

2019 Club Directors Meeting
October 21, 2019
Minutes

Utah AAU Volleyball Night at Utah v Stanford Match Friday, November 22, 2019 at 7 PM

Friday, November 22, 2019 will be Utah AAU Volleyball night at the U of Utah versus Stanford Pac 12 volleyball match. Stanford is currently ranked # 5 in the AVCA Coaches Poll, is the NCAA Division I defending National Champions and features two time AVCA Player of the Year Kathryn Plummer and a number of All Americans. Utah is ranked # 17 and also features All Americans, Dani Drews and Kenzie Koerber. More information on discounted tickets will be coming and posted on nuva.me.

Boys Fall League Grand Prix

Derrick Sorensen gave a report on the boys league. 42 teams played in the first tournament in the Fall League. The boys teams are continuing to grow and Club Directors were encouraged to focus more on boys. The boys will have a Grand Prix with the winning teams being awarded free entry to the AAU National Championships. (There must be 12 teams in each age group or the entry fee will be prorated.)

Boys Playing on Girls' Teams

We again discussed the issue of boys playing on girls teams. Our current policy is that boys 14 and under may play on a girl's team which is also 14 and under. Up to three boys may be on the court at the same time.

A team composed of all boys 14 and under may play in the girls tournament but must play up two ages divisions. For example, an all boys

12 and under team would have to play in a 14 and under girls division, 14 and under boys would have to play in 16's.

A proposal was made to allow boys 14 and under to play on a girls team in the older age divisions. It was much discussed and finally decided to allow each tournament director to allow this for local tournaments. Request for a waiver must be sent to the tournament director with a copy to the Utah AAU Volleyball Chair.

Tryout Dates

There was much discussion on tryout dates. Many clubs are holding tryouts earlier and earlier. There was a meeting with the Utah High School Activities Association, Utah AAU Volleyball, USA Volleyball and a number of high school coaches.

One of the main concerns is that athletes are not getting a break from competition. There are increasing injuries and burn out among many athletes. Clubs should schedule some time away from volleyball.

At the UHSAA meeting the general consensus was that elite team tryouts could be held in the summer but prior to the high school two week restriction period. All other tryouts should be held after each age group has finished their school competition championships.

Club Directors agreed to abide by these agreements.

Use of Utah AAU Volleyball and AAU Utah Names

Club Directors were reminded that they are not authorized to use Utah AAU Volleyball or Utah AAU in entering into any contracts. If contracting to use courts for practices, or hosting tournaments, contracts should be in the name of the club. AAU Clubs with at least level two are allowed to license and host tournaments. Clubs must pay all bills according to their

contracts. Any violations of these policies may result in a club being placed on probation or suspended from AAU competition.

2020 Schedule for Utah AAU League - Playing Divisions

A suggestion was made to more specifically define which teams should play in each division. We currently have Open, Premier and Club Divisions.

The Open Division is for the teams with high skill levels in each age group.

The Club Division is for beginning teams who are developing their skills.

The Premier Division is for all teams in between.

Keep in mind that if there are not enough teams in each age group or skill level, some ages and skill levels may be combined.

Club Directors were asked to make an honest assessment of their teams ability and not just place them where they can win easily to get a medal or in Open just so they think they are better than they are.

Club Directors may move teams up and down in either age divisions or skill divisions after seeing how they finish each tournament. A revised entry form is needed to make changes.

2020 Schedule for Utah AAU League

The 2020 Schedule and Entry Forms for the Utah AAU League was passed out and is posted on the web page at nuva.me,

Entry fees for 2020 will be \$250 for a one day tournament and \$350 for a two day tournament. **Entry deadline will be 4 weeks before each**

tournament. No refunds will be given to teams dropping after the deadline.

Club Directors are encouraged to submit one entry form for each team with all tournaments they plan to play. They may then pay before the deadline. This will help us to plan so we have enough courts to accommodate all teams desiring to play. The number of teams playing may be limited by the number of courts available.

Priority for entry will be given in following order:

1. Teams paying in full in order of earliest received date.
2. Teams submitting early entries and paying by the deadline.
3. Other teams will be entered if there is an open slot.

Training

Club Directors are encouraged to train their coaches and athletes in keeping score, working assignments including second referee and lines. The aauvolleyball.org web site has a scorekeeping video under Rules, then Scorekeeping. The video is 34 minutes long. Please train your coaches and players before their first tournament.

Coaches are encouraged to use the free resources at:
theartofcoachingvolleyball.com.

Courts

Anyone knowing of courts available on any of the dates on our schedule please let us know.

Utah AAU Volleyball Guest List

Mike Killpack	Utah AAU Governor
George Miles	AAU Utah Volleyball and NUVA
Treva McCune	Cache Valley
Scott McCune	Cache Valley
Chad Barrett	Utah Vortex
Pam Barrett	Utah Vortex
Ane Pututau	Club Union
Guest	Club Union
Amber Day	Kongo VBC
April Painter	Kongo VBC
Steve Matherly	Elevate VBC
Tobin Reynolds	Elevate VBC
Lesa Best	Utah Storm
Angela Peterson	Club Vinaka
Keli Lobendahn	Club Vinaka
Guest	Club Vinaka
Sisifo Taatiti	Sideout Volleyball
Derrick Sorensen	Mt O
Eric Howard	Utah Hive
Dixie Loveless	Mountain Peak
Guest	Mountain Peak
Kim Norman	High Country
April Parady	Juab Sting
Guest	Juab Sting
Melissa Glasker	Club GSL
Clint Barnes	UHCA