

Club Directors,

The 2026-27 Volleyball Season is almost here. It officially starts 9/1. In this email are some reminders and announcements for the upcoming season.

NEW: The 26-27 Junior Club Staff membership will be available early starting 8/1. If you know your club will be active, you can get your membership and requirements done so you are eligible when the season officially starts 9/1.

- Club Directors, main & sub-club, you can do your membership using the instructions below.
- Send your Public Club Assignment link to your 26/27 Staff - coaches, team representatives and (administrators requiring Season Management access) – so they can complete their 26-27 membership and requirements and become a member of the club in one step.
- NOTE: The rest of the 26-27 memberships won't be available for purchase until after 9/1.
- The only other membership available in August is the 26-27 Tryout membership.

Club Activation

All current clubs will be inactivated on 8/31 unless their director is already eligible for the 26-27 season. **(Once inactivated, existing clubs will still have access to their Club's HQ but won't have access to the USA/Season Management area 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. (55 as of today)
 - Choose Mega club 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 or delete a sub club after submitting your activation form, just email Carol, 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 assignment link to do their membership if you have access to it. If you don't have your link (*new*): Click on this [link](#) or click on the **Membership** tab on the region website, www.iowavbregion.org, and use the red **"All Other Memberships"** button. *You must go through either link to purchase a membership. You won't find a membership renewal option when logged into your SportsEngine account first, even if you have an account already.*
 - Complete and pass (cleared) 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)

Activating a club is a manual process once I find that the club director is eligible for the season. It doesn't happen automatically.

The club needs to be active for insurance certificates to be issued (after season officially starts) 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.)**

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 for summer tryouts thru 8/9, fall tryout form available 9/1

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

[Membership Fees](#)

[Insurance Request Form](#)

Pre-Season Info (currently 25-26 still, general club info will remain the same, 26-27 info coming soon)

Look through the information on the [SportsEngine](#) page to refresh your knowledge of administering your club once active.

Tryout Commitments

- Second Summer Commitment Date (All offers will expire after this deadline)
 - Commitment for all ages: August 9th, 11:59pm
- 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 for their questions.

Direct parents to the [Player/Parent Information](#) page of the Region website for additional tryout and commitment information for the 26/27 season. The tryout membership is only good for tryouts and is upgradable to a full membership (available starting 9/1).

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 (adult) 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. Adult coaches need 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.
4. This is the 2nd season of the current rule book. All Referee and Scorer certifications completed last season are good through 8/31/2027.
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.

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

Iowa Region Volleyball Staff *All Region staff emails can be found on the [Contact](#) page of the Region website.

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