



## POLICY ON FOREIGN INDIVIDUAL AND FOREIGN TEAM PARTICIPATION

### DEFINITIONS

- "Foreign Participant": A participant who is not a citizen of the United States OR a citizen residing in a U.S. territory having its own National Volleyball Federation to which the participant is affiliated.
- "Non-Resident"  
Foreign Participant: A person who is not a citizen of the United States residing outside the 50 United States OR an individual residing in a U.S. Territory, having its own National Volleyball Federation to which the participant is affiliated.
- "Resident" Foreign Participant: A person who is not a citizen of the United States residing in one of the 50 United States and holding "resident" versus "visitor" status. Proof of "Resident" status includes providing documentation substantiating enrollment and attendance in an educational institution in the United States (excludes on-line courses) OR proof of employment in the United States AND a corresponding physical residence address (excludes a P.O. Box or "care of" address). A copy of a current student or work visa is required for the duration of eligibility.
- Foreign Participant "Release": Written approval by a foreign participant's national volleyball federation of origin for that person to affiliate or participate with USA Volleyball.

### POLICY

- I. Concurrent registration with more than one National Volleyball Federation is prohibited.
  - A. **Resident Foreign Participant**, who has competed in international competition representing his/her country/federation of origin (i.e. Youth National Team, Junior National Team, Senior National Team, or other "elite" team that has represented that country in international competition) is required to have a written release from that volleyball federation of origin before he/she can become a registered member of a Regional Volleyball Association.
  - B. This would not apply to a participant who has been in continuous legal residence in the United States and unaffiliated with a foreign national volleyball federation for greater than two years.
- II. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS – ADULT
  - A. **Foreign Individual** Participation in National **Adult** Competitions (e.g. USA Volleyball Open Championships):
    1. Subject to Paragraph I, a **Resident Foreign Participant** (residing legally in the United States) may participate if he/she is duly registered with a USA Volleyball Regional Volleyball Association (RVA) and follows all event participation policies and

registration procedures.

2. A **Non-Resident Foreign Participant** is required to submit a \$10 insurance payment and an application for approval to USA Volleyball.
  1. Players representing their countries nationally or internationally currently are not eligible to participate.
  2. Players must have in their possession during the duration of the event a form of Photo identification (Driver's license, passport or comparable government issued document).
- B. **Foreign Team** Participation for National **Adult** Competitions (e.g. USA Volleyball Open Championships).
  1. A Foreign Team (registered with its National Volleyball Federation) may participate if it duly applies for and is accepted in compliance with the event's regulations.
  2. All members of the team must be eligible under the **Non-Resident Foreign Participant** application section above (II.A.2).

### III. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS – JUNIOR

- A. **Foreign Individual** Participation in National **Junior** Competitions (e.g. USA Volleyball Junior National Championships, National Invitational and all events that qualify teams for USA Junior National Volleyball Championship Events):
  1. Subject to Paragraph I, a **Resident Foreign Participant** (residing legally in the United States, e. g. exchange student) may participate if she/he is a duly registered member of a USA Volleyball Regional Volleyball Association (RVA) and follows all event participation policies and registration procedures.
  2. A **Non-Resident Foreign Participant** shall not be eligible to participate. See the Foreign Guest Coach Policy for exceptions.
- B. **Foreign Team** Participation for National **Junior** Competitions (e.g. USA Volleyball Junior National Championships, National Invitational and all Qualifying Events):
  1. A Foreign Team (registered with its National Volleyball Federation) may participate if it duly applies for and is accepted in compliance with the event's regulations, is not representing its country in an official capacity, and the federation of origin grants permission for participation.
  2. Foreign Teams must complete the Foreign Team registration process with USA Volleyball, including purchasing Foreign Team Participant Insurance (\$100).
  3. Each member of a Foreign Team shall have in his/her possession(s) the following documents:
    - a. Photo identification (Driver's license, passport or comparable government issued document), and
    - b. For those athletes 18 and under, a birth certificate or Government Issue Identification with birth date
  4. Each Foreign Team shall submit the following documents to USA Volleyball (through the application process):
    - a. Foreign Team Summary Form
    - b. A signed copy of the USA Volleyball Code of Conduct and Waiver and Release of Liability for each rostered participant (provided on page 2 of the Foreign Participant Registration form).
    - c. Passports or other photo ID for Junior Players.

### IV. REGIONAL ASSOCIATION PROGRAMS AND EVENTS (Not to include any events which qualify teams for any National Events)

- A. Subject to Paragraph I, a **Resident Foreign Participant** (residing legally in the United States, e. g. exchange student) may participate if he/she is a duly registered member of a USA Volleyball Regional Volleyball Association (RVA).
- B. A **Non-Resident Foreign Participant** shall not participate on a USA Volleyball club team. See the Foreign Guest Coach Policy for exceptions.

- C. In accordance with the USA Volleyball Policy on Foreign National Participation, these procedures are to be followed when foreign teams enter regionally sanctioned tournaments:
  - 1. Complete USA Volleyball Foreign Team application
  - 2. The coach or team rep for each foreign national team must have in his/her possession for each rostered member of the team:
    - a. Government issued photo identification
    - b. A copy of the birth certificate of each participant under 18 years of age
- D. Foreign athlete insurance will be provided by USA Volleyball at a cost of \$100 per team.
  - 1. Foreign teams must submit \$100, the Team Summary Form and the Foreign Participant Registration Forms (must have all signatures on all pages) for all rostered members of the team prior to participation in the first tournament of the season to USAV.
    - a. The foreign team coach or team rep will keep a copy of the summary form and all individual forms.
- E. Pre-tournament: Please direct all Foreign Teams participating in your event to reach out to USAV Membership Services Department at [membership@usav.org](mailto:membership@usav.org) in order to complete their Foreign Team Participation Paperwork. If a team has indicated to us that they will attend your event, we will reach out when their items are complete.
- F. Post-tournament: Send to the USA Volleyball Membership Department the following items, ONLY if the tournament director approves post-tournament submission.
  - 1. \$100 insurance team fees
  - 2. Copies of all individual Foreign Participant Registration Forms (must have all signatures on all pages)
  - 3. Photo ID for all rostered junior players
  - 4. Team Summary Form
  - 5. Letter of Good Standing