

MEMBERSHIP

All participants residing within the boundaries of Sun Country MUST register with USA Volleyball through the Sun Country Region (SURVA). All participants including club board members & club directors, players, coaches, team representatives, officials, chaperones, tournament directors, site directors or anyone **actively involved** in Sun Country Region volleyball.

Membership in USA Volleyball (USAV) and Sun Country Region Volleyball (SURVA) is a privilege and not a right. Membership may be accepted, denied, revoked, suspended or placed on hold at any time in the best interest of USAV and/or SURVA.

INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATIONS

1. Membership begins September 1 and ends August 31 of the following year (this coincides with mandatory USA Volleyball insurance policy year). Registration for membership begins August 1.
2. **After September 1st, players will be able to accept a club invitation upon registration. A player then has until November 14 to freely request a club transfer. On November 15th, the player becomes “committed” to the club associated with that membership for the entire season & the Transfer & Release Policy is activated. Season is defined as beginning Sept 1 and concluding Aug 31 of the following year.**
3. Registration information will be available on the SURVA website. Complete the registration process according to instructions provided on the Sun Country Volleyball Region website at <http://suncountryvb.org>
4. All junior club members including board members, players, coaches, team representatives, officials, chaperones, tournament directors or anyone **actively involved** in clubs, tournaments, or **practices** MUST register with USA Volleyball through the Sun Country Region (SURVA) registration website.
5. Transgender athletes must follow and complete USAV transgender protocol before registration. The athlete must submit proof of USAV approved transgender status to the Region office at time of membership purchase or renewal.
6. The SURVA Board of Directors sets the Registration Fee annually. Participants are covered under the insurance umbrella when properly registered.
7. There shall be no refund on a membership fee once a member has participated in any event, included but not limited to practices, tournaments, and/or tryouts.

- a. If a refund is granted, only the region portion will be refunded.

FORMING CLUBS

1. Each season, every club must complete an application for activation in the USAV MMS for Region approval. The Region will consider each application and approve/disapprove the club for participation that season pending completion of all requirements.
2. Upon approval by the Region, the club will be activated after club leadership has completed all requirements such as registration, current background screen and Safe Sport certification.
3. *All new Club Directors must attend a New Club Orientation Clinic for the first two seasons
4. After a club is approved and activated, Sport Engine will complete set up in the member management system (MMS). Once set-up in the system is complete, the club may begin sending club invitations to prospective members.
5. Junior clubs may register more than one team; however, the appropriate age group & club rank must be designated for each team registered.
6. There will be no new clubs formed after January 15th of each season. Any team or club wanting to compete after January 15th will need to join an existing club for mentoring in preparation for the next season.
7. All persons in a leadership or admin position within a club **MUST** be a current Sun Country member of that club.

CLUB RENEWAL

All clubs will be monitored during the season by SURVA staff and subsequently reviewed or rated. SURVA Staff will look at problems areas of a club regarding club leadership capability, registration, member complaints, recruiting, tournament issues, member behavior and any previous major club issues with club leadership or ethics.

Staff will refer any club with major issues to an AD HOC Committee for consideration for change of club status. Appeal of non-approval will be to the entire BoD.

Adding Additional Team Members

New members may be added at any time during the season.

Clubs will not allow non-registered members to participate in any USAV/SURVA approved event. Failure to follow this rule may cause the club and/or responsible individuals involved to be placed on suspension pending decision by an Ethics Committee.