

High Performance Questions & Answers:

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Q: Why is the Region not entering a regional International Junior Girls Division team in the USA High Performance Championship Tournament this year?

A: We typically don't have enough Junior Division girls to form a regional team. There were only 3 Junior Division girls who showed up at the National tryouts held at Klum Gym on 02/28/09. Our HP Championship Tournament entries are dependent on the number of interested players for any particular division. We will choose 10 players per team and based on the National tryout numbers, we should be able to field 2 Girls Youth, 1 Girls Select, 1 Boys Youth, and 1 Boys Youth/Select teams this year.

Q: The eligibility year for Girls Youth is 1992 and after. The eligibility year for Boys Youth is 1990 and after. Why is there a difference in the eligibility year between the boys' and girls' in the HP Youth Division?

A: Girls born in '91 are not eligible to participate in the Girls' Int'l Youth or National Youth. The age group difference between boys and girls was established by the FIVB more than 10 years ago to enhance growth in the boys divisions. No discrimination intended. We follow the FIVB age group classifications for our HP programs, as well as the Championships. The exception is allowing an extra year for the oldest age groups to improve the chances of int'l and region teams to field competitive teams. (Girls Int'l Jr allows girls born in '89 and boys Int'l Youth allows boys born in '90). All other age groups are set by FIVB guidelines.

Q: My son just received notice that he was selected for the A2 camp, but the information states that Aloha Region players are "strongly encouraged to play in their own region." Why are they trying to discourage players to try out for the USA teams?

A: If a player has been invited to the Youth A2 Competitive Camp at Wisconsin Dells, it should be understood that it is just a camp. It does not guarantee a spot on a USA Boys' Youth team nor does it guarantee participation in the High Performance Championship Tournament. The Aloha Region is committed to send two boys' teams to the HP Championship Tournament this year, one in the International Boys Youth division and the other in the National Boys Youth/Select

division. It will be up to the player to determine whether he would like to attend the camp or represent the region and play in the HP Championship Tournament. Boys' tryout for the Aloha Region High Performance teams is scheduled for Sunday, 04/19/09 and 04/26/09 at Farrington High School Gym.

Q: What opportunities are available to coaches in the High Performance Program?

A: USA Volleyball conducts the High Performance Coaches Clinic, typically in January at the Olympic Training Center, Colorado Springs, CO. This is a great opportunity for coaches to learn skills from the national coaching staff and establish networks with other regional HP coaches. The Aloha Region High Performance program is aimed to provide interested coaches a chance to expand their experiences by providing continued coaching education opportunities.



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