

## Tournament Directors,

We have not made any major changes in the tournament signup process on My Online Camp, but we have made a couple policy changes that you need to be aware of, and have added a Late Spring Season opportunity to the tournament schedule. I also wanted to give you tournament sanction dates that you need to be aware of.

## “Saving Spots” in Tournaments & Manually Entering Teams

In the past, we have allowed you to “save spots” for your own teams. So, if you were running an 8 team tournament, and had to save 2 spots for your own teams, we only listed 6 spots on the website. However, we found that this process left too much room for error, either on our part for not having the “right” number of spots saved, or on your part, for forgetting to change the number of openings. So we are changing this process. Here is how it will work:

- We will always list the **total number of openings** on the tournament website.
- It is the responsibility of the tournament director to **manually enter teams** you would like to reserve spots for. You will be able to manually enter teams beginning the week before tournament signup begins.
- You may manually enter teams into **up to 50%** of the openings you have available for each tournament.

## 2013/14 Important Tournament Dates

- **WEDNESDAY, NOV. 20, 2013:** Sanction forms must be submitted (online) by 5pm to guarantee the tournament will be on the initial tournament calendar.
- **MONDAY, DEC. 2, 2013, at 12n:** Tournament Directors may begin manually entering their own teams into their tournaments. We will not be “saving” any spots this year; it is the tournament director’s responsibility to manually enter their own teams into their tournaments. You may manually enter up to 50% of your open spots prior to the initial registration day.
- **SATURDAY, DEC. 7, 2013:** Tournament sign-up day. We will have sign-up beginning in waves--once an age group opens for entry, it will remain open. The time refers to the age group offered by the tournament.
  - 8am: 12u and younger
  - 8:30am: 13u and 14u
  - 9am: 15u and 16u
  - 10am: 17u and 18u

## Tournament Sanction Form—fill it out Online!

We have created an online tournament sanction form for you to use this year—no need to fill out a paper form, just click the link, fill in the blanks, hit submit, and all of your info automatically goes into a spreadsheet for us! You should fill out a form for each tournament DATE, and you can put up to 4 different divisions in each form. If you are running more than 4 divisions on a certain date, you can just submit the form again! If you are running a league, please contact me prior to filling out the form—we have not decided on the best way to get multiple dates into a single form yet ([colleen@iavbreg.org](mailto:colleen@iavbreg.org)).

Here is the link to the **online tournament sanction form**: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/11G785wGqm\\_qHAt2d-XnmpoEeycfsuKMrUgL1i1ZnATQ/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/11G785wGqm_qHAt2d-XnmpoEeycfsuKMrUgL1i1ZnATQ/viewform)

## Late Spring Season (NEW)

The Iowa Region has observed that some teams that form later in the club season (because they form late, or because they are smaller school teams that wait until after the high school basketball season finishes to begin club) can have difficulties finding enough tournaments to play in. In addition, teams that find themselves needing to add one more tournament due to cancellations or conflicting schedules often find there are few tournaments available late in the season. To help with this issue, the Iowa Region is adding in a late spring season. Here is how it works:

- Players involved only in the late spring season will have a reduced USAV membership fee that will be valid through the end of the summer. (Players with full memberships may also compete in late spring events).
- Tournament directors running tournaments for the late spring season must turn in sanction forms **by 5pm on Feb. 5, 2014**. They can run single day tournaments, or could do a league aimed toward teams that form late in the season. Directors for late spring tournaments can manually enter their own teams beginning on Feb. 12, 2014.
- **Teams may begin signing up online for the late spring season on Feb. 15, 2014**. There will be a separate tab on [www.iowaregionvolleyball.com](http://www.iowaregionvolleyball.com) just for the late spring season, and the sign-up process will be the same as for all other tournaments.
- **Late spring tournament play may begin on March 1, 2014**. Late spring tournaments and leagues may continue through March, April, May, or later.
- Here is a link to the Late Spring Season sanction form (also online!): [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1zVWByKL4AG-4g7Nsij\\_AEzbsZ77aNaE8jT8qG83RtLQ/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1zVWByKL4AG-4g7Nsij_AEzbsZ77aNaE8jT8qG83RtLQ/viewform)