

CMVBC New Direction on Waiver Player topic

At the Oct. 10, 2010 **CMVBC Parent Information meeting**, I announced a shift in our club's direction to having more Gold registered "1st teams" in the club due to the level of talent that we have been seeing in various age groups. This won't apply to all 1st teams in CMVBC, but a larger number of our teams will likely register Gold in HOA this season and play a Gold caliber tournament schedule.

The tradeoff of registering Gold is that the team cannot have a waived (developmental) player on their roster per USAV rules. So the message given at the Parent Meeting is that we want to now "downplay" the waived player option in CMVBC, encouraging parents to allow the player selection to fall as the coaches see fit for all players. A waiver-age player is still allowed to play down with their classmates on a Silver registered team, but could be the "2nd team" in those age groups that have a Gold 1st team.

I know the waiver player option has been very important to some parents over the years whose player meets the birth date and grade combination to play with their classmates vs. USAV Age Division. This CMVBC direction change encourages the coaches rating process and team need to drive the player offer instead. The CMVBC Application form can reflect a parent's position if there is absolutely no interest in the USAV age division for their waiver-age player. Just know that it could limit the team offer to be the Silver registered 2nd team to remain with some classmates or possibly no offer at all.

The **Parent Packet** is now posted on our www.cmvbc.org website. You will see a page in the packet that lists the **USAV age divisions** that we are asking parents & players to adhere to. That page states the only exception being the CMVBC 15 year old waiver (still in 8th grade) who is allowed to attend the 14's and/or 15's tryouts since they fall across two weekends and there is no other good way to handle them. No other age waivers are in scope for this option as a club decision this year.

All CMVBC teams for the new season are "open" and will change in roster mix each year. Players come and go, so I don't want the unnecessary worry that any team is all set with last year's players. Our Coaches and Board will know who the waiver player candidates are by their birth date and grade on the Player Application. **In essence, a waiver player will tryout with her USAV Age Division** with the opportunity for selection on that 1st or 2nd team (regardless of Gold or Silver), AND be a candidate for selection playing down with classmates if there is a Silver 1st or 2nd team need.

Sincerely,

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