

# Why Palmetto Region and USAV?

**The Palmetto Region and USA Volleyball (USAV) set the standards, maintain full time staffs, and specialize in volleyball 24/7, 365 days a year.**

USA Volleyball, a non-profit, non-government supported organization, is connected to volleyball at all levels, from the [National Teams](#) to the youngest and oldest age groups in [indoor](#), [beach](#), grass and [Paralympic](#) disciplines for both genders. No other organization is so totally invested in creating volleyball as a lifetime sport from top to bottom.

The Palmetto Volleyball Association is an affiliated region of USA Volleyball, operating as a non-profit and non-government supported organization. The Palmetto Region shares the goals and philosophies of USAV while focusing on our specific mission to grow and improve the sport of volleyball in the state of South Carolina. When you join Palmetto Region, a portion of your membership fee is passed on to USA Volleyball to support their programs.

USA Volleyball is the National Governing Body (NGB) in the United States for indoor and beach volleyball, the only organization so recognized by the [United States Olympic Committee \(USOC\)](#) and the [Federation Internationale de Volleyball \(FIVB\)](#).

When you join the Palmetto Region, you become a member of USA Volleyball, just like the players on the 2008 gold and silver medal winning USA Volleyball indoor teams and the 2012 gold and silver medal winning USA Volleyball beach teams.

[College scholarships](#) and Olympic dreams begin with USA Volleyball, which has 40 member regions, over 245,000 individual members, 12,000 teams and 5,000 affiliated clubs nationwide. Membership with a USAV affiliated region provides opportunities for teams from all 50 states to compete for the title of “National Champion.”

## PALMETTO REGION INFORMATION YOUR MEMBERSHIP FEE OF \$50



\$50.00 Fee 12u above, 9u-11u is \$15.00 , 8u< is free. ( % of club)

To USAV- \$16.00  
Insurance - \$2.85 (increasing to \$4 due to sexual abuse risk)  
Magazine- \$2.50 ( we may can drop)

**Total to USAV- \$21.35**

**Kept by PVA: \$28.65**

We pay \$24 + directly related to per member benefits to all:  
Full time commissioner, Jim B- Jr Coord, Lance A- ranking, Katie A- website,  
Amber C- Officiating, Heather V- Regionals, Missy- CPA treasurer, Sheila-  
Outdoor, credit card acceptance , Tournament Registration

### Benefits to all:

- Full time employee
- Unbiased service to all members
- Governance
- Online membership program
- Ranking system
- Officiating training system
- independent accounting of \$
- experienced administration

## **Local, Regional and National Events**

Players have the opportunity to play in quality, exciting Palmetto Region and USAV sanctioned competitions – both indoor and outdoor – that are open only to Palmetto Region/USAV members.

USA Volleyball hosts [National Championship](#) level events for girls and boys under age 18, along with elite qualifying tournaments into their gender-specific USA Volleyball Junior National Championships and Beach Nationals.

## **Security, Safety and Background Checks**

Palmetto Region and USAV provide extensive safety and security checks. Every adult coach, official, team representative, or club staff member that has contact with youth-level players is required to pass an extensive bi-annual background screening process. **Our combined organizations are committed to the protection of our junior membership. USA Volleyball and their affiliated regions are the ONLY volleyball organizations that require this degree of mandatory background screening.**

We set standards for facilities and are proactive in [teaching safety issues](#) to players, coaches, club directors, officials, and event organizers to ensure the safest environment possible. Our members benefit from having a [comprehensive insurance package](#) provided to them as a no charge benefit of their registration fees.

## **Parent Involvement**

Opportunities exist for parents to be involved in the Palmetto Volleyball Association governance structure and to make positive changes in the sport at the national level. Parents can also become active in the sport as scorekeepers, referees, coaches or even play in their own adult league. We provide [parent outreach programming](#) to better educate the entire family unit on the sport of volleyball and the impact our organization can provide.

## **USA Volleyball and Palmetto Region Set the Standard – Open and Transparent Governance**

USAV sets the standards for governance and specifies that every region in the country meet specific criteria to remain in good standing. Palmetto Region and USAV meetings – including its Board meetings – are open to the public and member participation is encouraged.

USAV recommends beach and indoor [rules standards](#) for use by every other youth and adult volleyball organization in the United States. USAV has 36 Affiliate Organizations supporting its mission, all who are eligible to participate in the annual USAV Congress in May.

## **Educational Opportunities for the Beginner to the Advanced Coach & Official**

All Palmetto Region/USAV junior coaches must complete minimum coaching education requirements through the USAV [Coaching Accreditation Program](#) (CAP). Individuals within Palmetto Region/USAV have the opportunity to advance their coaching skills through the CAP program with modules taught by highly qualified coaches including members of the National Team coaching staffs.

An annually updated introductory level coaching clinic, called IMPACT, is delivered both locally by the Palmetto Region and in national webinars. Additionally, USAV has partnered with the National Federation of High Schools (NFHS) and the American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) to offer the next level of training with a new online course.

The annual USAV [High Performance Coaches' Clinic](#) brings in the top coaches from across the United States and around the globe to expand the coaching curriculum. USAV [CAP](#), [Sports Medicine](#) and [High Performance](#) programs provide cutting-edge teaching methods, information and technology through its relationship with the United States Olympic Committee (USOC) programs and other national federations.

The Palmetto Region and USAV develop high-quality referees and scorekeepers who must undergo [certification training](#), creating a pool of regionally and nationally certified court officials.

### **Programming Benefits for Palmetto Region and USA Volleyball Members**

Both the Palmetto Region and USA Volleyball maintain full time staffs that are dedicated to only the sport and business of volleyball. Please see our websites for office information, contacts and business hours.

Palmetto Region/USAV members are eligible to try out for and participate on Regional or [National High Performance](#) teams, including Team USA squads that compete internationally in zonal and World Championship events that are part of the Olympic pipeline.

Members receive the quarterly, full-color magazine *Volleyball USA*. The bi-weekly electronic newsletter "Rotations" is part of a [wealth of news](#) and information distributed to the public.

USAV has an extensive awards program with categories for athletes, coaches, officials/scorekeepers, junior representatives, sports medicine and national leaders for the sport.

### **Grassroots Development at Youth and Adult Levels**

Palmetto Region and USAV re-invest in the sport through financial support for under-represented populations including [Starlings USA](#) economically-disadvantaged clubs, [boys' youth/college men](#), military and a wealth of [disabled programming](#).

A huge amount of free [grassroots sport development](#) material is available on the USA Volleyball Web site, including Best Practices and "How To" instructions designed for [players](#), [club directors](#), [coaches](#), [officials](#) and [parents](#) for all levels.

## **THANK YOU!**

By joining the Palmetto Region you support USA Volleyball and all the programs that grow the game and sustain competitive excellence.

USA Volleyball would like to thank all of America, and especially those in our extended “Volleyball Family” for their support over the past years which have led to Olympic success in the sport of volleyball. We look forward to your participation in the years ahead. Your regional volleyball association and their leadership is the place to start, but you can always contact USA Volleyball’s national office at 1-88USVOLLEY, or at [info@usav.org](mailto:info@usav.org)