



Re: Letters of Good Standing for Non-Sanctioned Events in North America

Volleyball Canada has heard concerns about how certain international regulations have affected its registered participants and the growth and development of the sport in general.

With this in mind, and in consultation with NORCECA and the FIVB, Volleyball Canada is now able to confirm that its members may participate in volleyball events within the NORCECA zone (including the United States) that are not sanctioned by the USA Volleyball.

The governing bodies are committed to encouraging and supporting the development of national underage club team competition. With this goal in mind, Volleyball Canada, with the support of the affected provincial associations, requested a FIVB review of the previous policies and regulations.

The FIVB is exceptionally supportive of youth development and recognizes the proximity of the Canada-USA border, and therefore clarified that when a host country is not sanctioning an event, it is within the FIVB's constitution to do so. As such, the FIVB delegated this authority to NORCECA as both Canada and USA fall under that confederation.

Letters of good standing are required for both USAV sanctioned and non-sanctioned events. Link to download Letter of Good Standing on the following web page:  
<https://volleyball.ca/en/about/membership>

It should be noted that teams will still need to self-insure when outside of their respective countries, as well as doing their due diligence from a risk management and safe sport perspective.

Specifically regarding the Junior Volleyball Association, please see the following process that has been developed:

*JVA (Junior Volleyball Association) welcomes youth volleyball teams from Canada to participate in JVA sanctioned events. In order to provide for the safety of the teams participating in our event, the following procedures must be followed for acceptance.*

*1. Canadian Teams must use AES to register for the event*

*ex. <https://www.advancedeventsystems.com/events/18743/divisions>*

*2. In order to be accepted into the event teams must have a letter of good standing from Volleyball Canada and paid entry fee.*

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3. Upload roster into AES by posted deadline. Deadline date will vary based on event.

4. To get each teams' credentials and to participate in the event, all rostered adults will need to provide proof of: (1) a clear Canadian Police Check within two years; (2) completion of "Making Ethical Decisions". These documents can be sent directly to the JVA Tournament Coordinator. If these documents are not available, all rostered adults must apply for a Canadian background screening through NCSI, the JVA screening partner, for \$80 and complete the JVA Abuse Prevention Training for \$5.

All teams from the U.S. must also verify all rostered adults as follows:

1. Verification of a clear JVA or USAV Background Screen
2. Provide verification of completion of JVA APS (Abuse Prevention Systems) Training or USAV's Safe Sport Training.

All JVA member clubs are held to the highest standards of safety. Our [Safety Program](#) includes the gold standard of background screening to match current SafeSport standards; Abuse Prevention Training; and Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies and Procedures.

Yours in sport,

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