

**TO:** Carolina Region Junior Team Representatives

**RE:** 2023-2024 Registration Procedures



In an effort to make completing your team registration easier, we have included a checklist for you to follow that will outline all the steps you need to take to complete your registration quickly and correctly. Be sure to read through the accompanying information to answer any questions you may have about eligibility, definitions, forms, etc. **NOTE: We use an online, individual-based registration system, so please be sure to read the accompanying information and pass it along to your club members! We highly encourage all clubs to allow all their players/coaches to apply online and submit their payments directly to the Region.** Additional information/forms can be found at our web page - [CarolinaRegionVB.org](http://CarolinaRegionVB.org)

**CHECKLIST FOR TEAM APPLICATION (Team Representatives):**

- \_\_\_ 1. Register your Junior Club with the Carolina Region for the 2024 season [at this link](#). For new Junior clubs, this step will prompt SportsEngine to build an HQ for the Club Administrator to access to complete team creation and registration steps.
- \_\_\_ 2. With the USAV Member Management System (MMS), we are able to offer online Team Registrations for 2024. Club Admins in the MMS will now build their teams in the MMS (Club HQ) and then upload them into the USAV Governing Season. This will still happen after you have finalized your rosters for the season. A Junior team must have SIX players and ONE adult coach on the roster before you submit online. The MMS and USAV have Help documents and Videos in the system to instruct Club Admins on the process for submitting teams in the system. We will post instructions on the CLUBS section of the website.
- \_\_\_ 3. Once your teams are uploaded to the USAV Governing Season, Club Admins will need to go to this [TEAM REGISTRATION LINK](#) to submit additional information for each team to the Carolina Region. This step must come **AFTER** your teams have been created in the USAV Governing Season as you will need to enter your 2024 Team Codes into the Tournament System so we can match the teams properly. Clubs will need to submit the information at the above link for EVERY team that was created in the MMS. Once a team has been created in the MMS AND at the link above, the Region Office will send an online Invoice through the MMS for the club to pay the Team Registration fees. All roster submissions and the team fee invoice must be paid at least one week before your first tournament.

**CHECKLIST FOR INDIVIDUAL APPLICATIONS:**

- \_\_\_ 1. Direct all your players to our Online Registration page for information on registering with the Region. SportsEngine and USAV have continued to make improvements to the MMS. Applicants will begin with a ‘quizzard’ that can help guide them to the correct membership, and SE has made updates to limit duplicate accounts. Applicants will complete the registration process electronically and submit a credit card payment for their dues. Applicants will see two credit card charges on their statement: (a) a Region fee, and (b) a USAV fee. Please make sure your families understand seeing two charges is normal. Families with more than one child needing to register may register all children under one Household account.
- \_\_\_ 2. All players and coaches must affiliate with your club in the MMS before they will be approved on a roster. We recommend using your **PUBLIC** club assignment link found in your HQ for the easiest way to have players and coaches affiliate with your club. Clubs should only send the PUBLIC link to players that have committed to the club after the tryout process. The player does not need to be in your HQ Directory to receive this link. This link can be sent by email to anyone you’re inviting to affiliate for the 2024 season. Once they purchase a membership through that link, they will be assigned to your club for the 2024 indoor season and will appear in your Directory. This should make the Club Invite process much easier in 2024.
- \_\_\_ 3. USA Volleyball no longer requires a Medical Release Form at any of its national events. For that reason, a form is not being prepared or posted to the Region website. A form will not be requested by the Region at any time. If a club still wants to have a form for its internal programs and use, a generic form is available by request from the Region office.
- \_\_\_ 4. All Adults affiliating with a Junior club **MUST** pass the USAV background screen and submit all applicable USAV Safety Requirements and waivers. The registration system will handle all these requirements automatically. The applicant will be directed to a separate Background Screen online application where the form and \$14.00 background screen fee will be collected. All Junior Coaches must be IMPACT AND SafeSport certified before they can participate in a Carolina Region-sanctioned tournament. These requirements are associated with the Junior Coach membership, so those applicants will be able to access those courses easily after registering.

**CHECKLIST FOR ADDING TEAM PERSONNEL (During season):**

- \_\_\_ 1. Send PUBLIC club affiliation invitation to join club. Participant(s) will register online and affiliate with club using that link.
- \_\_\_ 2. Add to roster and upload into the USAV Governing season no later than one week prior to participating in a sanctioned event (**Can be Thursday before event with a \$5 late fee**). We will invoice from within the MMS this season.

**FEES:**

Type	Individual Regular
Adult	\$50 NOTE: Applicant will see a \$25 Region fee and \$25 USAV fee on CC statement
Junior	\$55 NOTE: Applicant will see a \$30 Region fee and \$25 USAV fee on CC statement

# TEAM FEE INFORMATION

## 2023-2024 SEASON

### JUNIOR TEAMS



You may REGISTER your team with the Carolina Region before the December 1, 2023 deadline to get the reduced Early Bird fee. Teams may add additional players to the roster at any time during the season up to the roster limit size (15 players/5 staff). Individuals must be added to the roster at least one week before participation in a tournament (or as late as Thursday before with a \$5 late fee).

#### 2024 Team Registration Process:

- (a) The Club Director should register their club with the Carolina Region for the 2024 season [using this link](#).
- (b) Club Admin will build teams and rosters in the Club HQ account. All teams must have a minimum of six (6) players and one (1) coach. Help documents are available in the MMS to guide how to submit rosters in the system. **Clubs must submit ALL teams into the USAV Governing System at once to receive the Early Bird Club multi-team discount.**
- (c) **AFTER** the teams have been uploaded to the Region, Club Admin must go to the Carolina Region [online Team Registration form](#) to submit additional information about each team. This information will be used to get the teams into our Tournament System.

**No Team Registration forms need to be mailed or faxed to the Carolina Region this season.**

#### FEES:

EARLY BIRD (Uploaded in MMS AND Region Tournament System on/before December 1, 2023)

Early Bird Junior Team Fee - \$65

REGULAR (Uploaded in MMS AND Region Tournament System after December 1, 2023)

Regular Junior Team Fee - \$85

**We will invoice the Club Director for the team fees due automatically from within the MMS after the club has submitted the rosters and registered the teams on our Online Team Registration Form.**

### JUNIOR CLUB INFO

All multi-team clubs will be eligible to use Club Player Movement within the guidelines of the policy (available in 2024 Operating Code and at the Frequently Asked Questions section of website).

The Carolina Region has instituted a price discount for multi-team clubs that register ALL their teams TOGETHER BEFORE December 1, 2023. The discounts are based on the number of teams in your club and the teams must be uploaded into the USAV Governing Season AND team info entered into the Region Tournament System by December 1, 2023 to qualify. The club multi-team Early Bird discount has been simplified this season:

If you have TEN or fewer teams in your club, then ALL teams pay \$65 each

Example, Club A has 8 teams in the club: 8 teams \* \$65 = \$520 total (to be invoiced by Region)

If you have greater than 10 teams in your club, then the team fee breakdown is:

Teams 1- 10 pay \$65 EACH; each team over 10 pays \$55 each;

Example, Club B has 18 teams in the club: (10 teams \* \$65) + (8 teams \* \$55) = \$1090 total (to be invoiced by Region)

**All teams formed into any Club after the December 1 deadline will pay the REGULAR team fees of \$85 per team. Do not submit any payments to the Region for Team Fees. We will invoice club directors once the teams are properly registered in our systems.**



## JUNIOR TEAM REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

1. All information in this packet has been summarized to aid in Season Registration. Refer to the 2024 Operating Code for the approved Carolina Region policies and procedures.
2. All Clubs will need to register their CLUB with the Carolina Region each season. Clubs may consist of any number of teams from the same area that have been formed under one organization to participate in Carolina Region activities. A one-team club is permissible. The designated club director should go to [this registration link](#) to register the club for the 2024 season. Information received at that registration link will be used to create the club's new Club HQ account in the USAV MMS (existing clubs will continue to use their previously established Club HQ). Please allow up to 48 hours for the Club HQ section to be created by SportsEngine. Once the Club HQ is created, club directors will be able to assign additional adults in their club to have access to their Club HQ. All adults assigned as an Org Admin in the MMS will need to meet minimum safety requirements (SafeSport, Background Screen, waivers) before they will be granted access to the USAV Governing Season section.
3. There **IS NOT** a paper Team Registration form this season. Rosters will be submitted online in the Club HQ and additional team information will be submitted through an [online form](#) on the region Tournament System. All individual registrations will be handled online this season by the individual requesting membership (and parent/guardian for junior members). Please read this packet carefully and follow the enclosed Checklist. Please contact the Region Office if you have other questions.
4. ALL teams must have a UNIQUE Team Rep (however, one person may still handle all your administrative duties internally within your club). Your coach may act as your unique team rep if you wish. Remember that coaches and team reps must register as members of the team, as do any other individuals wishing insurance coverage. All adults affiliating with a junior club must pass the USAV background screen and complete the SafeSport course.
5. **No** Junior team will be legal until six players and one adult coach have fully registered and been added to the team's roster. To add a player/coach to a team after a team has been uploaded into the USAV Governing Season, the player/coach must obtain their USAV membership and accept the invitation into the Club for the season. Once all membership requirements are met, the club admin can add the individual to a roster in their HQ. All adults will need to clear their USAV background screen and complete SafeSport before they will show as eligible on a roster. Teams should register in the Age Division of their oldest junior player (teams will have to play in that division regardless of whether the oldest player(s) attend a particular event or not). Teams will sign up for either the EAST or WEST Geographic area (a North/South line through Greensboro is the approximate split of East/West in the Region for scheduling purposes) and an initial starting Group (Labeled 1-5 and corresponds to whether team thinks they are 1-top 20% of all teams in age group; 2-next 20%; 3-next 20%; 4-next 20%; and 5-bottom 20% of all teams in age group. After the initial selection, teams will move up/down the ranking system strictly on results of their matches during CR one-day tournaments and select CR multi-day tournaments.
6. Multi-team clubs may qualify for a team fee discount by submitting their team registrations by December 1. ***All teams in a club must be submitted online at the same time and before Dec. 1 to receive the team fee discount.*** Clubs may add teams to the club after December 1 at the regular team fee of \$85 each.
7. Select a team name when registering and use that name when entering and competing in tournaments. Be aware that there may be other teams from your area that may choose the same name if you are not original. Durham I or Raleigh II may get you registered, but can be easily confused. Seeding and classification, as well as eligibility depend on tournament directors reporting your team's results accurately. Please limit team names to a maximum of 20 letters. Teams choosing names already selected will have their registration delayed. Each team in a club must have a unique name to distinguish it from the other teams in the club. Each team should include an abbreviated form of the club name in its name and should use that form in all tournament entries and Region correspondence (i.e. PVC-Spike It). The Region reserves the right to edit and/or reject any team name. In case of duplicate team names, first priority will be given to the team that has used that given team name in the past and then based on when registration was received.
8. All individual and team registrations must be completed not less than seven (7) days prior to the intended date of participation in a USAV-sanctioned event by the team or individual player. Special request for registration less than seven days prior to participation will require payment of a late fee of ten dollars (\$10.00) for a team registration and five (\$5.00) for an individual. This late registration must be completed no later than **Thursday** prior to participation on that upcoming weekend. NO telephone registrations can be accepted by the Office. All team fee and late fee payments will now be invoiced directly to the Club or individual through the USAV MMS and payment must be received before participation is allowed.
9. A classification schedule with the appropriate fee indicated is attached for your reference only. **All team fees due will be by invoice only this season so do not submit any payments until invoiced.**
10. A service charge of twenty dollars (\$20.00) will be charged for all checks returned for non-payment by the bank. No team or individual is eligible for competition until all fees and sanctions are paid.

## ADDITIONAL REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

1. To register, have your players and coaches go to the Registration section of our website. All individuals registering with the Carolina Region are required to accept and acknowledge a current USAV Waiver and Release of Liability and USAV Participant Code of Conduct policy. This requirement is handled automatically during the online application process. A copy of both documents is available for download on our Forms section and can be kept for reference. The USAV disciplinary policy is listed on the Participant Code of Conduct form. No individual will be permitted to participate in USAV competition without a current USAV membership with an “Eligible” status. Sorry, but that's the only way to keep the USAV insurance in force. Both the Adult and Junior registration fees provide each member with liability and secondary health/accident insurance. See the Team Handbook online for a description of the coverage.
2. USAV is no longer requiring the Medical Release Form at any of its National-sanctioned events. This form will no longer be included in the annual season documents provided on our Forms page. If a club still wants to have a Medical Release form for its own internal use, contact the Region office and we can send you a generic form to adapt for your uses.
3. All adults affiliating with a Junior Club this season must agree to USAV Code of Ethics and an Acknowledgement of SafeSport and MAAPP form (these will be processed during the online application process). **All adults registering with a Junior team (as coach, team rep, club rep, chaperone, etc) must pass the USAV Background screen in order to be rostered on a Junior team!** The online system handles the Background Screen automatically and can be signed electronically. The Background Screen fee of \$14.00 will be collected separately during the application process. It takes up to 5 business days for the Vendor to process, so the Region recommends adults apply at least 7 business days before their first sanctioned event. The individual's account will be updated when the screen is passed (or failed). Coaches must be IMPACT certified and keep their Coaching Eligibility status current. All Coaches must have a current SafeSport certification in their account also. Coaches needing their SafeSport certification will automatically be registered for their applicable course when they apply for the Junior Coach membership. Coaches that have not been IMPACT/SafeSport certified will not be eligible to be added to a team's tournament roster until they attain their certifications.
4. **Support the Carolina Region with a Donation:** The Carolina Region is a 501 (c)(3) North Carolina nonprofit dedicated to supporting the sport of volleyball in our state. We do accept tax-deductible donations of any amount to support our mission. Please consider showing your support for North Carolina Volleyball by making a generous donation. Contact the [Region Office](#) for more information.
5. **Email:** The majority of the communication from the Carolina Region is done by email. All members will provide a current email address when registering. Those members providing email may receive email directly from USAV concerning their programs. Members can choose to opt out of this service online or on their member form and they may unsubscribe at any time by following the directions at bottom of each email. We will also be providing the Carolina Region's newsletter, *Carolina Volleyball Review*, online only this season to help us keep our costs down and conserve resources.
6. **Online Registration:** USA Volleyball has worked extensively with SportsEngine to improve and enhance the Member Management System (MMS) implemented in 2021. Enhancements are ongoing, and we are hopeful that this season's enhancements will improve the process even more. Members have access to their personal accounts to update their personal information, view their team affiliations, and provide digital membership cards. Each Club (whether one team only or multiple teams) will have someone designated as a Club Administrator on the system and that person will have the ability to print their teams' tournament rosters, email all the members in their club, and many more capabilities. All Club activities are handled in their Club HQ section. **NOTE: All USAV clubs will have a free version of the HQ that will allow them to do everything needed to affiliate with USAV and submit rosters. SportsEngine has a paid/premium HQ that clubs may choose to upgrade to in order to perform additional functions to run your club. The paid/premium HQ is NOT required to register with USAV. It is an optional add-on only.** Additional details and information on the MMS are available on our website.

## SUMMARY:

All individual and team registrations will be handled online this season. Comprehensive help documents and videos are available for the USAV MMS on our website and inside the MMS system. If you have questions on Carolina Region registration procedures, please see our website at <https://www.carolinaregionvb.org/registration/> or email our office at [office@carolinaregionvb.org](mailto:office@carolinaregionvb.org)

## ***SPECIAL INFORMATION***

**A. Tournament Registration:** The Region will use centralized tournament registration again this year. All tournament entry forms/payments must be submitted to the Region Office for our sanctioned one-day tournaments. A blank tournament entry form is available for download at the website that can be used to enter tournaments until your teams are formed in the online system. **NOTE: Individuals will not receive USAV membership cards this season.** All members will have a digital USAV membership card in the MMS. The Club Administrator will also be able to view membership information for their club members once they have accepted their invite into the club. All tournaments (with the exception of special events including Kickoff Classic, MAPL, Jr Hi Neighbor, Quest & any other multi-day events on our schedule, which have entry direct to the tournament) will accept entries only through the Region Office. Regular season Junior tournament entry fees are \$200. Regional Championship tournament entries will be \$225. **The Two-week entry deadline before tournaments will be strictly enforced. Late entries may be accepted on a space available basis with a \$25 surcharge BUT spaces will be EXTREMELY limited due to the process used to assign tournament sites (see Section E for more info).** Check the schedule (our web page lists the weekends and days each age group plays – sites won't show in the tournament system until after the entry deadline closes). **NOTE:** We are changing the primary tournament entry process this season, so please check the [Tournament Entry Information page](#) on the website in September for the updated instructions. Returned checks are subject to a \$20 service charge and no team with outstanding fines is eligible to play.

**B. All-Tournament Teams and Junior Regional Officials:** We will only name an All-Tournament Team (ATT) at the overall Carolina Regional Championship tournaments where the top teams from the East and West come together to decide the Regional Champions. The ATT will consist of three players off the Championship team, two players off the Finalist team, one player each from the losing semi-finalist teams, and an MVP (does not have to come from the champion team). The coaches of the participating semi-finals/finals teams will nominate their players to the ATT. An ATT team will not be named at the individual East and West Championship sites, but we will award an MVP for each of those sites in 2024. The top two finishing teams will receive individual awards at all Regional Championships Events. The Officials' Division has implemented a Junior Regional Referee and Scorer rating system to identify the next generation of officials! Outstanding Junior Officials may ask to be rated by National and Junior National Referees in order to receive a Junior Regional Rating. Referees that attain this certification will be receive a patch and CR branded referee gear and be recognized on the Carolina Region website! We have also created a Junior Referee College Scholarship opportunity for Junior referees ages 16-18 to join our Professional Officials cadre and work CR Junior tournaments. See our website for more information, and please help us promote this opportunity to your older players.

**C. Officiating:** At a minimum and from among the junior players on the team roster, all Junior teams must have two USAV certified referees and one (different) USAV certified scorer on their roster. In addition, Junior teams must have one USAV certified adult (Coach, Chaperone, or Team Rep) Referee on their roster. Junior teams will not be permitted to participate in a sanctioned Carolina Region tournament until they meet the minimum officiating requirements. Only those individuals that have completed their certification may perform the duties of first referee, second referee, or scorer at sanctioned events (there are penalties for not using certified officials this season). When assigned to work as an officiating team for a match, only the certified junior players may work as R1, R2, or Scorer. The certified adult must physically supervise their team while in the vicinity of the score table at all times during the team's officiating assignment. Incomplete work teams (including the certified adult that is not supervising their team in the vicinity of the score table) may be penalized one point per-minute that they are incomplete to a maximum of 25 points off their next match.

All referees & scorers must attend a clinic each season to renew their certification. Both the Referee and Scorer clinics will be available online again this season in the USAV Learning Management System. EVERYONE is eligible to take the clinics online this season. Clinics taken online will have their results flow automatically into their member account, so their status is updated automatically.

Clubs may choose to host an in-person Ref/Scorer clinic to reinforce the materials they are presented online. However, all certifications will only be obtained through the online clinics. The Region will not hold any Region-sponsored clinics this season. The Carolina Region Officials Program Department will be developing the 2-3 hour Ref/Scorer Review clinics, and the clubs will set the start time based on the day and facility used. All major and mid-size clubs/teams are encouraged to host a review clinic for your less experienced referees and scorers. The Region will publish a listing of approved clinicians that clubs may use. Clinics do not need to be approved in advance by the Region. Send your clinic details to the Region office for posting on our website, if you want to open it up to other clubs. *See the "Host Your Own Clinic" information sheet at our Officials section of website for more information on setting up your clinics!*

**NOTE TO REFEREES & SCOREKEEPERS:** All officials (adult and junior) must attend a clinic each season, even if your certification has not expired (to take the annual exam).

**D. Uniform Rule:** During the indoor sanctioned season, all teams must abide by the uniform rule that requires team uniforms to be identical in color and design and conform to USA Volleyball regulations regarding jersey numbers. For the 2023/2024 season, USA Volleyball rules recommend that the numbers on the front of uniforms to be at least 6 inches in height and at least 8 inches on the back with a minimum width of 3/4". Numbers must be centered on the front and back. It is permissible for shorts to have a minor difference in style and trim. Teams may petition in writing to the Region to receive waivers on the uniform requirements. Teams may be subject to more stringent uniform requirements (consult rule book) when playing at the Quest, MAPL, Carolina Classic (or other sanctioned inter-Regional tournament), in other Regions, or at the USAV National Championships. Players are forbidden to wear any article - pins, glitter, etc. - which may cause injury during the play of the game. **Casts are no longer permitted to be worn during play, even if padded.**

**E. Junior Volleyball Info:** All teams must play in **three** regular season tournaments to be eligible for a Regional Championship Event. At least one of those tournaments must have been a Carolina Region one-day tournament. The other two events may consist of any two of the following if held BEFORE the Regional Championships: (a) One or Two Carolina Region one-day tournaments; (b) Any two-day Carolina Region sanctioned event whose only criteria is date of entry (examples: Quest tournament and the Carolina Classic); (c) Only ONE of the following tournaments: a National Qualifier or any other Carolina Region sanctioned event with a restricted access entry criteria (example: MAPL Raleigh). All individual players must play in **two** tournaments to be eligible for a Regional Championship Event. The process of awarding our Region's bids to the USAV Junior Girl's National Championships will be determined by the Carolina Regional Bid Ranking System. Complete details of the process have been posted on the Region website. Only teams that confirm they will accept the Region's bid should they receive a bid **should apply to be considered for a bid**. All teams will be split into EAST and WEST geographic areas (a North/South line through **Greensboro** area will be the beginning of the EAST area). Teams should select among five (5) categories when initially registering their team with the Carolina Region. The FIVE categories correspond with: 1-top 20% of teams in age group; 2-next 21-40% of teams; 3-41-60%; 4-61-80%; 5-bottom 20% of all teams. The Region will use these self-selections to determine the initial starting point's value for all teams in the Region Tournament System. These categories will not be displayed on the Tournament System and teams will move up and down the rankings based on results. Teams will be assigned into tournaments after the entry deadline in multiples of four based on their rankings (so the majority of tournaments will play 4-team pools!). **We will discuss this season's plans in detail in our Online Junior Club webinar (see below).** *Remember: Any Coach of a Junior team must be at least two years older than the age level of the team they are coaching, and a minimum of 18 years of age (Exception - individuals who have reached their 16th birthday may serve as a rostered Assistant Coach for teams that are a minimum of three age groups younger than the coach. Teams utilizing these junior coaches must register a Chaperone 25 or older also to be on the roster and sit on the bench in the event that the Head Coach is not able to finish a match on the bench. In addition, the Head Coach must be 25 or older and must be on the bench to start all matches. These Junior coaches must comply with all coaching prerequisites (IMPACT/SafeSport) before they can be added to the roster. In the event, the coach turns 18 during the season, they must clear the USAV Background Screen policy and would be governed by the current Coaches' policy as found in the 2024 Operating Code. All adults affiliated with a Junior team (including, but not limited to, the team rep, club rep, coach, chaperone, and trainer) MUST pass the USAV Background Screen in order to be registered with the team.*

**Coaching Clinics:** IMPACT certification is required for all coaches who have not previously attended an IMPACT clinic. There will not be an in-person IMPACT Coaches' clinic offered in the Region this season. USAV offers an on-demand IMPACT clinic online for FREE. All coaches that need IMPACT will be registered for it AUTOMATICALLY when they register with a Junior Coach membership.

**Informational Meetings:** This year the Region will offer an on-demand webinar presentation for Junior Clubs, coaches, and other interested individuals to discuss the upcoming season and any changes in store. Please go to our [Junior Clubs](#) section for more information and to view. **All clubs are encouraged to have a representative review the webinar before the season.**

**F. Background Screens:** All Regions of USA Volleyball have adopted the USA Volleyball Background Screening Policy. All adults affiliating with a junior club including but not limited to team reps, club reps, coaches, assistant coaches, chaperones, and trainers must pass the USAV background screen. Junior Tournament Directors have been added to the list of individuals to be screened (the Region will pay the screen fee for our TD's). The online registration system handles the background screening automatically for all adults affiliating with a Junior club that need the screening including electronic signatures of the consent form this season). No adult will be registered with a junior team until they pass the Background Screen. The cost of the Background Screen is \$14.00 and is in addition to the adult membership fee. The MMS will now direct applicants to the Background Screen vendor to complete the screen application and pay the fee.

**G. Tournaments:** The lifeblood of the Carolina Region and USA Volleyball is the dedicated people who spend the time and energy to host tournaments. You too can be one of these special people!! Just complete a Tournament Sanction Request Form and return it to the Region Office. If your tournament is sanctioned, you will receive a Handbook and assistance to guide you in making your tournament a success. Contact the Office or see our Tournament Director section on the website for more information.

**H. Player Movement Within Club:** All multi-team Junior clubs will be able to have Player movement in 2024 (no fee required). Player movement (either Temporary or Permanent) in a club is restricted based on the policies outlined below. All player movement must be recorded by a club officer and submitted to all affected tournament hosts before the start of competition (with the roster at Coaches' Meeting). Again for 2024: All Boys' teams will be considered part of the same club. Boys' teams are still restricted to the procedures below when utilizing Player Movement.

Player Movement Restrictions:

- Players being moved to a team in a lower age group must meet the birthdate requirements for the age group they are being moved to.
- An individual player may only be used TWICE for temporary moves during the indoor season. After a player has participated with another club team TWO times, the player shall be frozen to the roster of their original team unless a permanent roster move is reported to the Region Office.
- Players registered on a club team and participating in sanctioned competition within the jurisdiction of the Carolina Region may participate with another team from the same club having a higher ranking a maximum of two (2) times (within their individual limit) before rosters are frozen ONE week prior to their age group's first Regional Championship Event.
- Players may participate with a team having a lower ranking than the one with who the player is registered a maximum of one (1) time (within their individual limit) before rosters are frozen ONE weeks prior to their age group's first Regional Championship Event.
- Players may participate with two teams on a given weekend provided: (a) the age groups are playing on different days (i.e. 12's team plays on Saturday and 13's team plays on Sunday); (b) all other Player Movement Requirements described here are followed (limit of 2 moves per season, Movement Form filled out, etc.); (c) for clubs with combined adult and junior teams, a junior player MUST play with his/her junior team if that team is playing on the same day as an adult tournament. If the adult division is playing on a different day, then the junior player may move under the provisions of the Club Movement Policy.
- Any registered Club player may continue participation with another team in the same club upon notifying the Office of a permanent roster change before rosters are frozen ONE weeks prior to their age group's first Regional Championship Event. Once a permanent move is made, no other moves (temporary or permanent) are allowed for that player.
- Players registered as unaffiliated (member of the club but not on a team) must still appear on a Club Movement Form if desiring to play on a team within their club and are still limited by the restrictions above.
- Registered unaffiliated members in the Region (not on any team) must first join a club before they can play in a tournament.

Team Movement Restrictions:

- Teams may add a maximum of two (2) Club players not on their roster in any given tournament.
- Teams may add a maximum of one (1) player not on their roster from a higher ranked team in their club in any given tournament.
- Teams may add a maximum of two (2) players not on their roster from a higher ranked team in their club per season.
- Teams are limited to accepting up to two (2) permanent moves per season. If a permanent move is made with the intent to play in a Regional Championship Event, then ideally the player being moved should have played at least once with that team during the regular season under a normal player movement. The Region will hear petitions for extenuating circumstances.

Clubs failing to comply with the reporting requirements will have the player movement privilege suspended. Report forms are available on the Forms section of our website.

**I. Price Discount for Youth & Boy's & 8-and-unders:** As an incentive for clubs/teams to provide training and programs in developmental age groups (they do not have to form teams to play in tournaments but you are providing the opportunity to grow a love for the sport for players at younger ages), the Region is offering two membership categories this season: Youth (all girls born on/after July 1, 2012) will have a fee of \$15 and all Boys (18 and younger) will have a fee of \$25. **The Carolina Region is also encouraging all of our larger clubs to try to form at least one 18 and under Boys team and a 14 and under Boys team.** Brothers of your existing players are a good source to recruit to form these teams! The play/practice structure of these teams do not have to be the same format as your girls teams. Contact the Region Office for more details! **NOTE:** For girls clubs – if a player will be playing on a team playing in a National Qualifier or the Junior Olympic Volleyball Championships, USA Volleyball requires all participants to be FULL members (the Youth and multi-day, one-event categories are not a full membership by USAV definition). Those players will need to join as a Junior member in order to play in those events. USA Volleyball has created an 8-and-under membership category (born on or after July 1, 2015). The fee for this category is \$0!! (USAV is paying the insurance costs for this category). Players in the 8-and-under category can participate with your older teams but USAV is also hoping clubs will form their own low-cost training and developmental opportunities specifically for this youngest age group. Help us hook the next generation of volleyball players on this sport!

**J. Junior Boys Information:** If competitive opportunities for the Boys' **12's** (or under) do not meet their needs, they will be permitted to enter appropriate level girls' 12's to 18's tournaments if there is room in the tournament (girls' teams will receive priority if they enter by the deadline). In such a situation, games against boys' teams will count in pool standings, and the boys' teams WILL be able to advance to playoffs if they qualify (however, if a boys' team makes the playoffs of a girl's tournament they will automatically be moved to a higher age and/or division their next tournament). For the Girl's 13-and-under age groups, teams will be allowed to add a maximum of TWO boys to the roster in order to encourage participation for boys and girls at these age groups. The Region will work with these teams to find an appropriate Girl's division to play in. In an effort to further promote the growth of Boys volleyball in North Carolina, the region is publishing a Boys' 2024 Tournament schedule. See the Tournament menu of our website, to view the scheduled dates.

**K. One-Event Registrations:** The Carolina Region and USA Volleyball also offers a one-event registration category for new players that want to experience Carolina Region tournaments to see what it is like or as an option when a team needs to pick up a player in order to play in a tournament. The one-event membership will cover one-day and multi-day tournaments as it is good for 5 days from the start date indicated during the registration process. Players using this category must still register online, indicate the start date of the event they are participating in during the application process, pay the one-event fee of \$10 (\$5 Region; \$5 to USAV), and submit the membership application and fee at least one week before the tournament. A one-event can also be added as late as Thursday before the tournament with the \$5 late fee (i.e. same registration requirements as regular members). Players may only play as a one-event registration twice during the indoor season and then must upgrade to a full registration (individuals will receive credit for the one-event member fee when upgrading). The Region will allow a team to be formed in the one-event category once per season. Each player would pay \$10 and the one-event team fee would be \$10. The deadline for receipt of registrations remains the same as above (one week before). If the team wanted to do the one-event category again, no more than three of the original players can be on the second team's roster. USA Volleyball has created a Tryout membership that players may choose if unsure they will make a team and want to attend any sanctioned tryouts between July 6 and Dec. 31. The cost for the Tryout membership will be \$11 (\$6 Region; \$5 to USAV). If the player makes a team, they can later upgrade to a full membership and will receive partial credit for their prior payment (upgrade required before they can be added to a roster).

**L. Sanctioning Events:** One of the benefits of membership in the Carolina Region/USA Volleyball is coverage under the USAV Insurance Policy at all **SANCTIONED** USAV events. **NOTE:** CR/USAV Sanctioning **REQUIRES** all participants to be CURRENT members of USA Volleyball (and all adults affiliating with Junior teams need to have cleared the USAV Background Screen before participation). Teams and Clubs can request to have their practices, clinics, developmental leagues, or other volleyball-related event sanctioned by the Carolina Region in order to be covered under the USAV Insurance Program. Please go to our Forms (Insurance) section of our website for more information about the USAV Insurance Program and to electronically submit the Event Sanction Request Form (required in order to receive sanctioning of any event).

**M. Faxed Information/Copies and Credit Cards:** All individual and team registrations will now only be accepted online. The Region will accept Tournament Sanction Request forms by fax or email. We do not require the originals of those documents to be mailed in (unless the fax is unreadable). The Region has a PayPal account to accept credit cards. If you would like to pay your tournament entries by credit card, go to our Online Payments page linked from our website and find the appropriate box to submit a PayPal payment to the Region (NOTE: this process may change for 2024 so see the [tournament entry information page](#) before submitting entries this season). You can also go to [www.paypal.com](http://www.paypal.com), click on the "Send Money" tab at the top, use [office@CarolinaRegionVB.org](mailto:office@CarolinaRegionVB.org) as the email to send to, and be sure to include in the note the team name and any other pertinent details (tournament date, division, number of players/teams registering, etc). **NOTE: You DO NOT need to be a member or open an account with PayPal in order to send money. You can make a one-time credit/debit card payment through PayPal without opening a PayPal account!** All team fees will be invoiced by the Region to the Club Admin in the MMS for payment. You do not need to submit team fees on our Online Payments page any longer.

**N. ADDITIONAL FORMS/INFORMATION:**

Please go to [CarolinaRegionVB.org](http://CarolinaRegionVB.org) and visit the Juniors section, the General Information section, the Clubs section, and the Tournament Director section to download additional forms that you may need for Registration/Tournaments:

- (a) 2024 Online [Team Registration Form](#) (Clubs)
- (b) 2023/2024 [Event/Practice Sanction Request Form](#) (not for tournament requests) (Forms)
- (c) Club Player Movement Form (Clubs)
- (d) Blank Tournament Entry Form (Clubs)
- (e) USAV Participant Code of Conduct (Forms)
- (f) Host Your Own Clinic Information (Clinics & Forms)
- (g) Insurance Forms and Information (Forms)
- (h) 2024 Junior Team Handbook (Clubs)
- (i) Tournament Sanction Request Form (Forms)

Plus, even more information on Carolina Region volleyball. Have a great season!

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“Like” us today for news updates, photos, and updates from other CR members	“Follow” us today for updates and information from the Region.	“Subscribe” to our channel for How-To, Introductory, and more



<b>Classification and Fee Schedule</b>			
<b>INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION</b>			
<b>Classification</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Regular Fee</b>	
Junior (players only; NOT adults affiliated with Junior teams)	18 and under - Players who were born on or after July. 1, 2005 or Players who were born on or after July 1, 2004 AND a high school student in the twelfth (12 <sup>th</sup> ) grade or below during some part of the current academic year. 17 and under - Players who were born on or after July. 1, 2006. 16 and under - Players who were born on or after July 1, 2007. 15 and under - Players who were born on or after July 1, 2008. 14 and under - Players who were born on or after July. 1, 2009. 13 and under - Players who were born on or after July 1, 2010. 12 and under -Players who were born on or after July 1, 2011.	\$55 (\$30 Region fee; \$25 USAV fee)	
Adult	Amateur playing status for men and women (18 or older) who are registered on adult teams; adult players, team reps, coaches and officials. 18-year-old players on a Junior team will register with the junior membership above.	\$50 (\$25 Region fee; \$25 USAV)	
Other	Youth (born on or after July 1, 2012)	\$15 (\$8 Region fee; \$7 USAV fee)	
	8 and under Member Category (born on or after July 1, 2015)	Free!	
	Boys (ages 18 and younger)	\$25 \$0 Region fee; \$25 USAV fee)	
	Outdoor	\$22 (\$5.85 Region fee; \$16.15 USAV fee)	
	One-Event (Limit two per season)	\$10 good for 5 consecutive days (\$5 Region fee; \$5 USAV fee)	
	Facility/League	Please inquire	
Patron	Groups or organizations desiring to support or participate in Carolina Region volleyball.	\$50 minimum donation	
<b>TEAM REGISTRATION</b>			
<b>Classification</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Regular Fee</b>	<b>Early Fee</b>
Junior	All players must qualify as Junior members of USA Volleyball	\$85 (after 12/1)	\$65 (before 12/1)
Regular/Adult	All teams not qualifying for the above classifications.	waived	waived
<b>CLUB REGISTRATION (EARLY REGISTRATION ONLY BY DEC 1, 2023)</b>			
Club fee	Club fee has been eliminated for all clubs. All clubs have privilege of player movement this season!		
If 1-10 teams	JUNIORS - All teams pay \$65 each		
If Club has > 10 teams	JUNIORS - teams 1-10 pay \$65 each first; then teams 11+ pay \$55 each		
<p>The above Club structure team fees applies to <b>JUNIOR Early Group Registration only</b>. The president of any club will submit the Club Registration form online which includes all officer's addresses, phone numbers and other information on the club. Clubs may register individuals with the Region as club members who are not assigned to a particular team. Such individuals are eligible to participate with any team in the club at their level, subject to the Region's player movement regulations. Teams may be added to a club after the Early Bird deadline (Dec 1) but will pay the regular team fee of \$85 for each team thereafter. The Region will now invoice all clubs for their team fees after the club has uploaded their team rosters into the USAV Governing Season and completed the online Team Registration form.</p>			