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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 and/or
Team is attending VC Nationals
*Clubs must declare their intention to attend Nationals prior to October 1st *

Other Club Definitions:
School based Club Team - Athletes from the same school or feeder school, but operate outside the school's umbrella (not attending VC Nationals)

Regional Based Club team- Athletes from the same region, but different schools (not attending VC Nationals)

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 registered clubs must be registered, approved, paid the club fee, and in good standing with the NLVA each season. The club registration deadline each year is September 30th. 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 Persons in Authority (Board members, Club officials, Referees, coaches, managers, etc) must have completed all requirements under the PIA checklist
    - Background check (Sterling or RCMP must be uploaded via Sportlomo account)
    - Safe Sport Module
    - The Safe Sport module is 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.
    - Screening and disclosure form
- Failure to meet these requirements can result in sanctions against the club

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 3rd party liaison.
Important notes

- Any club lead/president/contact change, after a club has been registered and approved must submit the change in writing to the NLVA. Failure to do so, may result in sanctions for the club, or voided insurance.
- Club registration fees are
    - $250 for new clubs
    - $200 for returning clubs

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 PIA 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 must be approved NLVA members prior to participating in tryouts.

Important

- No club will be covered under NLVA insurance unless the above requirements have been met

The Club Season
The club season begins on October 1st and ends on May 31st
The Advertising window begins on October 1st
The Re-Signing window begins on October 1st, and closes on November 1st
The tryout windows :
The 13u, 14u, and 15u Tryout period begins on November 1st
The 16u-17u-18u tryout period begins 1 day following the respective gender SSNL 4a Event
Team practices can commence on or after January first
Each year there are blackout dates in which clubs are not permitted to operate team activities. The blackout window will be from July 1st to November 1st of each year (This applies only to team activities and team training).

Club Advertising and Re-signing windows
Clubs can advertise tryout dates, times and locations, identify who will be coaching in the club, practices times and locations, and any other logistical information athletes may need from athletes from October 1st onward, but cannot operate tryouts until the tryout window begins.

Athletes must initiate the re-signing request
Clubs have the option to not re-sign the athlete, or request that the athlete attend the clubs tryouts.
Athletes can only re-sign which clubs who in the previous year , they participated with.

Other important information:
Clubs must respond to the re-signing request within 48 hours
Re-signed athletes are not permitted to attend any tryouts for any club.

Recruiting: There is a strict no recruiting policy for all clubs. Recruiting is defined as any Club personnel or representative who;

- Actively seeks out and contacts athletes for the purpose of inviting them directly to a club team.
- The promise or suggestion that the athlete will be successful at their club tryout
- The offer or promise of any financial incentives if the athlete joins the club, this includes any fundraising, pay for service opportunities that are not available to all members of the club.
- Any other action where an athlete is pursued and offered special treatment to sign with their club

Club Tryouts

**Injured athlete tryout*

For athletes who are injured during the tryout window there are 2 options:

- Attend a clubs tryout, but not participate in on court activity.
    - This allows the athlete to view the club and make a determination on if they would like to sign with that club.
- Wait until the singing window ends, and reach out to clubs to be signed at that time.

For Clubs:

- Injured athletes must make the club aware that they are injured before the tryout.
- The tryout fee must be paid
- Clubs can choose to sign the athlete, decline the athlete, or to request an on court tryout with the club when the athlete is cleared to play (this should not come at an additional cost to the athlete)

Club Signing

The "Signing window" will be a period 5 days from the beginning of the tryout window.

- In this period clubs can offer athletes a position within a club, once the athlete has attended a tryout session.
- Athletes can accept an offer anytime after they are received . Athletes who have offers must accept and decline offers within 5 days from the beginning of the tryout window or risk having the offer revoked.
- Once an offer is accepted, the athlete must decline any other offers received.
- Once an athlete accepts an offer from a club, they are no longer permitted to attend another clubs tryouts.

Clubs are not able to place response demands on athletes until the Signing window has ended. Any offers to athletes after the Signing window has ended, are permitted to have response time demands/restrictions, but must allow a minimum 24 hour for a response.

Athlete responsibilities during the signing, and tryout windows

- Athletes must initiate the re-signing process by contacting the club from the previous season. Clubs must respond to the athlete within 48 hours.
- Athletes are permitted to accept any offer once it is received during the tryout window
- Once an athlete accepts an offer from a club, they are no longer permitted to attend another clubs tryouts.
- ***Update:*** For teams in the 16u-18u age group, who have re-signed 7 or more athletes, those athletes can attend a clubs tryout session provided :
    - The re-signed athletes are not charged for the tryout
    - The athletes who have re-signed, are identified in the tryout
    - The athletes who are in the paid tryout are given priority to demonstrate skill
        - Clubs should use discretion on how many re-signed athletes attend the tryout based on the number of paid tryout participants.

In order for clubs to fill roster positions, clubs can offer any un-accepted positions directly to athletes until the NLVA Provincial Championship registration deadline. Clubs who offer athletes positions must allow a minimum of 48 hours for a response.
For any unsigned athletes, or athletes who did not participate in tryouts, they are permitted to contact clubs to inquire about roster positions or programs each year from January 1st onward.

Club Selections and registration

Clubs must have completed the club approval form, prior to October 1st each year.
New clubs need to contact Sportlomo after the club has been approved, to have a Club Portal opened, and gain access to the roster sheets
Clubs must have final selections completed and rosters loaded into Sportlomo prior to the NLVA Provincial Championship registration deadline (typically mid-late January) for NLVA provincial events, and before the roster lock deadline (typically 2 weeks before) the Club Championships.

Club Championships

The club championships is held annually prior to Nationals and will be used for Nationals rankings, and to determine the following years automatic berth at Nationals (given to the champion of each age/gender category). The roster used for this event must exactly match your Nationals roster. Any roster changes after the Club Championship roster lock deadline are subject to the associated player add Fees.
The Club championship is used to comply with VC specific rules, and therefore all stipulations listed in the VC Competitions guide must be followed.
https://volleyball.ca/uploads/Competitions/Nationals/2024/2024_VC_Indoor_Competiti on_Guide_EN_-_Final.pdf
It is the responsibly of each club (or team) competing at VC Nationals to ensure they have the appropriate club portal in Sportlomo, and understand how to use and navigate the portal.

Athlete Transfers

Athletes who re-sign, or accept a clubs offer are not permitted to participate in events with any other clubs.
This only pertains to club teams. Athletes are free to attend any skills sessions or other non-team training that any club offers.
Clubs are not permitted to recruit any athletes during the club season.
If an athlete wishes to leave a club and join another, they must follow the procedure below:

1. The athlete (or parent/guardian) must contact the club they are currently participating with, and inform them about the transfer.
2. The Club contacts the NLVA with details of the transfer.
3. The NLVA will contact both the club and athlete for information.
4. The NLVA will contact the club the athlete wishes to participate with.
5. The new club will choose to accept or deny the transfer request.