



Attendees: Doug Balsler (Champion; Girls Rep); James Marshall (Stanly County); Julie Ames (Champion - Phone); Pamela Harper (Carolina Spike Force); Tammy Vander Lugt (Champion - Phone)

CR Board Attendees: Jim Ross; Brian Webb; Fred Wendelboe
CR Staff Attendees: Kevin Wendelboe

Meeting began: 7:00 pm

- I. Welcome – Based on number of attendees, it was decided that anyone on the call could make motions and vote on any issue except the election of the Junior Girls Rep. The election would need to be voted on by Team Reps only.
- II. 2018 Minutes - A copy of last year's JAB meeting minutes was emailed to all pre-registered attendees. Motion by Balsler, second by Webb to:

Motion 1: approve the May 6, 2018 minutes of the Carolina Region Junior Advisory Board meeting. MSA

- III. 2019 Season Review – We saw growth in both Boys and Girls again this season. We had 8833 junior and youth girls (+599 over last year) and 170 boys (+39). Junior girls' teams grew by 58 to 863 teams. Boys teams grew by 2 to 12 teams. We sanctioned the NC HS Sand Association events this season which allowed us to grow our Summer membership by more than 15 girls and 92 boys to date. Total teams in each age group and realm were reviewed. We are recommending no change in which age groups play together on their assigned weekends. We lost the first weekend of the season due to inclement weather, but we still had more tournament entries than last season. Regionals and East/West Championships participation were at 78% of eligible teams which was an improvement over past season participation. Overall, it was another strong season for our Junior Program.
- IV. End of Season Survey Results – This season we sent the Annual Program Review Survey to all club directors as well as all Junior Team reps. We had 41 responses out of 965 possible responses as of Thursday before the meeting. The responses submitted were reviewed. The Junior Advisory Board can use the survey responses when considering several issues that will be discussed during the meeting.

- V. Recruiting/Tryout Policy – Current tryout policy was reviewed and survey responses about the shortened signing dates were discussed. It was discussed during the in-person Club Director meetings the possibility of shortening the signing date even more, but with the small sample size, it is hard to determine if that is really best for all. The survey replies were in favor of keeping the signing date the same. The only change this year is in the start date. We have pushed the opening back one week since the NC High School state playoffs will start and end one week later than this past season. Motion by Balsler, Second by Ames to recommend to the Carolina Region Board of Directors to:

Motion 2: approve the amended 2019 Carolina Region Tryout Policy. MSA
See Appendix 1

- VI. 2019/2020 Schedule – Kevin presented a proposed schedule for the 2020 season. With Easter being later again in 2020, the schedule is basically the same as this past season. Junior Hi Neighbor has confirmed they would like the first weekend of April. The Big South Qualifier will have all age groups together again over the Easter weekend. There were no suggested changes to the proposed schedule by the group. Kevin reminded everyone that this schedule is not final until approved by the Carolina Region Board of Directors at their summer retreat. Motion by Webb, second by Marshall to recommend to the Carolina Region Board of Directors to:

Motion 3: approve the 2020 Junior Tournament Schedule as proposed by staff.
MSA See Appendix 2

- VII. New Issues:

- A. Tie-Breakers – We did not receive any complaints this season about the elimination of the tie breaker set from our regular season tournaments. The survey results supported keeping the policy the same. We also surveyed whether to also use the same tie-breaker procedures at the East/West Championships. By 2-1 margin, respondents supported using same tie-breaker procedures at the East/West Championships. There were no recommendations to make changes to the Regional Championship tie-breaker procedures. Three-way ties would continue to play one or two 15-point tie-breaker sets to break ties. Motion by Marshall; second by Webb to recommend to the Carolina Region Board of Directors:

Motion 4: to break ties at the East/West Championships tournaments using the same method used during regular season one-day tournaments. MSA

B. In Person Officiating Clinics:

With the growth of the junior program, we have had a lot more players and coaches getting certified through the in-person officiating clinics. Clinics are also held during the same time period as high school events, college matches, and holiday buildup. This puts a lot of strain on our clinician cadre to keep up with the demand. Staff is proposing limiting in-person clinic attendance to the 14 and under age groups. The survey asked whether there was support for limiting to 14 and under or 14 and under and smaller clubs might still be allowed to send all ages. Survey responses did support the 14 and under restriction with allowing smaller clubs ability to send everyone. It still needs to be determined what the definition of “smaller club” is. Kevin noted that this question will also need to be discussed at the Officials Advisory Board meeting in July and the Board of Directors meeting. He was just asking to see if Junior Advisory Board wanted to submit a motion of support for a way to address the large numbers at the in-person clinic. Motion by Balsler, second by Webb to send to the Officials Advisory Board and the Board of Directors:

Motion 5: the support of the Junior Advisory Board for a policy limiting the in-person officiating clinics to the 14 and under age groups in general. However, smaller clubs will still be able to send older age groups up to the maximum limit per clinician established by the Region. The definition of smaller clubs will be determined at a later date once club size data is compiled and analyzed. MSA

C. High School Sand Volleyball Association:

Jim asked if anyone had any experience with the HS Sand Association. Doug replied that Reagan is participating and that the Championships are coming up next weekend. Jim asked if Mark Nalevanko was still involved with that organization. Kevin confirmed that Mark is still the main point of contact for them. The Region did sanction their practices and events this season which did provide a positive increase in summer/outdoor memberships for us. Doug mentioned that they are not really taking the steps needed in order to try to get official sanctioning by the state to make it an approved sport. No further action was taken on this topic.

VIII. 2019 Junior Beach Tour – This is the ninth season for the Carolina Region Junior Beach Tour. We have two events that earn bids to the National Beach Tour. We also have four other events that earn bids to a Regional Division being held at the National Championships. Overall, the growth of beach volleyball in North Carolina is still going strong.

IX. Other Business/Issues:

A. None

- X. Elections:
A. Girls –Doug Balsler (Champion) is the current Rep to the Board of Directors. He is willing to run again. There were no other nominations from the floor. Motion by. F. Wendelboe, second by Ross to:

Motion 6: close the nominations for the Youth & Junior Girls Rep . MSA

Doug Balsler was elected by the Team Reps in attendance. He will serve a one-year term.

- B. Boys – We will hold a Boys election after the Board retreat in July among all the current boys’ team reps.

- XI. Next Meeting – The group agreed that holding the meeting on a weeknight would be a positive in trying to get more people to participate. It was suggested to send a survey to all reps to see why they did not participate. Kevin will send that out soon.

- XII. Adjournment - Motion by F. Wendelboe, second by Balsler to:

Motion 7: adjourn the May 6, 2019 meeting of the Junior Advisory Board at 8:21 pm. MSA

NOTE ON PASSED MOTIONS – PLEASE READ

Motions passed by the Junior Advisory Board do NOT establish policy. These are recommendations to the Carolina Region Board of Directors for consideration and implementation if the board agrees. Please refer to the minutes of the subsequent meetings of the Carolina Region Board of Directors to verify that the motions passed at the Junior Advisory Board meeting were adopted.



APPENDIX 1 Carolina Region/USAV Tryouts

The Carolina Region Board of Directors has issued the following policies to address some of the issues about Club tryouts and the signing of players with the goal of creating a fairer and more athlete-friendly process for the beginning of the Junior Girls' volleyball season.

Tryouts:

There will be TWO announced Girls' tryout periods that clubs are encouraged but not required to adopt. (1) The FIRST tryout period will begin on **Saturday October 26, 2019** for the following age groups: **U14, U13, and U12**. (2) The SECOND tryout period for the **U15, U16, U17, and U18** age groups will begin **Sunday, November 10, 2019** (after the North Carolina State Championships for public High Schools on November 9 2019). The Carolina Region/USAV will not publish any tryouts for girls' teams on its website that occur before these dates for the respective age groups. Some middle and private school seasons can last longer than the High School season, so the Region recommends club directors check with Middle and/or private school coaches in their area to determine optimum tryout dates for their various age groups.

Signing Dates:

Clubs are encouraged to allow players the opportunity to attend more than one club's tryouts. The Carolina Region **requires** that clubs adopt a signing date of 6:00 pm FRIDAY following the initial beginning tryout date: **SIX DAYS - Nov. 1, 2019 at 6 pm** after the FIRST Tryout Period begins for the **U12, U13, and U14** age groups and **FIVE DAYS - Nov. 15, 2019 at 6 pm** after the SECOND Tryout Period begins for the **U15, U16, U17, and U18** age groups. Clubs must hold an offer open to a player to join a particular team in the club or the club in general until the respective age group signing date. If a player commits by the signing date, clubs must honor their commitment or the club may be considered to have violated the RVA/USAV Code of Conduct. *Players may voluntarily commit to a club at any time following the club's tryouts but should not be pressured to do so.* For tryouts held just before or after the signing date, clubs should give a minimum waiting period of five days before requiring a player to commit to their club. The Carolina Region **requires** all clubs to use the Carolina Region *Letter of Commitment* when accepting players into their clubs. This form should not be sent to the Carolina Region, but kept on file with the club should any question arise about a player's commitment to a club or a club's commitment to a player.

The Carolina Region/USAV has adopted these tryout policies for the benefit of all junior players in our Region. The Junior Division welcomes all comments from the junior community on this and other issues concerning the division. Please direct all communication through the Region Office (office@carolinaregionvb.org) and we will address it at future Junior Advisory Board meetings.

Summary 2019-2020 Season:

	12's – 14's	15's – 18's
Tryouts may begin	October 26, 2019	November 10, 2019
Signing dates	November 1, 2019	November 15, 2019



APPENDIX 2

***Proposed 2020 JUNIOR TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE**

December, 2019:

28-29 – Quest New Year’s Tournament

January:

4 - Regular season tournaments begin; All divisions for age groups 14’s, 17’s

5 - Regular season tournaments begin; All divisions for age groups 15’s;

11 - All divisions for age groups 13’s, 16’s, 18’s;

12 - All divisions for age groups 12’s

18-20 – City of Oaks Tournament – Raleigh Convention Center; (MLK trns)

25 - All divisions for age groups 15’s, 17’s;

26 - All divisions for age groups 14’s;

February:

1 – All divisions for age groups 12’s, 16’s; 18’s Queen City (Feb 1-2)

2 – All divisions for age group 13’s

8 - All divisions for age groups 14’s, 15’s; (ACT Test Date)

9 - All divisions for age groups 17’s;

15 – All divisions for age groups 12’s, 13’s; 16’s

16 - All divisions for age groups 18’s;

22 – All divisions for age groups 14’s, 17’s;

23 - All divisions for age groups 15’s;

23 – National Bid tournament – 12’s, 13’s, 16’s, & 18’s age groups

29 - All divisions for age groups 12’s, 13’s, 18’s; MAPL Raleigh (Feb 29-Mar 1)

March:

1 - All divisions for age groups 16’s;

7 – All divisions for age groups 14’s, 15’s; (SAT dates);

8- All divisions for age groups 17’s;

14 – All divisions for age groups 13’s, 16’s, 18’s;

15 - All divisions for age groups 12’s;

15 – National Bid tournaments – 14’s, 15’s, 17’s;

21 – Regional/East/West Championships for age groups 15’s, 17’s;

22 – Regional/East/West Championships for age groups 14’s;

28 – Regional/East/West Championships for age groups 12’s, 16’s, 18’s

29 – Regional/East/West Championships for age groups 13’s;

April:

4-5 – Junior Hi Neighbor (ACT Test Date)

10-12 – Big South weekend

12 - Easter

***NOTE:** This schedule was presented to and approved by the Junior Advisory Board. It will now go to the CR Board for final approval. Thus, the 2020 schedule **IS NOT** confirmed until the Carolina Region Board of Directors approves it. Clubs/teams should not make definite plans based on this schedule until an APPROVED schedule is posted on the Carolina Region website.