount from their individual membership fee.	
Team Fees	.....	Free
	Annual team fees are in addition to individual membership fees. Each team in a club must be registered separately.	
On-site Registration Surcharge	.....	\$ 5.00
	For individual, team and/or one-event	

A person and/or team are not considered registered until their completed registration form(s) and appropriate fees have been received by the Commissioner, Registrar or anyone specifically designated by the Commissioner, such as a Tournament Director.

Regional Refund Policy – Membership Fees

Refunds will be given if an individual has not participated in any sanctioned events or practice. The refund will be minus a **\$25** processing fee. No refunds of any kind will be given if an individual has participated in any sanctioned event or practice.

INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION INFORMATION

How to Become a Member of the Bayou Regional and USA Volleyball

1. Register on-line (www.BayouVolleyball.com).
2. Each person wishing to become a member must complete the online registration form and sign it in all designated places, front and back.
 - a. A parent or guardian signature is required if the registrant is under 18.
3. Send the completed form accompanied with the appropriate fee to The Regional Registrar or give to a designated representative (i.e., tournament director).
 - a. Individual checks for adults' only registration will be accepted.
 - b. Club check or a Club Director check is required for all junior players. Individual checks for junior members will not be accepted.
 - c. Individual regular (adult) membership fees collected within 48 hours of a sanctioned event the person is planning on participating in must be made in cash only.

TEAM REGISTRATION INFORMATION

How to Register Your Team

1. Use the current 'Team Registration & Roster Form'.
 - a. Each team must register and have a distinct team name and roster listing the team members.
 - b. Team classification must be declared (i.e., Men's BB, Girls 17 Club, etc.).
 - i. Team members are given the same classification as the team on which they are registered.
 - ii. Teams are not allowed to compete below their registered category.
2. Send the completed form to the Regional Registrar or give to a designated representative (i.e., tournament director).

Roster Additions

1. Teams (juniors and adults) may add players to their roster at any time during the regular season provided:
 - a. The player is registered or registers as a member of The Regional;
 - b. The player has not played with another club or team during the regular season;
 - i. Junior players may change clubs if:
 1. Both directors of the affected clubs agree in writing to the Commissioner, Junior (Male or Female) Development Chair and the Associate Commissioner
 2. Notification of the change takes place prior to the 2nd Friday in January
 3. The signed parties acknowledge that all previous contractual obligations may be enforced
 - c. If a junior player from outside The Regional, has not competed on a team that has qualified for the Junior National Championship Tournament.
 - d. If a qualified team for the Junior Olympic Volleyball Championships, the player added is a member of the same club and the team from which the player is switching has not qualified for JOVC. A club may not switch players between two teams that both are qualified for JOVC.
 - e. The addition to the team meets all requirements as stated for The Junior National Championships, if the team has already qualified.

AGE DIVISION DEFINITIONS FOR 2006-2007

Adopted by the USAV Board of Directors, for implementation in the 2004-2005 season and to continue through the Quadrennial (ending in 2008), that the age group definitions shall read as follows:

The following age groups shall be in effect for players other than college students* who, regardless of age, are not eligible to compete in sanctioned junior events, unless amended by action as specified in Article X, E 2, a (3) of this Operating Code. Players need not be currently enrolled in high school except as noted:

- (a) **18 and under division:** Players who were born on or after **September 1st, 1988**; or
 - Were high school students in the **twelfth (12th) grade** or below during the current academic year, and
 - Are 19 years of age or younger (**born on or after September 1, 1987**).
- (b) **17 and under division:** Players who were born on or after **September 1st, 1989**.
- (c) **16 and under division:** Players who were born on or after **September 1st, 1990**.
- (d) **15 and under division:** Players who were born on or after **September 1st, 1991**.
- (e) **14 and under division:** Players who were born on or after **September 1st, 1992**.
- (f) **13 and under division:** Players who were born on or after **September 1st, 1993**.
- (g) **12 and under division:** Players who were born on or after **September 1st, 1994**.
- (h) **10 and under division:** Players who were born on or after **September 1st, 1996**.

Regionally waived boys teams in the 14 and under age group will be allowed to participate at the USA Junior Olympic Volleyball Championships using the following age/grade definition:

- Players who were born on or after September 1, 1992 or players who were born on or after September 1, 1991 (15 years or younger) who shall neither have completed nor are in a grade higher than the eighth grade (8th) grade during the current academic year. (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.)

*Legislation concerning the eligibility of college students who meet the age definition is pending. Check the tournament entry booklets for the USA Junior Olympic Volleyball Boys' and Girls' Championship events for complete eligibility rules for the JOVC Championships. The Age Definition will also be posted to junior section of the USAV website at www.usavolleyball.org.

REGIONAL POLICY ON AGE WAIVERS

Age defined teams may elect to play in no more than two higher age classifications than registered. The BRVA will consider age waivers, for a player wishing to play down one age division, in only the most extreme circumstances. The only circumstances that may determine whether an age waiver is granted are:

- If a player is born less than one month prior September 1 (Aug. 1-31) of the particular age division year he/she would normally be classified in; and
- If the club does not have a team in that age division; and
- The team is not considered a "travel" team or attempts to qualify for any USA Volleyball National Championship Tournament; and
- With the majority approval of the Regional Commissioner, Division Chair and Associate Commissioner.

