



BAYOU REGIONAL VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION Scrimmage Format Policy

'Scrimmages' in the BayouRVA are defined as <u>no more than three</u> teams from different clubs on one court for no more than three hours.

The teams may be from different age divisions but separated by no more than two age divisions.

A scrimmage is covered the same as a practice by the USAV insurance policies as long as all participants are current USAV members.

Team entry fees to attend the scrimmage <u>cannot be required</u> but participating teams may be asked to offset the host's expenses of the scrimmage with a donation.

A scrimmage may use whichever format they choose; uniforms, awards, certified officials, etc. are not required. The scrimmage is covered as a practice by the USAV insurance policy as long as all participants are current USAV members. A rules clinic and scorer clinic may also be schedule prior to or following the scrimmage for the participating teams.

If a 'scrimmage' is also used to provide an opportunity for the participating teams to attend a scheduled rules clinic and scorer clinic or assist the BayouRVA Officials Division in training referees it may be expanded to two sessions on two courts (that's a total of 12 teams if you do the math) with teams from multiple clubs if the teams on each court are of the same age division. (Example: 3-12's teams ct 1, 3-14's teams on ct 2; then two more different age divisions of 3 teams each on the same courts.) Team entry fees cannot be required but participating teams may be asked to offset the host's expenses of the scrimmage with a donation.

Anything more than three teams on a court becomes a tournament and must be sanctioned using The Region's tournament sanctions guidelines.

Larger clubs may opt to schedule its teams for intra-club scrimmages which have no limitations on number of teams, playing time, format, uniforms, etc. and is sanctioned (covered by the USAV Insurance policies) as long as all participants are current members. Rules and scorer clinics may also be scheduled in conjunction with an intra-club scrimmage.