

USAV Junior Assembly – Club Forums Invitations

The USAV Junior Assembly will be hosting two Club Directors Forums.

THE BOYS SESSION is slated for January 24, 2022.

THE GIRLS SESSION is slated for January 25, 2022

The exact time will be secured and sent prior to the meeting but it will be an hour session starting between 2:00pm and 4:00pm CST [that would be 10:00 AM and 12:00 PM Honolulu Time]

THIS IS AN IMPORTANT ADDITION TO THE ASSEMBLY FORMATTING GOING FORWARD AS IT WILL BE THE INAUGURAL JUNIOR ASSEMBLY FORUMS WHICH IS OPEN TO ALL CLUB DIRECTORS REGISTERED WITH USAV. We plan to host Forums every other month going forward. Audience participation will be through chat and advance question/comment submissions

Topics to be discussed will range from Competition Topics, Qualifier updates, the NTDP, Ranking System, and the recent developments around the Junior National scheduling and attendance. One of the more important elements will be the answer/question period for Club Directors to submit topics or questions.

Here is a JA update for your benefit:

1. **Competition Clarifications:** Recently several updates have been made to the Championship manuals and here are just a few of the clarifications for qualifiers and the Junior National Championships.
 - a. Switching sides - not recommended unless there is a significant advantage playing on one side. Each Tournament Director will make this determination.
 - b. Tie breakers – new flow chart
 - c. Playing in the same event in two divisions – this will not be allowed in 2022. It was intended only for the COVID situation however we will address in May if this is something we should reconsider.

Obviously, there is much more. Kristy Cox and her team will be asked to provide a full update at the two Forums.

2. **Junior National Championships:** This topic will be discussed in specific terms and the current action steps that have been taken to enhance the Championships will also be presented.
3. **Junior Boys and Junior Girls Competition Subgroups:** It is becoming more apparent that the Competition topics which are brought forward each season have different requirements when it comes to Junior Boys and Junior Girls.
4. **National Seeding Effort:** The JA established a small workgroup to study the best ways to improve the way in which competitions are seeded. There was a set-back in this effort due to COVID but the group is making progress. A pilot program is being implemented for this current season
5. **Athlete Representation and Assembly Restructure:** Changes to Corporation By-Laws concerning placement of Athletes on Assemblies has been endorsed by the USOPC and the AAC committee. The Board Governance Committee et al., are working to meet the new requirements. The Junior Assembly will need to add several Athletes to the Assembly to comply. The fundamental requirement is to have a 33% of the Assembly participants be 10 year or 10+ year Athletes with specific international playing experience.