

## **2018 Club Directors Meeting October 1, 2018**

Summary of items discussed at the Utah AAU Volleyball Club Directors Meeting held October 1, 2018.

### **Utah AAU Volleyball Night at Utah v Stanford Match**

Everyone is invited to attend for free the volleyball match on Friday, October, 5, 2018 between Utah and Stanford. Stanford is currently ranked # 2 in the AVCA poll behind # 1 BYU, who defeated Stanford on August 31 in Provo. Stanford is led by Kathryn Plummer the 2017 AVCA Player of the Year. Utah is currently ranked #24.

Following the match there will be an Autograph Party with the Utah athletes.

A pass has been emailed which allows for six free tickets for each pass. If you print the ticket at home you can use it for a free pass on all UTA rides to the University including FrontRunner, TRAX, and buses. Clubs are invited to forward the information to their coaches, athletes, and parents. They may also post the pass on their web pages. These passes may be used for any future Utah home match. The pass is also on our web page at [nuva.me](http://nuva.me).

### **West Coast Championships in Sandy**

There is a proposal to play a Northern Division of the West Coast Championships in Sandy, Utah. Play would continue in Las Vegas for teams that want to travel there. Both tournaments would be played over the Memorial Day weekend. The tournament in Sandy would have no play on Sunday. Many of the Club Directors showed interest in attending.

The 18 and under AAU National Championships will also be played over the Memorial Day weekend in Orlando.

### **Development of players**

A proposal was made for a special division which would allow for no libero and no substitutions. This would allow for players to play all positions front row and back row. The idea is to give everyone the opportunity to play every position.

There was discussion about specialization at younger and younger ages versus the advantages of learning to play multiple positions.

A substitution motion was made to allow for unlimited substitutions so a coach could rotate players into the lineup at one rotation so all athletes can play every position. This was agreed upon in the Club Division only and just for the youngest teams. Coaches may choose which option they use.

Club Directors are encouraged to train their coaches and athletes in keeping score, working assignments including second referee and lines. The web site of [volleyballreftraining.com](http://volleyballreftraining.com) is available with videos and presentations to assist with this.

Coaches are encouraged to attend coaching clinics. Clint Barnes told about some he has set up for the high school coaches and will be setting some more up in the future. Watch his web page at [utahvolleyball.net](http://utahvolleyball.net) for more information. There are also some training options there. Many resources are also available at [theartofcoachingvolleyball.com](http://theartofcoachingvolleyball.com).

## **Friendship Tournaments**

The subject of clubs hosting “Friendship” tournament was raised. Some feel it is hurting Utah AAU Volleyball. The present AAU policy allows all clubs with a Level Two or Level Three Club Membership to sanction and host AAU tournaments. As AAU Utah Volleyball Chair every request for a sanction has been approved during the past seven years.

The problem is not that teams are playing, the problem is they use courts which could be used for the teams entered in the Utah AAU League.

There are approximately 1,000 teams playing in Utah but there is a limited number of courts. As we continue to grow this will be a larger problem.

## **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 will high skill levels in each age group.

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

Premier 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 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.

Bob Ward presented some information on the Power League. He said it would be limited to the top 48 teams. 40 will be invited based on the results from last year and the remaining eight would have to qualify by playing in a qualifying tournament.

## **Boys Volleyball**

Derrick Sorenson gave an overview of boys volleyball. He outlined the 2018 Boys Fall Schedule which will begin on October 13 and continue on October 27, November 10, and November 17. The number of boys teams has increased each year. Club Directors were encouraged to add boys.

There will be a Grand Prix for boys teams on November 30 and December 1 at Sports City. Winning teams will receive free entry to the 2019 AAU Boys National Championships. (There must be 12 teams entered in each division or the free entry will be prorated.)

## **Boys playing on girls' teams**

It was decided to continue to allow younger boys to play on girls' teams in age groups 14 and younger. Only 3 boys may be on the court at any time.

All boys teams will be allowed to play but will be required to play in an age division that is 2 years older. 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.

Boys are not allowed to play on girls' teams in the Super Regional or Grand Prix. If we get enough all boys teams, we will have a special division for them.

## **2019 Schedule for Utah AAU League**

The 2019 Schedule and Entry Forms for the Utah AAU League was passed out and is posted on the web page at [nuva.me](http://nuva.me),

Entry fees for 2019 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.

## **Courts**

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