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To all Arizona Region members,

After much discussion, the Arizona Region Board of Directors cancelled all Arizona Region Junior and Adult tournament events scheduled after March 13, 2020. This includes all power tournaments, Region Championships, the Vulture Peak Challenge and the AZ NCQ tournaments.

The rationale for the Board's decision included the following considerations:

- The health and safety of all Arizona Region players, coaches, officials and their families
- The closure of Arizona schools through the end of the school year
 - Without the schools many clubs are unable to hold practices
 - The AZ Region uses many schools for host sites so the Region would not have enough sites to hold the remainder of our tournaments as they were scheduled
- The suspension of USAV Insurance through April 30
- The extended CDC guidelines of 30 days to slow the spread of the virus – through April 30
- The Stay-At-Home order for Arizona by Governor Ducey
- The rescheduling of all the National Qualifiers to May and June.
 - This could potentially greatly reduce the number of teams participating in Arizona Region tournaments
 - This could potentially greatly reduce the number of officials available to staff Arizona Region tournament events.
- The understanding that any of the above closures or suspensions could be extended into May or even June.

IMPORTANT POINTS

1. Arizona Region Tournament Season vs. USAV Playing Season

Please keep in mind that just because the AZ Region tournament schedule has been cancelled, the 2020 USAV playing season has not been cancelled. USAV tournaments that are currently scheduled in May, June and/or July may still happen. It will be up to the states where those summer tournaments are scheduled to be held if they will allow these events to take place or not. Club Directors will need to communicate with their players/parents to determine if they have teams to participate in any season-ending or Junior National Championships.

2. USAV Memberships and Releases from Clubs

All USAV memberships will remain with the current club through July 4th (the current last day of the Junior National Championships). As in any season, if the club determines that their teams are done for the season, **any player wishing to change clubs will need to**

be released from the club they are registered with in order to do anything with another club regardless of the organization affiliation of the event. Keep in mind, that some eligibility requirements may keep a player from being released to participate with another club.

3. The Arizona Region National Club Qualifier Tournament

The AZ NCQ will be rescheduled if and when it is known when the insurance suspension will be lifted and if the Junior National Championships are going to be affected. As of our last communication, the USAV National Office is currently planning to hold the US Open Championships, the Boys JNC, the Girls 18s and 11s – 17s JNC and the High Performance Championships events as scheduled. All girls' teams that want to compete for a bid will have to re-enter the AZ NCQ, if and when it is rescheduled. Each club will have to determine if their players will be available to participate in the AZ NCQ and Jr National Championships. The current USAV deadline for Arizona to qualify their teams is May 31.

4. Refunds from the Arizona Region

Refunds for the missed events will be sent to the junior club directors or adult team representatives. Individual membership fees and background screen fees are not refundable.

5. Refunds from your club

Keep in mind that many of the junior clubs are waiting to hear about possible refunds from tournaments, hotels, airlines, facilities, etc. Because of this, the financial situation for many clubs is complicated and will probably require a little time for each club to review their finances before they can respond to inquiries. Different clubs operate differently so each club will have their own policy as to refunds for individuals in their club. Keep in mind this is a major financial hit for many of the clubs and creates a stressful situation for the club directors as well as the parents. It is natural to want to contact your coach or club director right away but please be patient. If they haven't done so already, your club director will contact you soon with answers to your questions.

6. Upcoming Events

The following events will take place upon the lifting of the insurance suspension:

- Arizona Region Junior Beach Program
- Arizona Region High Performance tryouts and practices

The following events have been cancelled in Arizona and will not be rescheduled this season

- USAV Indoor HP Tryouts
- USAV Beach HP Tryouts
- USAV Beach National Qualifiers – originally scheduled for Apr 26 & May 3

This is a very sad and difficult time for everyone involved. It is an unprecedented event that no one could have foreseen so please be patient and understanding with your club.

Most importantly, stay safe and healthy!