

2012 MAJOR CHANGES

ENTRY FORMS & CHECKS

All entry forms and checks for the 2012 USA Volleyball Open National Championships are to be sent directly to the USAV Events Department (address available on-line and in **Chapter 1 Quick Facts** of the Pre-Tournament Manual). Please send a copy of your entry form to your Region. Regions will be notified on a regular basis which teams have entered the 2012 USA Volleyball Open National Championships. If a Region determines that a team is **NOT** in good standing or ineligible for entry, USA Volleyball will not accept that team's entry and the entry fee check will be shredded. Entry forms and checks must be received by the posted deadlines in the Pre-Tournament Manual. Only one entry form and one check per team is permitted.

TEAM COMPOSITION & PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

A team competing in a Club (AA, A, BB, B) Championship tournament at the USA Volleyball Open National Championships may add a maximum of 50% of players to its roster who were not registered with the team during the current season subject to the below listed conditions:

- a. May be a registered member of another RVA other than where the club team is registered provided that the player's original team is not participating in this event.
- b. May not be added to the roster of a team, which is playing in a classification lower than that of the player, or the team with which that player was registered during the current season
- c. May not be added to the roster of a team if the team with which they were registered during the current season is also playing in the current Club Championship tournaments.

FOREIGN (NON-USA) TEAMS IN "AA" CLUB CLASSIFICATION TOURNAMENT

Foreign (non-USA) teams are eligible to participate **ONLY** in the AA division of the Club Championship tournaments provided there are slots available and no USA teams are prevented from entering.

FOREIGN (NON-USA) TEAM REGISTRATION

The Team Representative will be responsible for checking in their entire team at registration, and must have all of the required fees and forms for each player and staff member. Individual check-ins by foreign participants will not be accepted at registration.

Each foreign (non-USA) team is strongly encouraged to send in their fees and required individual and team forms to the USA Volleyball National Office prior to the Event by fax (719-228-6899, Attn: Events) or mail. This will speed up the registration process at the Event (see Chapter 4 for more information).

EQUIPMENT & FORBIDDEN OBJECTS

It is forbidden to wear hats or casts (even if padded). Braces, jewelry, prosthetic limbs or other headgear that may cause an injury or provide an artificial advantage to the player must not be worn. If a brace, prosthetic limb or headgear is used, padding or covering may be necessary.

Jewelry **MAY** be worn provided it does not provide an artificial advantage to the player or cause injury.

MEN'S SENIORS

The Men's 75 & Over Division has been replaced with Men's 73 & Over, Men's 76 & Over and Men's 79 & Over.

Individual players eligible to compete in the Men's 79 & Over Division may register individually with the USA Volleyball National Office and will be placed on teams through a draft process.

SITTING VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

A sitting volleyball championship has been added to the last two days of the event. This tournament is open to male and female participants and may be club teams or conglomerate teams.