



REVISED TRYOUT & PLAYER COMMITMENT POLICY
Issued July 10, 2009

To: Florida Region Jr. Club Directors

The JAB & Board of Directors have approved the following policy regarding jr. club tryouts and commitment dates for the 2009/2010 season. This policy replaces all former policies regarding these topics.

Tryout Policy for USAV Girl's Indoor Junior Club teams for the 2009/2010 season:

The following definitions are being used:

- Florida Region USAV membership season dates – Sep 1, 2009 to Aug 31, 2010
- FHSAA Girl's Volleyball Competition season dates – Aug 31, 2009 to Nov 21, 2009
- WebPoint is the official online registration system of the Florida Region of USA Volleyball. All members must register with this system to be recognized as members in good standing with USA Volleyball.

The following events are APPROVED for the 2009/2010 membership season:

- Players not on a FHSAA Varsity or JV roster may attend a USAV sanctioned tryout at any time during the USAV membership year. These players may also participate in any USAV sanctioned practices, individual training sessions, private lessons, clinics, scrimmages, or tournaments during the USAV membership year.
- Players on a FHSAA Varsity or JV roster may attend a USAV sanctioned tryout on Aug 22/23/29/30, 2009 or on/after Nov 22, 2009. These players may also participate in any USAV sanctioned practices, individual training sessions, private lessons, or clinics on Sundays during the FHSAA volleyball season.
- All players may commit to an indoor junior club as early as Sep 1, 2009. Club Directors must capture a player & parent signature on the Florida Region Player Commitment Form to record the commitment. The form with the earliest date will be the one recognized by the Florida Region.

The following events are NOT APPROVED for the 2009/2010 membership season:

- Players on a FHSAA Varsity or JV roster may NOT attend a USAV sanctioned tryout between Aug 31, 2009 and Nov 21, 2009. These players also may NOT participate in any USAV sanctioned multi-club scrimmages or tournaments during these dates.
- Once a player affiliates with a junior club in WebPoint, they may not transfer from their "club of record" in WebPoint without a written release from the Club Director of the club they wish to depart. The written release must be received in the Florida Region office before a transfer will be granted.



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The Florida Region JAB & Board of Directors would also make the following comments and/or recommendations to our Girl's Indoor Junior Clubs regarding tryouts and player commitments:

- While we are allowing clubs to hold tryouts prior to the start of the 2009/2010 season, they are not mandatory and are only being allowed to help clubs that wish to lock in their rosters prior to the start of the official FHSAA competition season. Anyone trying out prior to the start of the 2009/2010 season must be a USAV member in good standing. Any coach participating in a tryout must be a USAV member in good standing and must have a valid USAV background screen.
- With so many volleyball playing opportunities now available, players are more prone to overuse injuries than ever before. Therefore, we strongly recommend that any USAV sanctioned practice, individual training session, private lesson, or clinic not exceed two hours in length on any given day.
- We respect that parents should be able to seek additional training for their children and regularly recommend our member clubs as a place to obtain high level training and instruction.
- Our goal in establishing this new policy is to allow our members to take full advantage of their USAV membership, which now begins on Sep 1 of each year.
- We desire to provide the safest training environment possible whereby all coaches in a USAV junior club are fully background screened prior to interacting with USAV junior players.
- Renewing players should select UNDECIDED as their club affiliation in WebPoint. If UNDECIDED is selected, players will be able to change their club affiliation once by logging into their membership record and making the change. Any other changes must be elevated to the Registrar in the Florida Region office.
- Junior Clubs will only be able to add a player to a team roster if they are affiliated with their club. Players not affiliated with a club will not be visible to the Club Director or WebPoint Club Admin.
- Remember that the recruiting policy has not changed and we require all junior clubs and their representatives to comply with the Florida Region Recruiting Policy (located in the Junior Handbook on the FORMS page of the Florida Region website).

The penalty for non-compliance with this policy remains the same: The offending club will face a fine of \$1,000.00 and a possible suspension of the Club Director for up to one year.

Issued and approved by the Florida Region Junior Admin Board (JAB) and the Florida Region Board of Directors on July 10, 2009.

James Phillips, Commissioner/Chairman

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