

# Just Plain News



Great Plains Region of USA Volleyball

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## NEW

United has released information on the discount code for 2014 travel, good January 6 - December 15, 2014. This information is posted on the USA Volleyball website. From the Home page, put your cursor over Events and look for United Discount at the bottom of the listing.

### Great Plains Advanced Referee Clinic

Sun, Jan 5, 2014 at Ralston High School.

This clinic is designed to give professional referees (or those that want to improve their skills) a more in-depth look at how to become a better referee. The clinic is open to anyone that wants to learn more about refereeing volleyball. You do not need to have any prior experience. For further information, contact the office or see the information listed on the website under the Officials tab.

### Sitting Volleyball

The annual sitting volleyball tournament is March 1 at Nebraska Elite Fitness. Anyone can enter. You just need to sit and play. <http://sittingvolleyball.org/>



## USAVolleyball & SafeSport

### Committed to Safety for All Participants

The safety of its participants is of paramount importance to USA Volleyball. USA Volleyball has ZERO TOLERANCE for abuse and misconduct.

Make the Commitment, Stop Abuse in Sports.

The banner features the USA Volleyball logo and the SafeSport logo. The text reads: "The safety of its participants is of paramount importance to USA Volleyball." followed by a list of four items: "Screening of Staff & Volunteers", "Education & Awareness Training", "Policies Prohibiting Abuse", and "Reporting Concerns of Abuse". Below this, it states "USA Volleyball has ZERO tolerance for abuse and misconduct." and includes a QR code and the URL "https://www.volleyballreftraining.com/SafeSport/salesport\_home.html". At the bottom, it says "Make the Commitment Stop Abuse in Sport" with a ribbon icon and a silhouette of people playing volleyball.

Call 1-855-306-7775 to Report Abuse

**On-Line Tournament Entry System (OTES)**

The on-line tournament entry system is available for teams to use. You can now view and enter tournaments.

**Director and Officers Insurance for clubs**

can be purchased through USA Volleyball. The cost is \$575 a year. D&O insurance is a valuable liability resource for clubs. For more information see:

<http://www.esixglobal.com/usavolleyball>

*PVL - Great Plains Tornados***Premier Volleyball League (PVL)**

The Great Plains Region is pleased to announce that Nick Schuster will be the Great Plains Tornados General Manager. Applications for coaches are now being accepted. A first round of tryouts will be held at the Nebraska Elite Sports and Fitness on Sat, Dec 28 from 2 – 4 pm. Register your intent to tryout on the Premier Volleyball League tab on the left menu bar on the Great Plains Region website.



See what a kid feels like playing on an adult sized court. See a video about an experiment with adults playing on a double sized court and why it is advantageous for kids to be playing 2 v 2 and 3 v 3 on a smaller court, with a lower net . . .

<http://www.teamusa.org/USA-Volleyball/Grassroots/Videos>

**2014 GREAT PLAINS REGION COACH/PLAYER OFFICIATING REQUIREMENTS**

The 2014 Coaches Rules and Scorer Clinics requirements have been finalized. An email was sent to all currently registered coaches regarding the clinic requirements. See the Coaching Requirements page for more information.

**NEW PLAYER REQUIREMENTS**

1. Each team must now have a minimum of 2 certified player referees and 2 certified scorers. It is recommended that each team also have 2 certified line judges. Certified players will be noted on the roster when the certification requirements have been completed. Only the certified players may officiate during the team's assigned officiating time. It would be beneficial to all teams to have more than the minimum number of stated officials.

2. All instructions for clinic registration and certification completion are noted on the Great Plains website under Coaching Requirements.

**2014 COACHES REQUIREMENTS**

1. All coaches must complete the required online officiating clinics. There are no test requirements this year. Completed certifications will be noted in each coach's record and will be noted on the roster.

2. Coaches will have until Feb 1 (or until their first tournament if after Feb 1) to complete the officiating certification process.

To include your news in our next newsletter, send an email to Bill Hamilton: [info@gpvh.org](mailto:info@gpvh.org).  
If you want us to mention your club events in our monthly newsletter, we will write a brief description and then add a link to your website. We would also like for you to submit an article about the success of your club, team, coaches, players or officials. (all material is subject to Great Plains Region approval and may be edited).

### Great Plains Volleyball is Club Volleyball for Nebraska

#### Great Plains Coaching Education Lottery

CONGRATULATIONS to **Adam Ybarra** of Premier VBC. He will go to Colorado Springs, CO for an all expenses paid trip to attend the High Performance Coaches Clinic at the Olympic Training Center on Feb 6-8, 2014.

#### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

##### PVL TRYOUTS

Sat, Dec 28, 2:00-4:00p

##### ADULT TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

December

##### ADVANCED REF CLINIC

Sun, Jan 5 at Ralston High School



#### NEW CLUBS for 2014

Legacy Volleyball Club – Omaha - Dan Martin  
Papillion Volleyball Club – Meredith McAdams  
Infinity VBC, Inc - Omaha – Brian Marcuzzo  
BT VBC - Omaha – Randi Scott  
NC Sizzle – Nebraska City – Lisa Schmitz  
Omaha Volleyball Club – Shona Emsick  
Sioux City Impact – Dakota Dunes – Amanda Cook-Pence  
Pawnee VBC – Pawnee City – Dani Niss  
Loess Hill West – Onawa – Bianca Derocher  
Club 22 – Lincoln – Markeya Peteranetz

#### NEW Club Directors for 2014

Jason Plummer for Omaha Lightning VBC  
Stephanie Gade for South Sarpy VBC  
Marla Smith for Cass Co VBC  
Cheryl Broman for FC Juniors  
Keshia Havelka for Mead Juniors  
Kim Hostetler for Midwest Magic  
Kelsey Monahan for Code Blue



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