



"SERVING THE IRON RANGE AND DULUTH AREAS SINCE 2003"

BETTER TOGETHER!

**2023
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.

2023 PROGRAM STRUCTURE “BETTER TOGETHER”!

We have some great news for your Junior Volleyball Programs. 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 paperwork 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. Nonplaying teams will provide a one referee system with a flip scorer (tick sheet) and two-line judges. **15/16 & 17/18 division will 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 other 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 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 TOGHETHER!”**
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

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| <p>1. Event Dates
 Sunday, March 5
 Sunday, March 12
 Sunday, March 19
 Sunday, March 26</p> | <p>Registration Deadlines
 Friday, February 10 or when filled
 Friday, February 17 or when filled
 Friday, February 24 or when filled
 Friday, March 3 or when filled</p> | <p>Playing Venues - Tentative
 Hermantown & Cherry
 Hermantown & Hibbing
 Aurora & South Ridge
 Aurora & South Ridge</p> |
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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 5 and 19.

3. **Eligibility Requirements:**
 Team coaches and players' parent(s) will be required to sign a liability of release waiver prior to competing. *Coaches are to keep liability forms with them at all competitions.* Event managers will check to make sure that coaches have the forms signed before playing. 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. An adult must officiate as the R1 in all divisions 13/14 and under.

5. **FACILITIES / SITES:**
 Event dates will be conducted on the Iron Range and / or Duluth Area. Facilities will be published on the AJV website. Past venues: Hermantown, Aurora, South Ridge, Cherry, Hibbing and Greenway.

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 SAMPLE STRUCTURE & FORMAT:**

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 5. 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:**
\$85.00 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.

14. **SPORTSMANSHIP:**
All team representatives, coaches, players, and spectators are expected to display positive 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.

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