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CHAPTER IV: RULES & REGULATIONS

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RULES OF PLAY

The 2009-2011 Domestic Competition Regulations will be in effect throughout the 2009-2010 season and for the USA Volleyball Boys' Junior National Championships. Participants, coaches and team representatives in the USA Volleyball Boys' Junior National Championships are subject to and must obey ALL rules, regulations and policies of USA Volleyball herein or otherwise written. Key rules are listed below:

- Rally Score to 25, all games must be won by a margin of two (2) points.
- Deciding games will be rally to 15 (of a 2 out of 3 **OR** 3 out of 5 game set)
- There will be a coin toss between games two and three to determine "side", "serve" or "receive" in a 3-team pool where 3 sets to 25 are played and the final finish in the pool is determined by game percentage.
- Twelve (12) substitutions and a Libero; the Libero player must be identified prior to each set
- The Roster may contain up to 15 players and no more than 5 staff members.
- Net heights
 - Boys 15's - 18's: 2.43 m (7'-11 5/8")
 - Boys 13's - 14's: 2.24 m (7'-4 1/8")
 - Boys 12's: 2.13 m (7'-0")
- Balls
 - The Molten "Pro Touch" V58 (red, white & blue) for the 13 – 18 divisions.
 - The Molten "VBLITE" (red, white & blue) for the 12 & Under division.
- Each team must play within its own playing area and space. However, the ball may be retrieved from beyond the free zone.
 - *If obstructions or other safety concerns prohibit retrieval from beyond the free zone, the player retrieving a ball over a non-playing area must be in contact with the playing surface when contact with the ball is made.*
 - *Non-playing areas are defined as the: (1) walls, bleachers or other spectator seating areas; (2) team benches and any area behind the team benches; (3) area between the scorer's table and the team benches; (4) any other area outlined in the pre-match conference by the first referee. [Rule 23.2.5].*
 - *If nets or dividers are separating courts, only the player attempting to play the ball may move the net or divider to play the ball*
- Boys 12 & Under modifications
 - Three-day format (two days of pool play followed by one day of playoffs)
 - No All-Tournament selections shall be made.
 - When serving, the ball must be released.
 - The end line is the legal service line (no step will be allowed)
 - A reserve due to an errant toss will be allowed at this level.
- Libero Uniform Color
 - The libero must wear a uniform shirt or jacket that is immediately recognized from ALL angles as being in clear contrast to and distinct from the other members of the team.

PROTESTS OF THE RULES OF PLAY

Protests of the playing rules during a set/match must be lodged in a formal manner prior to the next service. The protest shall be handled by a committee of one (1) to three (3) persons, each of whom must be a certified USA National referee or scorer, depending on the nature of the protest. The committee shall be composed of the following:

1. **Committee Chair:** The National Rules Interpreter or designee (Head Referee for the Event)

2. The Assistant Vice President for Referees or Scorers, or his/her designee
3. A representative of the USAV National Championship Division to be named by the Assistant Vice President for the Event or designee.

All rulings of this committee are final and not subject to appeal.

All protests will be settled at the time they are lodged. No match will be allowed to proceed until the protest is settled. Protests can ONLY be related to the rules of play.

Rule 6.1.2 Participants must accept referees' decisions with sportsmanlike conduct and without dispute. In the case of doubt, clarification may be requested through the game captain.

What is considered to be an offense that may be protested? **Judgment calls are NOT subject to protest.**

- Rule 6.2.3 protest considered by the first referee,
- 6.2.3.1 misinterpretation of a playing rule,
 - 6.2.3.2 failure of the first referee to apply the correct Rule to a given situation or,
 - 6.2.3.3 failure to apply the correct penalty/sanction for a given fault.

TEAM FORFEITURES

A team that intentionally forfeits a match will be excluded from further participation in the tournament. If a team forfeits a match, the forfeit will be considered intentional, unless the team shows good cause for the forfeit. The Event Arbitrator will determine if good cause exists.

DISCIPLINARY ACTION

Any person listed on the Official Roster who is causing unfavorable situations either prior to, during, or after the USA Volleyball Boys' Junior National Championships is subject to disciplinary action by the EVENT ARBITRATORS. In particular, use of alcohol or drugs by players and/or officials will bring disciplinary action by the EVENT ARBITRATORS. Plain-clothed off-duty policemen and uniformed/non-uniformed hotel security personnel will be patrolling the halls of the motels/hotels. They must, by law, take a different approach when finding players/officials who are taking illegal substances.

ANYONE DISCOVERED IN POSSESSION OR CONSUMING ILLEGAL SUBSTANCES WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY EXPELLED FROM THE CHAMPIONSHIPS. THERE ARE NO WARNINGS FOR ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION BY PLAYERS OR ANY OTHER UNDERAGE PERSON WHOSE NAMES APPEAR ON THE OFFICIAL ROSTER. THERE ARE NO WARNINGS FOR DRUG CONSUMPTION BY PLAYERS OR ANY PERSON WHOSE NAMES APPEAR ON THE OFFICIAL ROSTER. IF DISCOVERY OCCURS AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF PLAY FOR THE PLAYER/TEAM, THE USAV CORPORATE ETHICS AND ELIGIBILITY COMMITTEE WILL BE NOTIFIED AND THE EXTENSION OF SANCTIONS MAY RESULT IN THE LIMITING OF FUTURE PARTICIPATION WITH USA VOLLEYBALL. ANY HIGH PERFORMANCE, YOUTH OR JUNIOR NATIONAL TEAM MEMBER FOUND IN POSSESSION OF ALCOHOL OR ILLEGAL SUBSTANCES MAY BE REMOVED FROM PARTICIPATION WITH THE NATIONAL PROGRAM.

PROVOCATIVE BEHAVIOR

USA Volleyball conducts USA Championship events, which are primarily domestic in nature, and while teams from other countries may participate, these Events are NOT International Events. Furthermore, domestic teams are representative

of USAV Member Organizations, and, as such, do not officially represent a governmental structure within the United States.

Therefore, the following standing policy will apply to all USA Championship volleyball events conducted by USA Volleyball: *“Comments and/or actions by an Event Participant, Team Member (roster personnel) or Spectator, which is deemed to be provocative, or provokes an opponent, other participant(s), team member(s), opponents team member(s) or spectator(s) will not be tolerated and shall be subject to disciplinary action by the Event Arbitrator.”*

ETHICS AND ELIGIBILITY VIOLATIONS

EVENT ARBITRATORS

Event Arbitrators shall serve as the first level for hearing and resolving ethics and eligibility issues at a specific event. Teams or individuals accused of committing violations of ethics and/or eligibility rules and regulations at qualifying and/or championship events shall meet with the Event Arbitrator(s).

The authority for the Event Arbitrator to act begins with the arrival of a team and individual participants in the Championship city, or 48 hours prior to the first day of competition, whichever is earlier. That authority shall continue through the duration of the Event through its conclusion.

Decisions of the Event Arbitrator shall be conveyed immediately to the affected parties and may be appealed to the Event Ethics and Eligibility Appeals Committee appointed for each qualifying and/or championship event of the Corporation.

EVENT ETHICS AND ELIGIBILITY APPEALS COMMITTEE

An Event Ethics and Eligibility Appeals Committee shall be formed for each qualifying and championship event sponsored by the Corporation. Each committee shall be composed of three (3) members, one (1) of whom shall meet the definition of the Corporation as a domestic player who is at least 21 years of age.

Each committee shall act on appeals of ethics and eligibility decisions that occur during the conduct of the event. The conduct of an event shall commence when an individual or a team arrives at the site of the event, or forty-eight (48) hours in advance of the first day of competition for that event, whichever is earlier. That authority shall conclude with the departure of the individual and / or team from the city in which the event has been held.

If the Committee is of the opinion the violation is of such a nature that requires further review or more serious discipline beyond the duration of a National Championship event, the USAV Executive Vice-President will send a report to the Commissioner of the offender’s region. That Commissioner will notify the USAV Corporate Ethics and Eligibility Committee outlining what action (if any) was taken as a result of the report.

DUE PROCESS, PROTESTS AND APPEALS

USAV Bylaws, Article XI, and the USAV Operating Code, Article X, govern protests, appeals, due process and ancillary procedures. Both of these documents are published in the USA Volleyball Guidebook and posted on the USA Volleyball web site. Protests, appeals and due process for this Event are specifically governed by these documents. Protests and appeals at this championship event are a simple one or two step process.

CONVENTION CENTER RULES & REGULATIONS

Coolers and chairs are not permitted to be brought into the Austin Convention Center playing area or hallways. Spectator seating and food concessions are available within the playing area. Any coolers and/or chairs brought into the convention center will be confiscated.

No ball handling is permitted outside of the playing areas.