

2011-2012 Season Adult Player Handbook

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2011- 2012 Season Adult Registration Policy

Adult Team Registration Categories

Regular Adult - A team composed entirely of regular adult members of the same gender. Teams must have six registered players on the roster to qualify as a team.

Age Group Teams - GEVA recognizes conglomerate age group teams. It is the intent of this rule to encourage the formation of age group teams with the intent of competing at the National Championships. Men and women who have or will reach the age of 40 years or older during the season will be allowed to play on an age group team IN ADDITION to their regular team.

These conglomerate age group teams will be allowed to participate in regular season tournaments but will not be allowed to play in Regional Championships. Individuals must be registered as part of a regular adult team. When competing, age group teams will play at the players' registered skill level or higher (ie; B level players may play as a Masters team at the B level) and will conform to all GEVA borrowing rules (they will be allowed to have 1 higher level player). If more than one higher level player wants to play the team must compete at a higher level. Rosters must be provided as part of tournament entry to ensure that players are registered at the appropriate levels.

Individual Membership Categories

All individuals must be registered with USAV and the Region to be able to participate in or host a Region sanctioned event or to serve in an elected or appointed position in the Region.

The categories of membership in GEVA are defined in the following paragraphs. Additional categories may be defined which fall within the guidelines of USAV.

Regular/Adult - The regular members of GEVA are those members who are above the age of Junior membership as defined by USAV. Those people that fall into the regular member category are: players (male and female), coaches, managers, officials, team representatives. Others such as chaperones, trainers that take out individual memberships are considered as members-at-large and not necessarily affiliated with any team or organization within GEVA.

Outdoor/Summer - A special category of registration. It is required of each individual desiring to participate in a GEVA/USA Volleyball sanctioned outdoor competition if he/she is not already a GEVA member.

College Membership: A special GEVA/USA membership for full time college students This membership will allow College teams to participate in all GEVA sanctioned tournaments.

Registration Requirements:

Players are reminded that GEVA/USAV memberships start September 1 and expire the following August 31 each season regardless of when a player registers throughout the season.

Friendship Season Play: During the Friendship season, all teams are required to complete the One Day membership (Friendship Registration Form (one page per team)) at every tournament (this is your registration). The Tournament Director will review the registration forms and send the completed forms to the office after every tournament. Teams may complete the regular registration forms.

Sanctioned Season Play: Teams and players must be fully registered with GEVA before they will be allowed to play. Teams must register with no less than SIX players at the time of registration.

Player Registration - Individuals must log onto the USA Volleyball web site (web point) and follow the directions to enter the registration information

2011-2012 Adult Team Registration Procedures

For this season there is no team fee. The team fee is now included in the individual member registration fee. All players must be registered individually with USA Volleyball (USAV) on the Web point system before they can be added to a team roster. If a player does not register with USAV on Web point, that player can fill a registration form and submit that form to GEVA. ***However, there is an additional \$25.00 fee if the Webpoint system is not used.***

To create a team roster, use the following procedures.

1. E-mail the following information to the GEVA Adult Registrar (registrar@geva.org). This information is required seven (7) days prior to a tournament you have registered for.
 - a. The name of your team
 - b. The name of the team representative
 - c. The names and USAV membership numbers of all of the players who will members of this team
 - i. Six (6) or more players are required to form a team
 - ii. All of these players must be registered with USAV/GEVA
2. After your team roster has been received by the GEVA Adult Registrar and processed, the team roster will be available on the USAV Web point system. Once this roster is available on Web point, a copy of this roster must be brought to every tournament. **NOTE:** If your team roster is not yet available on Web

point, you must a copy of the team registration form and two (2) completed roster forms along with a copy of the individual membership registration form (or membership card) for each player.

- a. The team registration and team roster forms are on the GEVA website under Forms.

The team roster can be updated to add additional players. This can be done only by the team representative.

1. E-mail the following information to the GEVA Adult Registrar (registrar@geva.org). This information is required seven (7) days prior to a tournament you have registered for.
 - a. The name of your team
 - b. The name of the team representative
 - c. The names and USAV membership numbers of all of the new players being added to the team roster.
 - i. These players must be registered with USAV/GEVA

Proof of Registration

There are two acceptable methods to prove registration status:

- a. An individual USAV registration card printed from USA Volleyball web point system.
- b. The player's name appearing on a GEVA supplied and approved roster.

Player Changing between Teams:

- a. A player may petition the Region to change teams only once per season by submitting a letter to the Adult Director.
- b. The Representatives of both teams must acknowledge the move request in writing. The only acceptable reason for denying a move will be financial.
- c. The change will become effective immediately.

Inter-Team Player movement: Borrowed players

Note the following if you plan on borrowing players from other teams:

- Players that will be borrowed MUST already be registered with another team. A copy of that team roster must be brought to the tournament where the borrowed player will be used
 - As the borrowed player is already on another team roster, that player must not be added to your team roster
- **NOTE:** If the borrowed player is NOT already on another team roster, that player MUST be added to your roster; all players MUST be on a team roster before they can play. ***The "borrowed" player can be***

moved to another team using the "Changing Teams" procedures outlined in the Adult Player Handbook.

1. AA-A or A/BB Tournaments:

A team can consist of any six (6), or more, GEVA registered players from any level.

2. BB Tournaments:

A BB team is allowed to borrow up to three (3) players from any A, BB, or B level GEVA registered team. Only one of the three players may be from an A registered team. **No player can be borrowed from an AA Team.**

3. B Tournaments:

A B team is allowed to borrow up to three (3) players from any BB or B level registered GEVA team. Only one of the three players maybe from a BB registered team. **No player can be borrowed from an AA or an A Team.**

4. B/BB Tournaments:

- A **BB team** is allowed to borrow up to three (3) players from any BB or B level registered GEVA team. **No player can be borrowed from an AA or A team.**
- A **B team** is allowed to borrow up to three (3) players from any BB or B level registered GEVA team. **No player can be borrowed from an AA or an A Team.**

5. Player's cannot play for more than one team in a tournament or a multiple day tournament.

6. Final rosters for the 2012 Regional Championship are due by March 1st 2012

7. Player's may not be borrowed for the Regional Championship.

Conduct of Tournaments

Adult Tournaments

Types of Tournaments

Tournaments during the Sanctioned season can be run as a single level of play and of same gender.

Tournaments during the Friendship/Seeding season will be run as A/AA or B/BB level of play and of same gender.

Exceptions to these rules may be granted with application to the Regional office.

Junior Teams in Adult Tournaments

Junior teams playing in Adult tournaments will be considered to have the following skill levels for purposes of defining a tournament: Any exception will be with the approval on the **Adult Competition Director**

17 & 18 Junior teams = BB

15 & 16 Junior teams = B

Adult Tournament Organization

Adult Sanctioned Tournament Officiating Requirements

Referee Guidelines

All sanctioned tournaments will utilize USAV certified R1's on all matches.

Work Teams

Teams will provide the work crews for matches as assigned by the published schedule. Playoffs work teams will come from either the last pool play match if required or the team with a bye.

Adult Tournament Reporting:

GEVA is utilizing a seeding system for Adult tournaments. The results of the tournament will be entered into the online Tournament Management system on the Monday immediately following the tournament. The results will also be mailed into the GEVA Adult Director on the Monday following the tournament. The results need to include all scores from pool-play as well as the play-offs and finals.

- a. The signed rosters, score sheets and the GEVA tournament reporting sheet must be mailed in to the GEVA office on the Monday following the tournament.
- b. Report all incidents (player conduct and injury) by telephone immediately. The appropriate forms must be sent in to the Insurance Company and GEVA offices within 24 hours of the incident.

Adult Ranking System

The Ranking system will be used to reflect tournament results and the seeding of subsequent tournaments.

Ranking System

- a. The ranking system is based upon head-to-head competition. Teams will gain or lose points depending on their opponent. Each game will be counted during the season.
- b. Playoff matches are worth more points in this system.
- c. The rankings are entered and the results posted on the GEVA web site. All team representatives can review their team's results and ranking.

Tournament Entry

ON LINE entry in to tournaments

There are two types of sanctioned tournaments on line GEVA hosted tournaments and NON GEVA hosted tournaments

All teams must enter all tournaments on the GEVA website
Click on adults then click on a tournament and you will see view all events come up. Click on
view all events and enter the tournament of your choice.

All GEVA hosted tournaments are to be entered and paid on line. If entered by 11:59 Sunday the
week prior to the tournament the fee is \$160.00. There is a \$20.00 late fee if you enter the
tournament from 12:00am Monday on.

All NON GEVA hosted tournaments must be entered on line. Depending how the tournament
director has made arrangements for the tournaments to be paid will depend whether you may pay
on line or send a check.

Tournament Play

Adult Tournament Play

Adult Friendship Tournaments

During the Friendship season, all teams are required to complete the One Day membership (League registration form (one page per team)) at every tournament (this is your registration). The Tournament Director will review the registration forms and send the completed forms to the office after every tournament. Teams may use a GEVA webpoint roster if all their players are pre registered and listed on the roster

Adult Regular Season Tournaments

Moving Teams

- a. Teams may request a transfer to another level by submitting a written request to the Adult Competition Committee. Teams must provide an explanation for their movement request. Each request will be reviewed on a case by case basis.

Player Eligibility

Players must be registered on the team they are playing with or be borrowed as per the guidelines.

- a. A player(s) may only register on-site with a paper registration. the Tournament Director will add the player(s) name to the roster.
- b. In the case of players being borrowed, the players must sign a copy of their team's roster and turn it in to the tournament director otherwise they will not be allowed to play.
- c. A player may be registered in only one Region as per USAV guidelines.

Adult Regional Championship

Player Eligibility

In order to play in Regionals, a player must have registered with GEVA/USA and be on the teams roster by March 1st.

Team Eligibility

- a. In order to play in Regionals, a team must complete and turn in their roster by March 1st. No player may be added after March 1st.
- b. Teams may not borrow players for Regionals.

Adult Tournament Entry Guidelines

There are 2 types of GEVA sanctioned tournaments

- a. GEVA run tournaments: All entries must be entered and paid on line for GEVA tournaments. There is a \$20.00 late fee applied to all entries that are made after Sunday 11:59 pm the week prior to a tournament.
- b. NON GEVA run tournaments
All entries must be entered on line for NON GEVA run tournaments. A check is to be mailed to the tournament director unless there is a pay on line option,

Adult Tournament Withdrawal

The following tournament withdrawal procedures will be followed in the case of any registered team withdrawing from a tournament:

- a. If the team withdraws two Mondays before the tournament date (12 or 13 days) depending upon a Saturday or Sunday tournament), there is no penalty and the entry fee will be refunded in full.
- b. If a team withdraws 7-12 (or 13) days prior to the tournament they will receive a refund of one half of their entry.
- c. If the team withdraws six or less days prior to the tournament, but 24 hours prior to the start of the tournament, they will lose their entry fee. There is no further penalty.
- d. If the team does not contact the tournament director at least 24 hours before the start of the tournament, the entry fee will automatically be lost. The team will also be required to re-register by paying a team registration fee in order to continue to participate in tournaments for the rest of the season.
- e. If the team is a no-show, in addition to the actions and penalties in rule d. The case will be reviewed by the GEVA Ethics and Eligibility Committee for possible further action.

Team Tournament Responsibilities

Work Assignments

- a. Teams will be required to work a maximum of two matches during pool play. Additionally a team may be required to work during playoffs based upon published guidelines.
- b. Teams must provide a work team consisting of; 2 linespersons, a second referee, a scorekeeper and an assistant scorekeeper. Any member of the work team will be replaced at the direction of the referee/tournament director.

- c. A team who is late for a work assignment will automatically forfeit one point per minute they are late from the first game of their next match and have to work for the team that covered for them.
- d. A team which leaves early without fulfilling their work obligation will also be required to re-register by paying a team fee of \$60.00 in order to continue to participate in tournaments for the rest of the season. A second offense will result in a fine of 3 times the team registration fee. Any subsequent violation will result in a fine of 5 times the team registration fee.

Adult Uniform Guidelines

Friendship Season

Players will be required to wear a jersey with a number during Friendship/Seeding tournaments so as to facilitate the rating of officials. Score sheets are to be kept for scorekeeping practice.

Regular Season

- a. Uniform shirts will be identical with the exception of sleeve length. Number size and placement will conform to the requirements of the USAV Domestic Competition Guidelines.
- b. Uniform shorts for GEVA sanctioned Adult tournaments must be of the same dominant color.

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