

# NLVA Club Policies and Regulations

## **Registered Club Definition:**

Any team; or group of teams, where;

- Club has is business or not for profit status, and/or
- Athletes pay a membership or club fee to participate, and/or
- Athletes are from multiple regions
  - Eg. (A school team that picks up a player(s) out of region for VC nationals, must register as a club prior to the deadline)

## **Other Club Definitions:**

- School based Club Team - Athletes from the same school or feeder school, but operate outside the school's umbrella
- Regional Based Club team- Athletes from the same region, but different schools.
  - (eg. Own insurance, different team name, etc)

***School based club teams" and "Regional based club teams" do not need to adhere to this document and deadlines. These teams needs to refer to the NLVA Registration Booklet for important dates, deadlines, and procedures pertaining to VC nationals.***

## **Club Eligibility:**

All clubs must be registered and in good standing with the NLVA each season. The club registration deadline each year is September 30<sup>th</sup>. In order to be an eligible club, prior to the deadline the club must have:

- Club lead/president/contact must be a member in good standing with the NLVA, with a competitive membership.
- All coaches and board members and persons in authority (PIA) associated with the club must also be registered competitive members.
- Filled out the club application form, and completed the club registration payment.
- All coaches and board members must have completed all requirements under the PIA checklist
  - Background check (Sterling or RCMP must be uploaded via Sportlomo account)
  - Safe Sport Module
  - MED Online Evaluation
  - Making Headway
  - ***Screening policy (New for 2023-2024)***

- Safe sport, MED and Making Head Way, are completed through [The Locker](#) on the CAC website. If you do not have a NCCP number, this can be obtained free of charge when you register on the CAC website.
- The Safe Sport Module must be completed BEFORE you register with the NLVA. NCCP numbers (CAC) must be provided when completing the registration form in SportLomo.
- As per Volleyball Canada Club Policies , clubs who are a registered not for profit must have current Constitution, AGM and financial information available for viewing as well as a clear complaints process with a 3<sup>rd</sup> party liason.

**\*Important notes\***

- Any club lead/president/contact change, must be submitted in writing to the NLVA to be approved, prior to change.
- Club registration fees are
  - \$250 for new clubs
  - \$200 for returning clubs
- Failure to meet any of the above requirements will result in a \$100 penalty per occurrence. This fee is charged to the club, and not the individual coach.

**Athlete and Coach eligibility:**

All athletes and coaches must be registered competitive members of the NLVA and in good standing. As well;

- Coaches must meet the NLVA's coach certification policy prior to the tryout window start date. Exceptions can be made for Assistant Coaches only, provided minimum requirements above are met.
- Coaches and athletes must provide all relevant personal information which is up to date. Any changes to personal information must immediately be updated with the club
- Coaches and athletes must have read, and signed the NLVA's participant's code of conduct

**\*Important\***

**No club will be covered under NLVA insurance unless all of the above requirements have been completed by all necessary individuals.**

**Club recruiting and tryout windows**

Each year there are blackout dates in which clubs are not permitted to operate, recruit, or advertise. This window will be from July 1<sup>st</sup> to November 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. Clubs can advertise tryout dates, times and locations from athletes from October 1<sup>st</sup> (Jr High) and Nov 1<sup>st</sup> (Sr High)

onward, but cannot operate until the tryout window begins. The **tryout window** for High School athletes begins 1 day following the gender specific, SSNL event. For Jr High Athletes, **the tryout window** begins 1 day following the last Volley (Fest, West, Central) of each year. The tryout window will close on December 30<sup>th</sup> for high school athletes, and will close 2 weeks after the tryout window begins for Jr High athletes. ***It is important to note, an athlete's attendance at a tryout, is not a commitment to participate with that club.***

All Athletes must have accepted a position within a club by December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year. Clubs can begin to offer athletes positions any time after the **tryout window** ends, however, **No High School athlete can sign or accept a position with a club before December 27<sup>th</sup>, and no Jr High athlete can accept a position for a period of 1 week after the tryout window ends, of each year.** This will be referred to as the "Signing window". This is to provide athletes with an opportunity to attend the tryouts of multiple clubs, worry free of any repercussions.

In order for clubs to fill roster positions, clubs can offer any un accepted positions to athletes until the NLVA Provincial Championship registration deadline, or until rosters have been filled.

#### **\*To commence in the 2024-2025 season\***

Athletes who wish to return to their previous club, do not need to attend tryouts if they wish. There will be a returning athlete signing period, which runs 1 week before the tryout window begins in each year. During this time, athletes may reach out to a club, to request to resign. ***A club cannot initiate this contact, it must be initiated by the athlete and/or parents.*** (Begins in winter of 2024)

Clubs are not required to honor the request to re-sign an athlete. Clubs can request that the athlete attend tryouts.

A maximum of 12 athletes per team are permitted to complete the resigning process.

Clubs can begin to offer athletes a position within a club once the athlete has attended a tryout session, however athletes cannot commit until the signing window has started.

Any violation of the above rules and guidelines will be penalized as follows:

1. First offence \$250 fine to the club
2. 2<sup>nd</sup> offence \$500 fine to the club, and \$250 to the offending coach
3. All further offences are \$750 to the club, and \$500 to the coach
  - a. Further offences are also subject to a disciplinary review by the NLVA executive and may result in sanctions for both club and coach.

#### **Club Selection and registration**

Clubs must have final selections completed and rosters loaded into Sportlomo prior to the NLVA Provincial Championship registration deadline (typically mid-late January).

New clubs need to contact Sportlomo after club approval to have a Club Portal opened, and gain access to the roster sheets.

Roster sheets must reflect rosters at all NLVA and Volleyball Canada Events. Any roster changes after the NLVA Championship registration deadline are subject to a \$50 per player fee.

## **2023-2024 Season dates:**

Tryout windows:

High School Female tryout window begins December 4<sup>th</sup> 2023 and closes on Dec 30<sup>th</sup>

High School Male tryout window begins December 11<sup>th</sup> 2023 and closes on Dec 30<sup>th</sup>

Jr High Male and Female window begins November 5<sup>th</sup> 2023 and closes Nov 19<sup>th</sup>

Advertising Dates

Clubs are permitted to advertise High School Male and Female Tryouts-from November 1<sup>st</sup> onwards and Jr High Male and Female Tryouts from October 1<sup>st</sup> onwards