

Just Plains News



Great Plains Region of USA Volleyball

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NEW

US Volleyball Scam

It has been brought to our attention that an organization calling itself "US Volleyball" has been contacting junior players to advertise some kind of combine at LEVO gym in Kansas City on November 10. Heart of America Volleyball and USA Volleyball are not associated in anyway with this group and we cannot recommend this event. Before you consider signing up for it, we suggest you read this article from the [Daily News about similar organizations](#).

IMPACT Schedule is now available
IMPACT Clinics for club coaches are FREE through the Great Plains regional webinars. We also offer on-demand webinars for a fee through USAV. See the Great Plains website for a complete IMPACT schedule.

Great Plains Advanced Referee Clinic

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. This year's clinic will be held on Sun, Jan 5, 2014 in the Omaha area.

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.

This includes not only on-court safety, but also off-court safety in any part of USA Volleyball's programs. USA Volleyball is committed to creating safe and fun environments for youth. This includes, but not limited to, providing training, educational materials and resources for our regions, clubs, coaches, parents and athletes.

When or How Should I Make a Report?

USA Volleyball requires the reporting of sexual misconduct by or of any member and strongly encourages reporting of any concerns related to SafeSport. Please read over the [Report Abuse information](#) to fill out a Report Abuse Form.

Call 1-855-306-7775 to Report Abuse

Director and Officers Insurance for clubs

can be purchased through USA Volleyball. The cost is \$575 a year. For more information see:

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

Directors and Officers Liability (D&O) insurance is offered on a voluntary basis to all non-profit member clubs. This important coverage is not the same as General Liability as it does not include coverage for bodily injury claims. D&O insurance protects club directors & officers from personal liability associated with their wrongful acts, errors, and omissions in the performance of duties for the Club. Typical D&O claims often allege mismanagement of funds and negligent decisions affecting club members, participants, coaches, officials and others. The policy also provides Employment Practices Liability (EPL) coverage for claims alleging harassment, discrimination or wrongful termination.

USA Volleyball banner for clubs

Let us know how many feet of banner you want, and we will send it to your club, or come by the office.



USA Volleyball Banner

Registration

Register on-line before you attend a tryout for the tryout insurance to be in effect, but don't pay your membership until you make a team. Then log back into your membership account to select your club then send a check to the region office.

Premier Volleyball League (PVL)

PVL has announced the addition of the following two teams for 2014:

Keystone Region – Men's Team (PENN Blast)

Carolina Region – Women's Team (Name TBA)

Also, the following regions are strongly considering for 2014:

Hoosier Region – Men's Team (Name TBA)

Iroquois Empire Region – Women's Team (Name TBA)

Lakeshore Region – Women's Team (Name TBA)

Iowa Ice won the PVL championships in Louisville, KY last season. They were then invited to participate in the FIVB Club World Championships in Zurich

Switzerland. Team Leader/General Manager Lynne Updegraff had the following comments about the event:

"Team Iowa Ice had a wonderful time. The event was well organized and the hospitality of Zurich was unmatched. The team had a great time playing Rio and Istanbul. It was a hard pool but it was exciting to play the best. Our players had the time of their life and could not stop talking about what a great opportunity it was for them to represent the USA and NORCECA. The player made friend with many of the players from other teams especially Istanbul, Rio and Kenya. Please pass along to FIVB and the Zurich host organization our appreciation for all they did to make this a spectacular event." www.usaPVL.com



Look for information about the Great Plains Tornados tryouts in the next newsletter.

High School Volleyball Participation

Message from NSAA:

The NSAA has been contacted by several volleyball clubs and organizations inquiring as to whether or not the NSAA Bylaws allow high school volleyball players to participate in club activities during the high school season. Therefore, the NSAA is reaching out to all high school volleyball coaches and administrators in order to be proactive in protecting the eligibility of your high school student athletes.

Here are a few reminders for you to share with your high school players:

1. The high school volleyball season does not officially end for all players regardless of team level until the varsity high school team has been completely eliminated from the post-season (sub-districts, districts, district finals, sub-state, and the state tournament).
2. During the high school season, high school athletes may not participate in non-high school competition, practices, tryouts, or group instruction without the potential for loss of high school eligibility.



3. It is permissible for high school athletes to take individualized (one coach: one athlete) lessons or instructions from someone other than a member of the high school coaching staff during the high school season.
 4. Once the high school volleyball season ends, all high school coaches (head coach, assistant coach, volunteer coach, coach's aide) are limited to working with four (9th-12th grade) high school age volleyball players from that high school for the remainder of the school year.
- If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at jschwartz@nsaahome.org or 402-489-0386.



To include your news in our next newsletter, send an email to Bill Hamilton: 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 Coaching Education Lottery

We will send one coach to the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, CO for the High Performance coaches camp or a CAP course, you choose. All expenses paid. The dates are Feb 6-8 for the HP, and Feb 5-6 and/or 9th for CAP. Any registered and paid coach who has been with the region for 3 or more years, can enter to win. Deadline to enter is Nov 30. We will then randomly draw from the entry pool.

[HP Registration info](#)

[CAP Registration info](#)

Club Directors Send us your stickers

We are asking for each club director to send us a sticker from their club for us to put on our office window to represent/advertise all of the clubs in our region.

Courts For Sale

The Digz in Omaha, NE has removed their indoor volleyball flooring (Metaflex ProGym solid top tile). They installed 4 sand courts indoor in their place. They would like to sell their indoor flooring, which is only 5 years old. They also come with 6 feet of perimeter flooring. Contact Vincent Laboy: Phone 402-515-1805, email: vinslaboy@gmail.com.

Your club/team could still earn \$2,500 !

The Responsible Sports Community Grant is a free, competition-based fundraising program for youth sports organizations. At the end of the three month Grant period, the organizations with the most points earn the \$2,500 Grants. Go to [Responsible Sports](#). Registration must be completed by the end of November.

NEW CLUBS for 2014

Papillion Volleyball Club – Meredith McAdams
Infinity VBC, Inc - Omaha – Brian Marcuzzo
BT VBC - Omaha – Randi Scott
NC Sizzle – Nebraska City – Lisa Schmitz

NEW Club Directors for 2014

Cheryl Broman for FC Juniors
Keshia Havelka for Mead Juniors

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

COMMITMENT DATE

AGES 10-14, SAT, NOV 2

AGES 15-18, Sun, Nov 17

JR TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Early December

ADULT TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Late November

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