

# **USA VOLLEYBALL**

## **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. 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** may participate only with conglomerate classifications (e. g. Open and age classification tournaments) on the condition that he/she has been granted a written release from his/her national volleyball federation of origin and follows all event participation policies and registration procedures.
    - 3. A **Non-Resident Foreign Participant** shall not participate on a USA Volleyball Club Team (e.g. AA, A, BB and B classification tournaments).

- 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, is not representing its country in an official capacity, and the federation of origin grants permission for participation.
- C. Each Foreign Participant (on a conglomerate team) and all members of a Foreign Team must purchase foreign participant insurance, which will be provided by USA Volleyball. The expense shall be debited to the event at cost and shall be added to the entry fee.
- D. A waiver to the foreign participant insurance fee shall be granted to Canadians who provide written proof of 24-hour health coverage valid in the United States.
- E. Each Foreign Participant and all members of a Foreign Team shall have in their possession, and shall have previously filed with the Event Director, the following documents:
  - 1. Photo identification (Driver's license, passport or comparable government issued document), and
  - 2. A signed copy of the USA Volleyball Code of Conduct and Waiver and Release of Liability (provided on page 2 of the Foreign Participant Registration form).

### 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.
    - a. 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 purchase foreign participant insurance, which will be provided by USA Volleyball. The expense shall be debited to the event at cost and shall be added to the entry fee.
  - 3. A waiver to the foreign participant insurance fee shall be granted to Canadians who provide written proof of 24-hour health coverage valid in the United States.
  - 4. Each member of a Foreign Team shall have in his/her possession(s), and shall have previously filed with the Event Director, the following documents:
    - a. Photo identification (Driver's license, passport or comparable government issued document), and
    - b. A signed copy of the USA Volleyball Code of Conduct and Waiver and Release of Liability (provided on page 2 of the Foreign Participant Registration form).  
Additionally, for junior-age competitions, each foreign player (of a foreign team) must also possess and have on file with the Event Director:
      - c. Copy of birth certificate or Government Issue Identification with birth date
      - d. USA Volleyball's "Consent for Medical Treatment & Release" form, signed by the player's parent or legal guardian

**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.
  - 1. See the Foreign Guest Coach Policy for exceptions.
- C. For Regional Volleyball Association competitions a **Foreign Team**:
  - 1. May participate if accepted by the Regional Volleyball Association in compliance with its regulations and is not representing its country in an official capacity.
  - 2. Must purchase foreign participant insurance, which will be provided by USA Volleyball. The expense shall be debited to the event at cost and shall be added to the entry fee.
  - 3. A waiver to the foreign participant insurance fee shall be granted to Canadians who provide written proof of 24-hour health coverage valid in the United States.
  - 4. For Regional Volleyball Association (RVA) competitions, each Foreign Team member (all members of a foreign team) shall have in his/her possession, and shall have previously filed with the Event Director, the following documents:
    - a. Photo identification (Driver's license, passport or comparable government issued document), and
    - b. A signed copy of the USA Volleyball Code of Conduct and Waiver and Release of Liability (provided on page 2 of the Foreign Participant Registration form).  
Additionally, for junior-age competitions, each Foreign Player (or all members of a Foreign Team) must also possess and have on file with the Event Director:
      - c. Copy of birth certificate or Government Issue Identification with birth date
      - d. USA Volleyball's "Consent for Medical Treatment & Release" form, signed by the player's parent or legal guardian