

Oct 2017 Atlantic Zonal Discussion Items

Atlantic Zone Meeting called to order by Steve Bishop at 10:40 AM, Denver, Oct 7, 2017

Carolina: Kevin Wendelboe

Chesapeake: Lisa DiGiacinto

FL: Steve Bishop (Atlantic Zone Chair)

GEVA: Bill Doyle, Bob Baker

IREVA: Mike McNeil, Hazel Goldstein

Keystone: Michelle Carlton

NERVA: Dave Peixotto

OD: Skip Weston

OVR: Bob Price, Al Herbert

Palmetto: Jimmy Peden

Southern: Ken Cain

WEVA: John Hughes

Guest: AJ Joseph, Tori Hoke, Tom Pingel, June Sander, Kristin Oddi, several other part-time attendees

12 voting members present; quorum achieved

Zonal Agenda Items:

[2] General motion from Judy Praska [will need to be moved and seconded at the meeting]

Motion: All USAV manuals-including events and arbitrator manuals need to have input and to be approved by RVA's.

Rational: We recently learned that the Arbitrator manual was changed so that Regions have lost their power. It was stated that SafeSport was only added to the Arbitrator manual, after further

review many items were changed so that RVA's lost their control. RVA's need to be included in the revisions and making sure we are a part of items and not removed.

[3] Discussion re need for an RVAA newsletter to clubs/members - JVA publishes a very useful newsletter, that offers clubs informative webinars and articles that assist clubs in operation. Should we request USAV do something similar (Better) and are the regions interested in this type of education?

How will specific RVAA info be added, and who will control dissemination to the clubs within a region? Submitted by Sandy Abbinanti, Jimmy Peden, etc.

[4] ADULT NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP REGISTRATION

Clarification is requested regarding the process of confirming rosters at the Adult National Championships and how on-site registration is handled at check in. Present written policy states that all player's registration is through the regions. In addition, only full members are eligible to participate at Nationals. One event memberships being a limited membership are not permitted. There seems to be some question to whether this policy is being followed.

After reviewing rosters in early May, we pointed out that a team had only two legal members. We were assured by USAV that everyone would be properly registered before being allowed to participate. Upon checking Webpoint in early September there was no evidence of any current membership or expired one event membership for the players in question. When notifying USAV we were told that two one event memberships along with several administrative memberships were taken at the event but remained as a paper registration and never entered in Webpoint.

Our concern is we are told how critical it is to be vigilant in assuring valid registrations for insurance purposes. How can Regions be expected to do that if the information is not entered into Webpoint. In addition, as required we need to assign players to a region along with the fees. It seems in this instance that USAV does not consistently follow its own policy and procedures.

This process if allowed to continue will create a disincentive for adult players to register in advance with the regions. It will reward the player who shows up and registers with a discounted one event membership. The player who followed the rules does not get that option. Of course, it also opens us up to adverse insurance exposure.

I would like to propose the following to address this issue:

- enforce the present requirement that only a full membership will be permitted for all National Championships

- Only electronic registrations will be permitted from players of a Webpoint regions. That can be done onsite as it can readily be accomplished on any smartphone.
- require all paper registrations from non Webpoint regions to be entered into Webpoint with an assigned region.

Respectively submitted, Robert Baker on September 15, 2017

Atlantic Zone supports 12 – 0.

[5] RVAA Budget Report

Discussion item: Are we getting services at the RVAA meeting that we need/want? Based on the amount being expended, are we getting the “best bang for our bucks”?

No significant discussion. Utilizing Team Travel Source should be a benefit in the future.

[6] USAV College Recruiting vendor:

Discussion items:

- what info is the vendor being given? How are they getting the info, what process?
- concerns?

Questions about the Opt-in selection and which vendor(s) are selected. Concern about deceptive wording. Also discussion about WebPoint and AI Group’s ability to support enhancements to WebPoint. Request that the current wording be changed on the WebPoint screen as well as the email that is sent to the junior/parent to be more clear. Discussion about what other current or future use of WebPoint data or member data is occurring. Need to create a process whereby the regions have awareness and input prior to implementation of any WebPoint change. Concern that this should only be applied to recruitable age-levels only. Also concern that the regions receive no direct compensation and may preempt each region’s ability to access membership and sponsorship. What specific data is used for the recruiting option – which email, etc. Is there the ability to un-Opt-In?

Potential motion: Change the language on the WebPoint Opt-In screen to be less deceptive to something like “Click this box if you want to be contacted by USAV’s official college recruiting partner.”

Atlantic Zone supports changing this 12 – 0.

[7] Discussion to consider allowing junior players to wear earrings and piercings.

Discussion about whether this is a “nit-picky” rule or concern about injury or impact on insurance. FIVB does not prohibit jewelry. More specific language needs to be defined consistent with adult jewelry rule. Concept is supported 10 – 2 given specific language.

[8] Discussion on the consideration that “all felonies” be used as a disqualifier for background screen program.

Kristin attended and gave some details on the data they have recently gathered. Any single felony within 10 years. 33 additional applicants would have failed this additional criteria in addition to 66 disqualified last season (2016-2017). Concern that some felonies do not affect children and may not be appropriate criteria to apply to all members. Kristin mentioned that separate accounts with different criteria can be created; e.g., financial criteria. Suggestion that perhaps we should selectively analyze specific felonies to see if some, but not all, should be added to our current specific list of disqualifiers.

Straw Poll: Support all felonies 0 – 10 – 2.

Tom Pingel mentioned that the meeting location for next October’s meeting could be investigated by Team Travel Source to find the best location given a general geographic area.

AJ mentioned the insurance liability issue around setting up sports courts.

Nominating Committee member from Atlantic Zone is Hazel Goldstein.

Meeting adjourned at 12:35.

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RVAA Motions: **DRAFT**

RVAA Motion #1: Approval of Lisa DiGiacinto as substitute for October 2017 meeting only. Motion carries RVAA.

RVAA Motion #2: Move to Support the current Scorer Test Rule USAV Test Rule 15.9.2.3a, 15.9.2.3b, and 15.9.2.4 for all National Championships except the Adult Open and all HP indoor Championships for 2018. Motion carries RVAA.

RVAA Motion #3: Approve Beach MOU between USAV and RVAA: Motion passed.

RVAA Motion #4: Recommend that USAV create an [online] case management tracking platform for regional SafeSport representatives to track cases and their outcomes. The SafeSport Committee will work with USAV staff to create policies and procedures.

RVAA #4 / SafeSport Motion #1 – Case tracking system; **Atlantic Zone supports 12-0.**

RVAA Motion #5: Develop initial youth training modules for education of juniors for athlete empowerment in areas including, but not limited to, grooming, hazing, and bullying.

RVAA #5 / SafeSport Motion #2 – Recommend add the word “predatory” prior to grooming. Discussion about using USAV Academy to produce and deliver content; Coordination with Education Committee. **Atlantic Zone supports 12-0.**

RVAA Motion #6: to amend Article VII,Section 6,f by removing the word "only" and add at the end of the sentence " or other expenditures".

Rationale: The RVAA occasionally approves non-meeting expenses such as awards, flowers honoring a commissioner's deceased family member, attorney advice expenditures, and other matters that are not "incidental expenses for National RVA meetings", which is the only current expenditures allowed.

RVAA #6 / S&F #1 – add reference to RVAA Admin Manual; **Atlantic Zone supports 12-0.**

RVAA Motion #7: to add to Article VII ,Section 14,a;i : To not allow nominations from the floor will be allowed during RVAA election proceeding.

Rationale: all positions require some level of vetting in order to qualify to run for an RVAA position. In most cases this cannot be accomplished at the RVAA meeting during the balloting process.

RVAA #7 / S&F #2 – Remove duplicate “not allowed” and put “not”; No nominations from the floor will be allowed during RVAA election proceedings. **Atlantic Zone supports 12-0.**

RVAA Motion #8: To add to Article 14 ... Completed applications for nominations must be received by the RVAA Nominating Chair on or before 90 days prior to the election date. All applicants will receive confirmation of their application.

The nominating committee will notify all potential candidates of their acceptance or denial no later than 45 days prior to the election.

Any appeal of these decisions must be received by the RVAA Chair in electronic or written form within 7 days of the date of notification. The RVAA Admin Council shall rule on the appeal no later than 14 days prior to the election.

Rationale : this would give nominees who applications were denied an avenue to appeal. This motion clarifies the time line for the nominating committee and appeal process.

RVAA #8 / S&F #3 – Timeline for nominations and appeal process. **Atlantic Zone supports 12-0.**

RVAA Motion #9: Motion to accept the submitted nomination form with a deadline of 90 days on or before the election . The nomination form will be added as an appendix to the RVAA manual.

Rationale : We have not had an approved nomination form for several years. The form has been handed down from committee to committee. This motion clarifies all the needed information and appropriate deadlines.

RVAA #9 / S&F #4 – Nomination Form. **Atlantic Zone supports 12-0.**

RVAA Motion #10: RVA recommends the Officials Division modify officials training at all levels to encourage referees to focus less on matters that do not provide a competitive advantage or safety factor for a player or team. Training emphasis should be placed on facilitating the playing rules rather than minor rules infractions. This includes but is not limited to the following items: non-metallic items on wrist, spectators feet on the sport court, uniform number that is visible but is just off center, warming up in non-numbered shirts, bench personnel on playing surface, but not blocking a LJ's view, etc.

Rationale: Over officious referees concentrate on small details that have nothing to do with playing the game. So the game becomes miserable for players, coaches and spectators. If a minor infraction has nothing to do with how the game is being played, referees should be trained to overlook these items. Bring the fun and excitement back to the game.

RVAA #10 / Competition #1 – Referee training emphasis. Some concern about changing the rules versus asking referees to not enforce the rules rigidly. Questions about in region versus national qualifier application. Lots of discussion. **Atlantic Zone does not support as written. We support the concept of referee training and , but some of the situations involve rule application.**

RVAA Motion #11: Final authority on jersey legality lies with the tournament director, qualifier director or USAV national events director.

Rationale: Not all referees can agree on what is a legal jersey and what is not. Some referees make over reaching decisions because they fear repercussions of not following all rules to the letter. Tournament directors want the players to play, even if a jersey does not comply with the strict interpretation of a rule.

RVAA #11 / Competition #2 – Jersey legality final authority lies with TD. Lots of discussion about the role of HR and the possibility of protest. **Atlantic Zone supports 8-3-1.**

RVAA Motion #12: At this time, do not remove money from the Region Insurance Fund to distribute to Regions but maintain the current Region Insurance Fund as a rate stabilization special projects fund.

RVAA #12 / Insurance #1 – Leave RVAA fund alone. Concern about getting more interest on the significant \$\$\$ in this fund. After we get the analysis of how much money would be needed for stabilization, then how much excess might be available. **Atlantic Zone supports 12-0.**

RVAA Motion #13: Motion: All USAV manuals-including events and arbitrator manuals need to have input and to be approved by RVA's.

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RVAA #13 / Stakeholder Relationship/Compliance #1 – RVAA “input and approval” of USAV manuals. **Atlantic Zone supports 12-0.**