



# PIONEER REGION

## PARENT INFORMATION

From Pioneer Region – a region of USA Volleyball

The Pioneer Region is unable to contact parents of our junior athletes until after they have joined a junior club. You should read these statements before you make a commitment to a junior club and your USA Volleyball registration is complete.

We are proud of how far our junior clubs have come in the short period of time the Pioneer Region has been in existence. Remember occasionally there can be a misunderstanding between athletes, parents, coaches, and leaders of our junior clubs/teams. If a problem does develop your first line of communication should be to contact the club director, schedule an appointment, and discuss any problem you may encounter. Most of you will be signing contracts with your club of choice, as well as the ON-LINE USA Volleyball Waiver & Release form. We urge you not only to read and understand both before you sign, but also keep a copy for your own reference.

### **Be Very Aware!**

Once your athlete registers with a Junior Club the athlete is “committed to that club” for the USA Volleyball – Pioneer Region season. No club director, coach, or anyone (this includes parents) representing another club/team is to approach you or the athlete about transferring to another club at any time during the season. The season in our area begins with the day a player registers with a club and ends with the completion of the Junior National tournament that is contested in July of each year. There can be, on a **VERY** rare occasion, a limited transfer to another club allowed due to extenuating circumstances. Those limited transfers come with major restrictions and require paperwork from the parent of the athlete, the existing club and the new club. The transfer can limit the athlete from participation in any National event for the rest of the season.

### **Be alert as a parent!**

The Pioneer Region does not interfere in club business unless there is felt to be unethical practices. If a coach or director promises college scholarships, exotic trips for tournaments, outside weight training, extensive incentives that seem beyond reality...**GET IT IN WRITING!!** If the region has paperwork to investigate any improper incentives it helps the He Said- She Said scenario.

**Any player reported to the Pioneer Region office for non-payment of fees to a Pioneer Region club during a previous season WILL BE SUSPENDED and may not be registered until a settlement is reached with the previous club. Due process is always available.**

The Pioneer Region has a very strong junior program. These programs can be a very positive experience for your junior player. If you have any questions please contact the Pioneer Region Asst. Commissioner/Registrar, Nancy Funk (NFunk@twc.com).

Have a wonderful season of Volleyball!!!