

"DIVISION" FORMAT

The Sun Country Region Volleyball Association uses the "DIVISION" tournament format. The goal of this format is to place teams within "DIVISIONS" that are ability and experience related rather than age-specific related. It allows the more experienced and better skilled teams the opportunity to compete consistently against teams with the same or near-equal skill level. It will also allow the new, less experienced teams to compete consistently against teams with the same or near-equal skill level. We believe this will provide a more enjoyable experience for everyone because it will offer each team in the region the opportunity to have quality competition at almost *equal ability levels* within the "DIVISIONS."

The "DIVISIONS" will first be defined by age parameters in order to give the Tournament Coordinator a guideline for starting. Teams will then be moved up a division or down a division, at the discretion of the Tournament Coordinator based upon their performance in previous tournaments and with regards to court availability. Team representatives should communicate openly with the Tournament Coordinator about their placement within a tournament so that the team representative and the players feel comfortable about their opportunity to compete in any qualifier entered.

In the tournament format, the "DIVISIONS" will be defined initially as follows:

- **UNLESS APPROVED BY WAIVER**

DIVISION 1

- "Base Teams" will consist of all 18's and 17's & teams from DIVISION 2 that finished in the top 20% to 25% in a previous tournament

DIVISION 2

- "Base Teams" will consists of all 16's and only the 15s and teams from DIVISION 1 that finished in the bottom 20% to 25% in a previous tournament and teams from DIVISION 3 that finished in the top 20% to 25% in a previous tournament
- 17s and 18s age group teams will not be allowed below Division 2 unless approved through waiver process

DIVISION 3

- "Base Teams" will consist of all 15 two's, 15 three's, 15 four's, etc. & teams from DIVISION 2 that finished in the bottom 20% to 25% in a previous tournament plus teams from DIVISION 4 that finished in the top 20% to 25% in a previous tournament
- All 15s age group teams will begin the season in Division 3
- 16s age group teams will not be allowed below Division 3 unless approved through waiver process
- Note: 14's and under teams will NOT be allowed a reserve

DIVISION 4

- “Base Teams” will consist of all 14’s and 13’s and teams from DIVISION 3 that finished in the bottom 20% to 25% in a previous tournament and also teams from DIVISION 5 that finished in the top 20% to 25% in a previous tournament
 - Note: 15’s and older teams will be allowed a reserve under the 14’s and under reserve rule

DIVISION 5

- Will consist of only 12’s & waived 13’s teams approved through performance by the Eligibility Committee (primarily because of different net height and ball weight).
- In Division 5 "B" a serving line will be marked at 2 meter (6'6") inside the end line.

DIVISION 6

- Will consist of 11 & under only with parameters as set by the Board of Directors.
- In Division 6 a serving line will be marked at 3 meter (10') inside the end line.
- **THE NET WILL BE SET AT 6’8”**

All divisions **may** be split in “A” & “B” levels with regards to entry numbers and competition levels.