

Hello EKVC Athletes and Parents:

The 2010 Club Volleyball Season is upon us. I am sending this email to remind everyone about the importance of **registering early**. Although the “official deadline” is January 22 it is **critical** that the older athletes (those born in 1995 and earlier – **15U and up**) register as soon as possible. We need to have at least 8 athletes registered for an age group before that team can be registered for the Provincial and National tournaments.

Each year the National tournaments for these age groups fill up earlier and earlier. Last year the 15U-16U National tournament was full on January 23!! I was just barely able to get the EKVC teams registered for that event. This season the 17U-18U Nationals are in BC so I assume our teams will want to attend. I realize that it seems early, but most other clubs have formed their teams by mid-December and are already practicing.

Therefore, please **let me know ASAP via a reply email** if you are planning on playing this season and then **mail or drop off your registrations** as soon as you can. The mailing address is on the form or you can drop your form at the reception desk at the College of the Rockies (put **Attention: Julie Schoenberger** on the envelope). The link to the form is:

www.ekvcvolleyball.com/forms/2010%20EKVC%20Registration%20Form.pdf

There is an administrative change to the EKVC this season. We have received permission from both the Alberta Volleyball Association (AVA) and Volleyball BC (VBC) to register with the AVA for the 2010 Season. This change should help **reduce the travel cost** (*both money wise and time wise*) for our athletes. The bonus is that our teams are still welcome to participate in VBC events – but the registrations will be accepted on a case by case basis dependent on the tournament. Our athletes will also still be eligible to attend the Baden Cup camps and eligible to play on Team BC teams. The decision to play in the AVA was approved at the EKVC AGM and will be reviewed on an annual basis.

The links to the schedules for both the AVA and VBC can be found on the EKVC website under Team Schedules. The 15U/16U Nationals are in Calgary on the May long weekend (May 22-24). The 17U/18U Nationals are in Abbotsford on May 14-16. In addition to the events shown on these schedules, teams may opt to attend other tournaments as well.

The important thing to remember is to **GET REGISTERED** as soon as possible. If we do not get enough registrations in time then our teams may not be able to go to Nationals.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to either email or call me. My contact information is below.

Looking forward to a great 2010 Season!!!

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