

TIPS FOR NEW TEAM REPS

Below are some answers to frequently asked questions:

If your team has not registered with USAV before, you will have to decide at which level of play to register. Playing in a fellowship tournament should help you decide, as would going to watch teams compete at the appropriate level. As a word of caution, an “A” level recreation team would be at best a “BB” level USAV team. You can change the level of play you wish to compete in after you submit your registration per discussion with the Registrar, but it would obviously be better to have some idea of your competitive level so your first tournament experience is a happy one.

CHRVA encourages teams to supply certified referees and **scorekeepers**. At each tournament (other than fellowships) you will have to provide a certified referee for at least one match and scorekeeper for at least two matches. It will cost you \$50 if you don't have a referee and \$8 each time someone has to keep score for you. This will immediately add **\$66** to an entry fee that is already \$130 or more. Get your team members to the clinics listed on the website and follow through with the practical rating part of the certification.

When your registration is complete, you won't need further dealings with the Registrar until you want to add a player. There is **no limit** on your total roster and you may add players until **March 15**. There is no “deadline” for team registration other than 2 weeks before the tournament you wish to play in. **You must have USAV numbers assigned to each player and your team in order to be able to compete.** If you want to add someone a week or less before the tournament it will take special arrangements with the Registrar as well as a late fee in order to accomplish this. **FELLOWSHIP TOURNAMENTS ARE THE ONLY TOURNAMENT DURING THE SEASON WHERE ON-SITE REGISTRATION MAY OCCUR WITHOUT PRIOR ARRANGEMENTS MADE WITH THE REGISTRAR.**

Registration for **fellowship tournaments** is a somewhat different process. Your team does not have to be registered in order to compete in a fellowship tournament. **HOWEVER, each player does have to fill out a membership form and pay his or her registration fee either individually or with the team in order to compete in a fellowship tournament.** The player should get a receipt for an individual registration, and it should be included with the team form in lieu of that player's fees when the registration is submitted for the team. A player who has done the above may play with any team during the fellowship season, including more than one in the same day. Once players have played in a regular-season tournament, they are “wedded” to that team and must remain with that team for the rest of the season.

Receiving invitations and entering regular-season tournaments are done through your Division Coordinator. You should contact your Division Coordinator with questions about regular-season tournament invitations, tournament dates, closing dates, etc.

Uniforms must be identical. The numbers must be at least 4” high on the front and at least 6” high on the back. The front numbers should be up towards the shoulder on one side of the chest, and the back numbers should be in the middle. 0 is not a legal number. If a **libero** (back row defensive specialist) is used in a match, his or her shirt may be a different style but must be a contrasting color, and it must be numbered front and back as well. Shorts must be the same cut, material and color and must have the same trim if any. You do not need to have matching uniforms in the fellowship tournaments, although numbered shirts are needed for scorekeeper practice.

If you think of other questions, you can call or e-mail the Registrar at (703) 690-3852 or registrar@chrva.org and your questions will be answered or you'll be sent to the appropriate person who can answer your questions. **GOOD LUCK!**