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2020 INFORMATION MANUAL



Philosophy

The **AJV** philosophy is to provide competitive opportunities that assist in developing player skills, team play and the fun and passion of playing volleyball. **Our mission** is to limit travel, expense and time commitment.

2020 PROGRAM STRUCTURE “WE ARE BETTER TOGETHER”!

We have some great news for your Junior Volleyball Program / Team(s). With some very good input from area coaches, we have overhauled the structure format for all divisions of play. Divisions of play will no longer be required to be a registered team or program with a national or regional governing body. This change will benefit your program in the following ways:

1. **No** time-consuming paper work and registration.
2. **No** time-consuming online clinics or training.
3. **No** required impact coaches training.
4. **No** team registration fees.
5. **No** coaching registration fees.
6. **No** team representative registration fees.
7. **No** player registration fees.
8. **No** libero trackers at events.
9. **No** second referee duties for divisions 10 & Under thru 13/14.
10. Non playing teams will provide a one referee system with a flip scorer (tick sheet) and two-line judges. **15/16 & 17/18 division may also require a R2.**

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS:

1. **Question:** Will NCR/USAV or JVA registered teams still be allowed to play in the AJV Event Series.
Answer: Yes, they will. All are welcome, there are no team restrictions.
2. **Question:** If our program does not register with NCR/ JVA can we still participate in sanctioned events.
Answer: Probably not, but you should confirm with the governing bodies.
3. **Question:** Are there other tournaments that are not affiliated with NCR / JVA we could play in?
Answer: Yes, visit www.msfl.org. You may also play in the **QUEENS OF THE COURT**. And our guess is that other tournaments may follow this format.
4. **Question:** What requirements must our team meet to play in the AJV.
Answer: Each players' parent(s) and coach sign must sign a simple waiver / release form. It is that easy.
5. **Question:** Is there a direct savings for our program.
Answer: Huge savings. A savings that may pay for all of the AJV dates and the Queens of the Court Tournament. By our calculations this may save your team between **\$400.00** and **\$500.00**.
6. **Question:** What effect will this have on volleyball in our area?
Answer: Nothing but a positive. **“WE ARE BETTER TOGETHER!”**
7. **Question:** What if we are new or would like to review the basics of officiating at an event.
Answer: Not a problem. We will try and schedule your own personal training date with an AJV representative.

If you have any questions about this structure please call our office at 218-969-3716 or email brian@divesportspluswear.com.

General Information

Event Dates	Registration Deadlines	Playing Venue
Sunday, March 1	Friday, February 14 or when filled	To Be Announced
Sunday, March 8	Friday, February 21 or when filled	TBA
Sunday, March 15	Friday, February 28 or when filled	TBA
Sunday, March 22	Friday, March 6 or when filled	TBA
Sunday, March 29	Friday, March 13 or when filled	TBA

2. **Division of Play:** 10's & Under, 11/12's, 13/14's, 15/16's, 17/18's

Note: The 15/16 and 17/18 division play will be held March 1, 8 and 22.

3. **Eligibility Requirements:**

Team coaches and players' parent(s) will be required to sign a liability of release waiver prior to competing. Forms available at www.divesportspluswear.com

4. **OFFICIATING:**

Teams must provide officials, line judges and scorers. More detailed information will be on the event day schedule. If your program would like to have a **review clinic** of the simplified officiating responsibilities contact the AJV office.

5. **FACILITIES / SITES:**

Event dates will be conducted on the Iron Range and / or Duluth Area. Facilities will be published on the AJV website at a later date. Expected Playing venues: HERMANTOWN, PROCTOR, SOUTH RIDGE, MESABI EAST (AURORA), GREENWAY, VIRGINIA, HIBBING, FDLCC AND NORTH WOODS (COOK.)

6. **SCHEDULING PROCEDURE:**

Event days will be scheduled in the best interest of all teams. The **AJV** pool play / ladder structure of movement will balance pool play competition in each division. Pool play results of each week will be considered when scheduling succeeding dates.

Note: Teams, depending on strength level, may be moved up a division of play. The AJV reserves the right to alter divisions / scheduling when it is in the best interest of facilities and teams.

7. **SCHEDULE OF PLAY:**

Playing schedules will be posted on the **Wednesday night** preceding the event date. Schedules will be emailed and/or placed on www.divesportspluswear.com. Play may be scheduled in waves. This means there may be a group of teams playing in the morning followed by a group of teams playing in the afternoon. Please do not contact the league office prior to Wednesday for scheduling information.

8. **AJV COMPETITION STRUCTURE & FORMAT:**

Sample structure:

3 Team Pool	Match, 3 sets to 25 pts, teams play each other twice.
4 Team Pool	Match, 3 sets to 25 points.
5 Team Pool	Match, 2 sets to 25 points.
6 Team Pool	Match, 2 sets to 21 points, speed play probability

9. **FORFEITS:**

If a team fails to show for an event, without proper notice, they will be assessed a **\$50.00** forfeit fee.

- A one-week notice is required for cancellations.
- This fee must be paid before participation in the next competitive event.

10. **REGISTRATION & PAYMENT:**

See Page 8. All entries must be received (in-hands) on or before the registration deadline. Due to venue availability early registration is encouraged.

Note: Liability Release Waivers must be turned in prior to participation.

Forms available at www.divesportspluswear.com

11. **ENTRY FEE:**

\$80.00 per event date.

12. **REFUND POLICY:**

All entry fees are non-refundable, non-transferable. Refunds will only be issued if an AJV event is canceled.

13. **EVENT MANAGER:**

On each event day, it will be the responsibility of the team coach / representative to check in with the Event Manager. The manager will review schedules of play, team information and facility policies. If you know of anyone that would like to be an event manager for the AJV please have them contact the AJV office. We are always looking to get great volleyball service personnel.

14. **SPORTSMANSHIP:**

All team representatives, coaches, players and spectators are expected to display a high standard of sportsmanship.

15. **BALLS:**

Teams must provide their own balls for warm-ups and match play. A volleyball lite must be used in both the 10 and under and 11/12 division.

16. **FIRST AID & SAFETY:**

Teams are responsible for their own first aid and safety provisions. All emergencies should be reported to the event manager or community host.

17. **ACCOUNTABILITY:**

Any individual damaging facility property will be responsible and be held liable for the same.

18. **SUBJECT TO CHANGE:**

Organizational structure and format are subject to change. Coaches and / or Club Representatives are responsible to make sure that they are aware of updated information and changes by checking the website for posted updates.

SUPER POOL SUNDAY AJV CHAMPIONS

ON SUNDAY, MARCH 31 IT WILL BE SUPER POOL SUNDAY for divisions 13/14 and under. The winner of the Super Pool will become the 2020 AJV Division Champion. To qualify for the Super Pool, teams must play in 3 of the first four dates and also be registered for March 29, Super Pool Sunday.

Teams will be ranked according to the first four event dates. The top ranked teams will qualify for the Super Pool.

AJV Divisional Champions will receive tee shirts.

Qualifying Note:

At least six teams are needed to play in each age division in three of the first four dates and also register for March 29 in order to have a Super Pool Structure / AJV Champion.

See page seven (6) for rating system guideline.

AJV WEBSITE ADDRESS

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AJV RATING SYSTEM GUIDELINE

Teams are rated by the AJV office using the following criteria and qualifications.

PARTICIPATION

Teams must play in a minimum of three separate events prior to Super Pool Sunday, March 29 to achieve a rating status.

POOL ASSIGNMENT / POINT SYSTEM

The first two event dates, teams are randomly assigned to pool play. Each team receives five points for a pool assignment plus points for pool results.

On the third and fourth playing dates teams are assigned pool points as follows.

- Pool 1 Assignment – 5 points.
- Pool 2 Assignment – 4 points.
- Pool 3 Assignment – 3 points.
- Pool 4 Assignment – 2 points.
- Pool 5 Assignment – 1 point.

Teams are assigned to pools based on performance from a previous event date(s).

GENERAL RATING GUIDELINE:

Teams that finish in first or second in pool play will move up one pool level for the following event date.

Teams that finish third or fourth in pool play will move down one pool level for the following event date.

This is known as the ladder principle. If you want more competition you have to climb the ladder.

POOL RATING POINTS

Teams receive rating points for sets played in a pool. In a four-team pool, teams will receive rating points for each set won. In a five-team pool, teams will receive .75 points for each set won. Teams that are required to move up one division of play (13/14 moving to 15/16) will receive the total rating points earned by the highest team in their regular age division and then plus one for playing in the higher age division.

SUPER POOL SUNDAY RATING

Teams will have their accumulative points averaged by the number of events that they have played in, either three or four, to give the final rating for **SPS CHAMPIONSHIPS**.

Note: The AJV rating system is subject to modification.



2020 TEAM REGISTRATION FORM

Please use a separate form for each team you are entering. If more than one team per division, please use team rating category.

Club Name:	
Team Name:	
Team Ranking: <small>(Please Circle One)</small>	1 2 3 4
Team Representative: <small>(Information sent to team reps)</small>	
Address:	
City, State, Zip:	
Cell Phone:	
Email: <small>(Must have an email address)</small>	

Division: ___ 10's ___ 11's/12's ___ 13's/14's
(Please Check)

League Dates: ___ 3/1 ___ 3/8 ___ 3/15 ___ 3/22 ___ 3/29

Division: ___ 15's/16's ___ 17's/18's
(Please Check)

League Dates: ___ 3/1 ___ 3/8 ___ 3/22

Fee: \$80.00 per event date.

Make checks payable to: Arrowhead Junior Volleyball

Mail check & return this form to: Arrowhead Junior Volleyball
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Hibbing MN 55746



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