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Here are a few reminders as we are well into the season.

### **Gold Tournament – Pre-Game Presentation**

For all Gold tournaments, we are using the side-line presentation before the match. Each team lines up on the sideline near their bench. The team captain stands at the intersection of the sideline and 3-meter line, the starting Libero is next to them, the rest of the team is in numerical order down the sideline. IF a team has a second (Reserve) libero, this libero will be **AT THE END**.

The first referee (on the 'A' side) will lead the teams out to the middle of the court. Everyone will turn and face the scorer table. When the first referee blows their whistle, teams will proceed to shake hands **WITH EVERYONE FROM THE OTHER TEAM**. Just like we do at the end of the match.

### **Junior Coaches on Rosters**

In the past, the region has allowed Junior members to be coaches on junior rosters, without being IMPACT certified, as long as there is an adult, 18 year old or older, on the roster and on the bench with them at all times. This adult would have to fulfill all requirements of a coach which is registration, background screening, and IMPACT certification. We did not require the junior coach to be IMPACT certified since the adult was IMPACT certified.

It has been brought to our attention by USA Volleyball that the Junior Personnel Code of Ethics states that any member listed on a junior roster in the position of a Head Coach or Assistant Coach must be IMPACT certified. (Item #3 on the Code of Ethics) **Junior members under 18 may NOT be listed as a Head Coach.**

If you have a Junior member listed on a junior roster as a coach (who is not IMPACT certified), this junior coach must make arrangements to take an IMPACT class as soon as possible in order to remain on the roster as a coach. The region offers IMPACT class webinars free to their members. You can see the IMPACT webinar schedule on the Great Plains Region website by clicking the IMPACT Clinics link in the Quick Links area of the home page. This must be completed by the end of February or the junior aged coach will be removed from the roster.

### **Junior Coaches on Qualifier and Nationals rosters**

USA Volleyball has implemented a new rule regarding junior coaches on rosters at National level events. Basically, a junior member cannot be listed as a coach for a National level event. They have added a position of 'Team Manager' that can be used for junior level staff. This person must be at least 10 year olds. For the entire documentation, please contact the Region office.

### **Deadline for Great Plains Regional and Bid Tournaments**

The deadline to register for the Great Plains Regional Tournament is Friday, March 2. The Regional tournament for 10's - 14's will be held Saturday March 31. The Regional tournament for 15's – 18's is Sunday April 1.

The deadline to enter the Great Plains Bid Tournament is Friday, April 13. The Bid tournament for 12's – 14's will be on Saturday April 28. The Bid tournament for 15's – 18's will be on Sunday April 29. In addition to registering for the Bid Tournament in the online tournament entry system, you must also complete all paperwork for the Junior National Championships. This includes entering information into AES, printing and sending the entry form and fees (\$900, checks made payable to USAV JNC) to the Great Plains region office. For more information see the Pre-Season newsletter listed on the Juniors home page.

### **Looking for Pictures**

The region office is looking for pictures of region players to put on the front page of the website. We would prefer pictures that are generic, not identifying a specific player or club/team. You can send



For anyone interested, please have them email Jim Sixta at [jim@iavbreg.org](mailto:jim@iavbreg.org) with the following: Team Name, Division (Men's/Women's), Level (A/B), Phone Number

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**ADULT TEAMS PLANNING TO PLAY AT NATIONALS in SALT LAKE CITY**

If you are planning to play at the Adult Open National Championships in Salt Lake City, please contact Bill Hamilton at [info@gpvb.org](mailto:info@gpvb.org) for some very important information regarding entry to the tournament. You must contact the office before March 21, so you are able to complete all requirements.

**USAV Rule Interpretation #1 has been published.**

See the News/Events page of the Great Plains website for details.