



November 2, 2009

To: 2008-09 Adult Members of CEVA and CEVA listserv members:

The 2009-10 CEVA volleyball season is almost upon us. Here are some notes about the upcoming season:

**1. CEVA Info:**

Website: [www.columbiaempirevolleyball.com](http://www.columbiaempirevolleyball.com)

Commissioner: Tifani Wendt: [tifani@columbiaempirevolleyball.com](mailto:tifani@columbiaempirevolleyball.com)

Program Director: Sarah Haner: [sarah@columbiaempirevolleyball.com](mailto:sarah@columbiaempirevolleyball.com)

*Sarah Haner is generally handling things for adults this season, so if you have a question about registration, etc. please direct your inquiry to her in the first instance.*

- 2. Friendship Tournament:** Saturday, December 5, 2009. Location TBD. There will be a referee/scorekeeping clinic at the beginning of the tournament. Register for the tournament with the CEVA Office by November 25, 2009.

**3. Tournaments:**

- a. Tournaments will be added to the website as they are submitted/finalized by sites with CEVA. We encourage you to use your facilities to sponsor tournaments (men's/women's/co-ed – 6s/quads) taking advantage of CEVA's ability to insure CEVA member exclusive events. Look in the adult handbook or contact the CEVA office for more information.



b. Tournaments currently scheduled:

December	5	Men and Women	CEVA	Until Full	\$75	TBA	<a href="#">Sarah Haner</a> 503.644.7468
January	30	Men and Women	Lakeside VB	Until Full	\$100	The Courts in Beaverton	<a href="#">Steve Suttich</a> 503.646.7905
February	27	Men and Women	Lakeside VB	Until Full	\$100	The Courts in Beaverton	<a href="#">Steve Suttich</a> 503.646.7905
March	20	Men and Women	Lakeside VB	Until Full	\$100	The Courts in Beaverton	<a href="#">Steve Suttich</a> 503.646.7905
April	10	Men and Women A/AA	CCVC Crushers	Until Full	\$100	St. Helens High School & St. Helens Middle School	<a href="#">Tina Edwards</a> 503.369.5381
April	24	Men and Women	Lakeside VB	Until Full	\$100	The Courts in Beaverton	<a href="#">Steve Suttich</a> 503.646.7905
May	1	Regionals	CEVA	Until Full	\$115	The Courts in Beaverton	<a href="#">Sarah Haner</a> 503.644.7468

Get registered early. Not only will it ensure you get a spot at a tournament but it will also encourage other people to schedule tournaments for the “overflow”!



#### 4. Refing / Scorekeeping:

- a. All adult teams will have multiple options to fulfill their team's clinic requirements.
  - i. Send a representative to both the referee and scorekeeping clinics offered prior to the CEVA Friendship Tournament on December 5, 2009;
  - ii. Send a representative to one of the regional referee and scorekeeping clinics offered by CEVA:

**CEVA Offices** on Nov. 30th, Dec. 2nd and Dec. 7th all dates will start at 6pm

**Eugene** on Dec. 12th 1-4pm at Sheldon HS and Dec. 14th 6:30-9:30pm at Sheldon HS

**Vancouver** on Dec. 13th 6-9pm at Heritage High School

**East County** on Dec. 9th 7-10pm at Mt. Hood CC

**Bend** on Dec. 15th 6-9pm at Bend High School

**Salem** on Dec. 9th 6-9pm at Blanchet High School

**Albany** on Dec. 10th 6-9pm at the Albany YMCA

Clinics are \$5 (Checks to CEVA). 1.5 hrs on reffing; 1.5 hours on scorekeeping.

Attendants are asked to explain new rules/changes to teammates who do not attend. Sending a player to each clinic will certify an adult team to referee at a CEVA sanctioned tournament.

- b. The Adult Committee is working with the officials committee for a policy relating to teams that form after all clinics have passed. If



the team is made up of a majority of new CEVA players, the current thinking is that anyone who plans on reffing/score-keeping (and there must be one of each for the team) will have to take the online tests, which are available on the CEVA website. And, at their first tournament, they will be encouraged to advise the head official that the team is new and should be observed/tutored when possible. If the team is made up of returning players, the current thinking is that player(s) on the team will have to take the each of the online tests. The Adult Committee will vote on this issue in the next few months. The easier option is to form your team NOW!

- c. Please take your reffing obligations seriously. We want to balance access to the adult game without undue hurdles with the total frustration of being officiated by someone who has only passing familiarity with the current rules. *The rules change every year and teams are obliged to stay on top of it.* For instance, this year the definition of a “net” call is different this year. The new net rules: 11.3.1: “Contact with the net by a player is not a fault, unless it interferes with the play.” 11.3.2: “Players may touch the post, ropes, or any other object outside the antennae, including the net itself, provided that it does not interfere with play.” 11.4.4: “A player interferes with the opponent’s play by (amongst others): a. touching the top band of the net or the top 80 cm of the antenna during his/her action of playing the ball, or b. taking support from the net simultaneously with playing the ball, or c. creating an advantage over the opponent, or d. making actions which hinder an opponent’s legitimate attempt to play the ball.” So, a setter’s elbow or back in the middle of a net (as opposed to the top tape) may no longer be a net. Want to know for sure? Get yourself and your teammates to a reffing clinic!!!



**5. REGISTRATION:** On-Line Registration is up and running.

- a. If you are NOT affiliated with a Junior Club, you register as a Adult (player only), which on the registration screen is identified as: ADULT -LIMITED. The registration fees have been dropped to \$25.00 for the ADULT PLAYER.
- b. If you ARE affiliated with a Junior Club, you register as an Adult Affiliated with a Junior Club. The registration fees remain \$40 (and you must complete all other steps for being associated with a juniors club).
- c. \$5 memberships are limited to 1 tournament and the \$5 payment will not be applied to the \$25 membership fee. Therefore, if you think that you will play in more than one tournament, you should register as full-season player. If you are unsure of your team, simply select Unaffiliated.



6. **Adult Listserv:** There is an adult players listserv if you are looking for players/subs. If you are interested in signing on go to [www.columbiaempirevolleyball.com](http://www.columbiaempirevolleyball.com) - adults - adults players listserv. If you are already a member, I would encourage those of you who have posted "looking for a team" info to turn it around: send out inquires about FORMING a team for the friendship tournament. Include information about:
- SEX – M/F
  - Skill Position – setter, middle, libero, outside, etc.
  - Skill Level – not just AA/A, etc, but what/where/when you have played.

Even if your team does not last beyond that tournament, the best way to get out in the CEVA world is to get to know the established teams.

7. **Additional Connections:** The Adult Committee and CEVA Office continues to try to brainstorm how to get players looking for teams involved. We still have the Substitution List on the CEVA website, we've set up the listserv...We are contemplating a Facebook page. The CEVA Office would very much like to see the adult program grow, so if you have suggestions, please contact the office.



8. **CEVA Volunteer Opportunities:** The CEVA Board of Directors has a specific position for the Adult Representative to the Board. Kendra Matthews is entering her fourth and final year in that position. (Elected Board positions are for two year terms with a two term limit.) If you are interested in the position, please contact Kendra ([Kendra@ransomblackman.com](mailto:Kendra@ransomblackman.com)) or the CEVA office for more information. Please also contact us if you are interested in serving on the Adult Committee, which advises the Board about issues relating to Adult Volleyball.