

## **POST–SEASON PLAYER TRANSFER POLICY FOR OUT OF STATE TOURNAMENTS**

The goals of USA Volleyball include “providing an opportunity for members to participate and improve their volleyball skills.” The following Post-Season Player Transfer Policy for Out of State Tournaments provides an opportunity for individual **Junior** players to continue development of their playing skills, compete at a higher level, experience mainland competition, and the opportunity to be scouted by collegiate programs.

The Aloha Region’s Player Transfer Policy, which applies to all registered players, adults and juniors, prohibits a player from transferring teams during the season once the player registers with a team and that team participates in a sanctioned event. A change in geographical location due to a job or military transfer, or scholastic or collegiate status, may receive special consideration. The player, or in the case of a minor, the parents or guardian, desiring to change will be required to submit a request for transfer to another team or RVA to the commissioner of the RVA(s) involved.”

The Aloha Region volleyball season begins on September 1 and culminates at the conclusion of the last Aloha Region Junior Regional Championship in the respective season. The post-season period begins on the day after the last regional final of the same year.

This policy is limited to a player who wishes to participate in a post-season out of state tournament with another team/club provided his/her team/club is not participating in the same tournament. The policy is not intended for the formation of conglomerate teams to participate in Post-season tournaments out of the State of Hawaii.

A player may participate in Post-Season Tournament(s) out of the State of Hawaii with another team/club when such participation is:

- 1) allowed by the respective tournament sponsor;
- 2) the arrangement is approved by both teams;
- 3) the tournament is located outside of the State of Hawaii.

The Receiving Team<sup>1</sup>; however, should strongly consider the extent to which the addition of another player will inevitably reduce the participation of one or more existing members.

### Requirements:

1. Under no circumstances should a new player replace (“bump”) a member of the Receiving Team, unless such replaced player is unable or unwilling to travel with the Receiving Team.
2. The post-season tournament must be outside of the State of Hawaii.
3. The Exiting Team/Club will not be participating in any post-season tournaments, which are at the same time or overlap in time. The exiting team should not be deprived of a player if the Exiting Team is playing at the same or overlapping time.

Example of overlap. If the AAU tournament is from June 27 to June 30, and the Volleyball Festival is from June 30 to July 5, the two tournaments overlap. If the Exiting Team is playing in the AAU tournament, a player would not be allowed to join the Receiving Team to play at the Volleyball Festival.

4. The Receiving Team/Club should obtain a fully executed Post-Season Tournament Player Permission Form from the Exiting Team/Club, acknowledging and approving its member's participation with the Receiving Team/Club. In approving its member's participation, the Exiting Team/Club may, but need not, consider whether the member is current in all financial obligations to the team/club.
5. The transferring player is not allowed to practice or participate in any USAV sanctioned tournaments, in Hawaii or out of state, with the Receiving Team/Club until play ends at the last Aloha Region Junior Championship in the respective season.
6. The Aloha Region's Coaches' Code of Conduct and Ethics will be strictly enforced and specifically provides, that:

"Once a player has committed to a team or club for the season, either verbally or in writing, no coach from another team or club, players under the direction of another team or club coach, or parents under the direction of another coach, may contact that player for the purpose of persuading them to leave the club to which they have committed." (*Emphasis added.*)
7. The Player for whom there is a request for approval to play with the receiving team/club may not "bump" a player from the receiving teams' tournament roster. No member of the Receiving Team/Club should be replaced on the team unless the member is unwilling or unable to participate in the post-season tournament.
8. The properly fully executed Post-Season Tournament Player Permission Form from the Exiting Team/Club, acknowledging and approving its member's participation with the Receiving Team/Club must be submitted to the Aloha Region Commissioner for final approval.

1. *Definitions:*

*Exiting Team/Club – Team/Club of which the player is a member.*

*Receiving Team/club – Team/Club of which the player is NOT a member*