



2021-2022 INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP FORM

This application, the USAV Code of Conduct and Waiver and Release of Liability must be read and signed before the USAV registrant/RVA member listed on the application is allowed to take part in any sanctioned activity (by example only: training, competition, practice/warm-up sessions, meeting or testing sessions). This application must be completed legibly, only by the applicant and/or his/her parent/guardian, with accurate personal information that pertains to the applicant. Membership with USA Volleyball is individual and is **not transferable** from one person to another. Additional RVA requirements may apply.

REQUIRED FOR PARTICIPATION: Total of 3 signature(s) for participant and/or parent (pages 1-3)

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

LEGAL FIRST NAME: _____ MI: _____ LAST: _____ BIRTH DATE: _____

Check if name has changed in the past year. If yes, provide previous name: _____ GENDER: Male Female

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ ST: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

Juniors Only
GRADE (2021/2022 School Year): _____
HIGH SCHOOL GRAD YR: _____

E-MAIL: _____
HOME PHONE: _____
CELL PHONE: _____

Participant Role(s)
<input type="checkbox"/> Player <input type="checkbox"/> Coach
<input type="checkbox"/> Official <input type="checkbox"/> Other:

Check if you are hearing impaired/deaf (for USA Deaflympic Talent ID) Check if you are disabled physically (for Paralympic Talent ID)
 Check if you have served in the armed forces

USAV is committed to diversity. This information is used to report aggregate data to the United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee.

Check **ONE** of the following:
 Asian, not Hispanic or Latino Black or African American, not Hispanic or Latino Two or more races, not Hispanic or Latino
 White, not Hispanic or Latino American Indian or Alaskan Native, not Hispanic or Latino I choose not to respond
 Hispanic or Latino Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, not Hispanic or Latino

Membership Options (Annual fees per person)					
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Extended Officials Insurance	\$ 6.85	<input type="checkbox"/>	Donation to USA Team Programs.*	\$ 5.00

*\$1 will be donated to each: Men's and Women's National Teams, High Performance Girls and Boys and Regional Junior Development

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT/USE AGREEMENT

- I, a prospective or current member of USA Volleyball ("USAV") and/or one of its Regional Volleyball Associations ("RVA"), agree to abide by and be bound by the applicable Bylaws, rules, regulations, Code of Conduct, competition rules of USAV, as well as the SafeSport rules, policies and procedures promulgated by the U.S. Center for SafeSport, ("Center") as they may be amended from time to time. I agree to be subject to the jurisdiction of the Center and agree that any sanctions imposed by the Center extend to my participation in all USA Volleyball events or activities, or events and activities of other NGBs, and **may be posted publicly and include information regarding the misconduct involved.**
- I agree that I will abide by the rules and guidelines regarding club affiliation as established by the RVA in which I am applying for membership.
- I certify that I am in good health and in proper physical condition to participate in USAV and/or RVA sanctioned activities, and not have any mental or physical conditions, illnesses or impairments which would preclude my safe participation in such activities.
- I hereby agree to be filmed, video, audio, digitally recorded and photographed, and to have my name, image, picture, likeness, voice and biographical information otherwise recorded, in any and all forms of media now existing or hereafter developed (the "Media"), during USAV and/or RVA sanctioned events, by USAV/RVA's authorized representative, under the conditions specified by USAV/RVA (the "Footage").
- I hereby grant USAV/RVA, with no financial or other compensation due to me, full right and license to use, and to authorize third parties to use, in all Media, the Footage for: (1) news and information purposes, (2) promotion of the specific competition(s) in which I compete or other USAV/RVA-sanctioned events, (3) promotion of the Sport, (4) promotion of USAV or RVA, or both, (5) the promotion of players for recruiting or scouting purposes, or (6) for educational purposes, provided that, in no event may USAV/RVA use or authorize the use of the Footage in any manner that would directly imply my endorsement of any company, product, or service, without my written permission.
- The current FIVB Sports Regulations stipulate that the Federation that is the first to issue a national license for the player is considered to be the player's Federation of Origin regardless of the player's citizenship. The current FIVB interpretation of "issue a national license" means registering with the Federation (in our case, USA Volleyball). Therefore, please be advised that if you register with USA Volleyball, and subsequently desire to represent another country in international competition, you may be subject to the FIVB regulations regarding "Change of Federation of Origin," which includes the payment of significant fees to the FIVB and review and approval of such application by the FIVB.
- I acknowledge that limited memberships are not eligible for refund of USAV national registration fees. Refund requests for full memberships must be processed by the RVA of registration for the member and will not be considered if more than 45 days after membership purchase. Chargeback payments will result in member suspension until funds are recovered by USAV.
- I hereby certify that the information provided herein is being done directly by myself or by me, as the legal guardian representing a minor, and that it is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also understand and agree that incomplete or false information is grounds for denial of membership.

Participant's Signature (regardless of age): _____ Date signed: _____

If applicant is under 18 years of age:

Parent/Guardian's Name: _____ Parent/Guardian E-Mail: _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____ Date signed: _____

SIGNATURE REQUIRED

USA VOLLEYBALL WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY

I acknowledge that volleyball or any sporting event is an extreme test of a person's physical and mental limits and that my participation in a volleyball event can cause any or all of the following: property damage, including loss or damage to personal property; serious injury (including athletic injuries such as broken bones, concussions, or other injuries); sickness and disease (including communicable diseases and viruses (including COVID-19 or bacteria); trauma; pain & suffering; permanent disability; exposure to extreme conditions and circumstances; exposure to communicable diseases (including COVID-19); accidents involving other participants; contact or collision with other participants, playing surfaces, balls or other natural or manmade objects; and, paralysis and death.

Coronavirus (COVID-19) is an **extremely contagious** virus that may spread easily through person-to-person contact. Federal and state authorities recommend social distancing as a means to prevent the spread of the virus. **COVID-19 can lead to serious illness, personal injury, permanent disability, and death. Participating in USAV/RVA sanctioned activities and/or USAV/RVA sanctioned facilities could increase the risk of contracting COVID-19.** USAV/RVA in no way warrants that COVID-19 infection(s) will not occur through participation in USAV/RVA sanctioned activities or by accessing USAV/RVA facilities.

With a full understanding of the potential risks, I HEREBY ASSUME THE RISKS OF PARTICIPATING OR OFFICIATING IN A VOLLEYBALL EVENT. I hereby take the following action for myself, my executors, administrators, heirs, next of kin, successors and assigns: a) **I WAIVE, RELEASE, AND DISCHARGE** from any and all claims or liabilities for death, exposure to disease, personal injury or damages of any kind, **EXCEPT THAT WHICH IS THE RESULT OF GROSS NEGLIGENCE AND/OR WANTON MISCONDUCT OF PERSONS OR ENTITIES LISTED BELOW**, which arise out of or relate to my traveling to and from or my participation in any volleyball event, **THE FOLLOWING PERSONS OR ENTITIES:** USAV and its RVAs, tournament directors, sponsors, and the officers, directors, employees, representatives, and agents of any of the above; b) **I AGREE NOT TO SUE** any of the persons or entities listed above for any of the claims or liabilities that I have waived, released or discharged herein; and c) **I INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS** the persons or entities mentioned above from any claims made or liabilities assessed against them as a result of my actions.

Participant's Signature (regardless of age): _____ Date signed: _____

If applicant is under 18 years of age, a parent or guardian must execute, in addition to the foregoing Waiver and Release, the following, for and on behalf of the minor.

The undersigned parent and natural guardian or legal guardian of the applicant (_____ [minor's name]) executes the foregoing Waiver and Release for and on behalf of the minor named herein. I hereby bind myself, the minor and all other assigns to the terms of the Waiver and Release. I represent that I have legal capacity and authority to act for and on behalf of the minor named herein, and I agree to indemnify and hold harmless the persons or entities named in the Waiver and Release for any claims or liabilities assessed against them as a result of any insufficiency of my legal capacity or authority to act for and on behalf of the minor in the execution of the Waiver and Release. I fully consent to my child's participation in USAV/RVA events.

Parent/Guardian's Name (if registrant is under 18 years of age): _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____ Date signed: _____

USA VOLLEYBALL CODE OF CONDUCT

USA Volleyball ("USAV") and its Regional Volleyball Associations ("Regions") encourage participation and the pursuit of excellence in all facets of volleyball. USAV and the Regions grant the privilege of membership to individuals committed to this same pursuit. The privilege of membership may, therefore, be withdrawn or denied by USAV and/or the Regions at any time where USAV and/or the Regions determine that a member or prospective member's conduct is contrary to the best interests of the sport and those who participate in it.

In order to assist all members in serving the best interests of volleyball and to create an environment that is supportive, inclusive, positive and appropriate, USA Volleyball and its Regions have adopted this Code of Conduct. As a condition of membership, each prospective member is required to acknowledge and adhere to this Code of Conduct.

THE FOLLOWING SHALL BE CONSIDERED VIOLATIONS OF THE USA VOLLEYBALL CODE OF CONDUCT:

1. Violation of any anti-doping policies, protocols or procedures as defined by the International Olympic Committee (IOC; www.olympic.org), World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA; www.wada-ama.org), Federation Internationale de Volleyball (FIVB; www.fivb.org), US Anti-Doping Agency (USADA; www.usada.org) or the United States Olympic Committee (USOC; www.teamusa.org). Violations of this provision will be adjudicated only by USADA or the proper anti-doping authority, not USAV.
2. Violation of SafeSport rules, policies and procedures promulgated by the U.S. Center for SafeSport (www.safesport.org), including the SafeSport Code and/or Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies ("MAAPP"), as they may be amended from time to time.
3. Discrimination in violation of the Amateur Sports Act which requires that USAV must provide an equal opportunity to athletes, coaches, trainers, managers, administrators, and officials to participate in the sport of volleyball. Members must be allowed to participate and compete to the fullest extent allowed by USAV and Region rules. Discrimination against any member on the basis of age, gender, race, ethnicity, culture, religion, sexual orientation, gender expression, gender identity, genetics, mental or physical disability, or any other status protected by federal, state or local law, where applicable, is prohibited.
4. Possession, consumption, sale or distribution of alcohol, tobacco, vaping devices or e-cigarettes, marijuana, illegal drugs, or controlled substances, if such possession, consumption, or distribution is illegal or in violation of USAV or Region policy.
5. USAV policy prohibits the possession, consumption, sale or distribution of alcohol, tobacco, vaping devices or e-cigarettes by anyone registered as a junior volleyball player at the event venue of any USAV/Region sanctioned junior event.
6. Use of a recognized identification card by anyone other than the individual described on the card.
7. Physical damage to a facility or theft of items from a room, dormitory, residence or other person. (Restitution will be part of any penalty imposed.)
8. Possession of fireworks, ammunition, firearms, or other weapons or any item or material which by commonly accepted practices and principles would be a hazard or harmful to other persons at USAV/RVA sanctioned events.
9. Any action considered to be an offense under Federal, State or local law ordinances.
10. Violation of the specific policies, regulations, and/or procedures of the USAV, Region or the facility used in conjunction with a sanctioned event. (It is the responsibility of the individual to be familiar with applicable specific policies, regulations and procedures.)

11. Conduct which is inappropriate as determined by comparison to normally accepted behavior.
12. Physical or verbal intimidation of any individual.
13. Any act of fraud, deception or dishonesty in connection with any USAV related activity.
14. Actions that will be detrimental to USAV or the Region.
15. Any non-consensual physical contact, obscene language or gesture, or other threatening language or conduct directed towards any personnel associated with a USAV or Region sanctioned event including but not limited to event staff, match officials, arbitrators, ticketing personnel, etc.
16. To act in such a manner, either through behavior or policies, as to threaten an athlete's amateur status or Region, USAV, school and/or collegiate eligibility.
17. To not abide by applicable USAV and/or region transfer policies.
18. To not abide by applicable Region recruiting policies.

- I have read and understand the USA Volleyball Code of Conduct
- I agree and consent to abide by the USA Volleyball Code of Conduct and Disciplinary Policies and other region specific code of conducts
- I understand that, if I violate the USAV and/or RVA Codes of Conduct, I might be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with USAV and/or RVA

SIGNATURE REQUIRED

Participant's Signature (regardless of age): _____ Date signed: _____

Parent/Guardian's Name (if registrant is under 18 years of age): _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____ Date signed: _____