

Club Directors,

Welcome to the 2025-26 Volleyball Season. In this email are some reminders and announcements for the upcoming season.

Membership Registration for the new season begins September 1<sup>st</sup>.

Full season memberships. The Event Worker/Site Director for tournament staff only will be available starting 10/1.

### Club Activation

All clubs have been changed to inactive **as of (8/31)**. **(Existing clubs will still have access to their club's HQ, but you won't have access to submit your rosters in the Season Management until the club is active again.)**

**For a club to be activated for the season – all must be completed:**

1. Fill out the [Club Activation Form](#). (on the Club Directors page)
  - Thank you to all the clubs that already have their form submitted.
  - Choose Mega clubs if you have sub clubs under your club and list those clubs.
  - Sub club directors do not fill out a club activation form.
  - If you want to add another sub club later, just email Carol, [carol@iavbreg.org](mailto:carol@iavbreg.org). Sub clubs need to be determined prior to the season starting.
2. Club Director: Purchase your membership for the current season (Junior Club Staff). Club directors can use their public club invite link to do their membership. If you don't have your public club invite link (*new*): Click on this [link](#) or go to the **Membership** tab on the region website, [www.iowavbregion.org](http://www.iowavbregion.org). Click on the **"All Other Memberships"** button on the membership page. *You must go through either link to purchase a membership. You cannot purchase by logging into your SportsEngine account first, even if you have an account already.*
  - Complete and pass the yearly background check - \$14 fee. **(a screening could take at least 5 working days to process)**
  - Complete SafeSport Certification - yearly requirement (Core or Refresher – Core required again after Refresher 3)
  - Complete IMPACT training if needed - \*required of all club staff (club directors, team reps, coaches)

Once all steps have been completed, the region will make the club active for the season. Once a club has been activated you may send out the club membership links (public club invite/assignments) to your members and create rosters.

The club needs to be active for insurance certificates to be issued and tryouts to be sanctioned/posted.

**\*\*If the club has a new director this season, please pass on this info/email. They can take the above steps indicating they are a new director on the activation form and Region and SportsEngine staff will get the changes made to make them the new director once they are eligible. (The new director must complete the club activation form themselves.)**

For club administration help go to [www.iowavbregion.org/sportsengine](http://www.iowavbregion.org/sportsengine).

- The Setting up SportsEngine Club HQ (SE Playbook for Clubs) & Club HQ Videos are a good way to get going for the season (basic steps, good refresher). USAV updates both as new processes are introduced.
- NOTE: Staff will have to pay for the screenings themselves.

Please visit the [Club Directors](#) page for the following as well as other club info throughout the season:

OCS (Online Commitment System)

[Tryout Policies](#) – the Tryout Sanction Form is available

[Age Definitions](#) – Age & Grade – the Grade/Gender Waiver form will be available after 11/1

Membership Fees

[Insurance Request Form](#)

Pre-Season Info

[All other Club Director information](#)

## Tryout Commitments

- Fall Commitment Dates (All offers will expire after these deadlines)
  - Commitment date for 14U and Younger: November 4th, 11:59pm
  - Commitment date for 15U and Older: November 11th, 11:59pm
- The players and parents have until these deadlines to decide on any offer given.
- Please try to answer questions from parents about your club only. If parents or players have a question about another club, please tell them to contact that club directly. That is the best way they will receive the correct information to their questions.

Direct parents to the [Player/Parent Information](#) page of the Region website for additional tryout and commitment information for the 25/26 season. The tryout membership is only good for tryouts and is upgradable to a full membership.

## Season Reminders

1. 18 Year Olds in High School can be Head Coaches for teams 14U and Younger. However, a certified/eligible adult staff member must be in attendance and on the roster at ALL TEAM EVENTS including but not limited to Meetings, Practices and Matches. High Schoolers who are 18 years old already should use the "High School Aged Coach" membership when they sign up. (The HS 18s Aged coach needs to be the account owner (not under parent); thus, a new account must be created. They can ask Region staff for help getting the account set up correctly.)
2. Reminder about Junior Age assistant coaches. The head coach must be present at all practices and tournaments (same as HS 18s Age Coach above). The junior age assistant coach must be two years older than the age they are coaching. The adult needs the Club Staff membership - the Parent Helper membership is not valid.
3. Teams 15U and younger may take the ref and score modules together. The coach should take the certification online before the team takes it together. Once this is done the coach needs to email a team list to [al@iavbreg.org](mailto:al@iavbreg.org).
4. This is the 1<sup>st</sup> season of the current rule book. All certifications for referee/scorer have expired, anyone needing certification must take the modules.
5. Clubs may hire a qualified clinician to give a ref and score clinic to your club. The clinician must be approved by the region, and it will be the club's responsibility to pay the clinician. All members (current) who attend the clinic will receive credit. You may arrange a clinician through Al Cleary at [al@iavbreg.org](mailto:al@iavbreg.org).

Thank you for everything that you do for the players, parents, and your staff.

Iowa Region Volleyball Staff