

OKRVA Members;

We want to bring you up to speed on the new and hopefully more efficient registration system for the 2011-2012 season.

Beginning September 6, 2011 you will be able to register for the 2011-2012 season.

This season we are requiring all players to be registered before participating in any sanctioned events (i.e. tryouts/practice).

Registration fees for Junior Memberships are \$50/player. This is an increase of \$5.00/member from previous years. This increase was voted on by the OKRVA Board of Directors. Please note that this the first increase in junior memberships in almost 10 years.

This season we will offer a credit card payment option. At the conclusion of your application process you will be given the option to pay for your membership with a credit card. We will accept Visa, Mastercard, and American Express. When you apply, you will be prompted to either select a credit card payment or to send a check.

The credit card payment system is not mandatory. However, we believe it to be the most expedient way to get registered. Once your credit card is accepted, USAV will issue you your membership number for the upcoming season immediately after your transaction is processed.

If you choose to pay by check instead of credit card, you will need to print your application, sign, and mail along with check (payable to OKRVA) to the region office at: 2741 NW 162nd, Edmond, OK 73013. Once your check is processed, we will process your membership application and you will receive your registration number via email from USAV. This process will most likely take several days. Regardless of which method you choose to pay for your membership, you will be required to have your membership number "in-hand" before trying out or practicing. Without your membership number, you are not covered by USAV insurance should any injury occur.

In the past, most clubs paid membership dues to OKRVA/USAV as part of your club fees. This season, membership fees must be paid upfront before attending any sanctioned event (i.e. tryouts, practice, tournaments etc.). The registration fee is in no way associated with individual club fees.

We highly recommend you register early for the season so any issues can be addressed BEFORE TRYOUTS! Please note that the OKRVA/USAV registration does not cover the cost for tryouts, merely registration in the OKRVA organization. Tryout fees (if any) are set by the individual clubs. For players who don't make a team, a full refund of the OKRVA registration fees will be given. You will need to notify the region office after tryouts requesting a refund.

As in years past you can register from the OKRVA website at the following link: <http://okrva.com/registration.shtml>, There are links for new memberships as well as those renewing their membership. There is also a link if you have forgotten your password. Please use the online link if you have forgotten your password before contacting the region office. When you apply for membership, you WILL NOT be able to choose a club affiliation. You will be required to register "Undecided". Even if you play for a club that doesn't have tryouts, you will still have to register "Undecided". After tryouts are over and the signing dates pass (October 17th for 11's, 12's, 13's and 14's - October 31st for 15's 16's 17's and 18's), your club director will send preliminary rosters to the

region office. We will place players in the appropriate club. Once club affiliation assignment is completed by the region office, we will notify the club directors who can then build rosters from the pool of players assigned to their club.

We realize the new registration system is radically different than years past. However, we feel it is the most efficient method for getting membership applications processed. There will be a learning curve this season as we transition to the new system. We believe the new system is significantly more efficient and will benefit players, parents and clubs alike. Please remember to register early! We don't anticipate any problems with the credit card system but don't want to be bombarded with problems 2 hours before tryouts. Club directors are being notified not to allow players to tryout without a valid membership number. Your assistance in registering early will make the process easier for all parties. Thank you in advance for your assistance!

If you have any questions, you can email or call the region office. Email is the most efficient way to reach us. I wish you all success this upcoming season!

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