

## Member Registration – New For 2024 Summary

Season: 2023-2024

The VRS-Sportlomo will open for VA's 2023-2024 season on August 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am.

NEW FOR 2024 KNOW YOUR CLUB, Register To Your Club: Member Registration Portal – Find Your Club

NEW FOR 2024 Register To Your Referee Zone: Member Registration Portal – Find Your Zone

NEW FOR 2024: Already signed players and coaches: Go directly to buying their Competitive Membership in your Club's Club Portal. Registering directly to your club will add their new season membership to your Club, VA & VC in an Active status \*Leaders will be added in a status of "Awaiting Approval" until PIAs have been approved. Once approved, the member status will change from "Awaiting Approval" to "Active" in the member's Club, VA & VC. This eliminates the need to "DUAL membership from VA to Club" and eliminates the step of having the Club Register/Pay and needing to follow up with their "NEEDS MORE INFO" members to complete their profile details, sign waivers and screening disclosure form in the Club's Club portal which is required to be rostered.

<u>NEW FOR 2024</u>: The Youth Competitive Player – Indoor membership category is for all ages 12U-18U to be rostered and participate in Premiers, Provincials and Nationals. In years past, VA offered a Youth Competitive Player – 18U, 17U and so on. This season, all ages register into the one Youth Competitive Player – Indoor membership category.

NEW FOR 2024: Club Portal > Group Registration has been disabled. This feature allowed clubs to register and pay for their member's membership and membership upgrades; however, this was the leading cause of duplicate accounts and additional work/time for administrators and members. This season, all members will register directly to their Club to become active members with completed profile details, accepted/signed waivers and screening disclosure form in their club's Club Portal, VA and VC with their appropriate membership type for the season. \*To be rostered, Leaders must choose: Head Coach, Assistant Coach, Manager, or Trainer (\$107.95) and Athletes must choose the Youth Competitive Player – Indoor membership type (\$117.78). In years past, some clubs budgeted to include the membership upgrade fee in their team fees. This will no longer be required. All membership registrations will be completed by the member. See: Fees Page. Due to administrative changes necessitated for the improved functioning of our registration system, clubs no longer have the option of paying for memberships or membership upgrades. LOI's that included this fee will be honoured/upheld provided that clubs adjust their fees accordingly.

**NEW FOR 2024** Club Portal > Club Details > Edit Profile, this is what links to VA's New Club Locator

NEW FOR 2024 Returning Clubs, your Club Portal dashboard will be deactivated on August 31<sup>st</sup> at 11:59 pm (the last day of the 2022/23 membership year) and reactivated once your 2023/24 Club Approval Application Form has been approved. To avoid any interruptions to your Club Portal Access, registration will open on August 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am MT. Clubs that submit their new Club Approval Application between August 9<sup>th</sup> and August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023, and meet the approval requirements, will remain active throughout.

**NEW FOR 2024:** SDF questions are included in the membership registration

**NEW FOR 2024** In order to be fully compliant with the Office of the Sport Integrity Commissioner (UCCMS), the Universal Code of Conduct to Prevent & Address Maltreatment in Sport, and insurance requirements, we will require that all PIAs have their requirements completed before their membership status is approved.

PIAs may not participate in volleyball activities until they have completed the requirements. This includes the criminal background check (CRC), Safe Sport Training (SST), annual Screening Disclosure Form (SDF), or any other requirements that may be imposed by VC and/or their PTA. It is critical that the club fully screens all PIAs for their CRC, SST & SDF



(coaches, board members, managers, etc.) before they begin working with athletes or commence their duties within the club. VA strongly encourages clubs to complete reference checks on all leaders prior to onboarding.

For the 2023-24 season, when an individual purchases their VC/PTA membership for a membership category requiring a Person-in-Authority check, they will be placed in a "Awaiting Approval" state until their mandatory PIA requirements are verified as completed. At that point their membership status will change to "Active/Approved" and only then will they be able to engage in volleyball activities. (more on this in the Club President Registration Guide)

Clubs must verify that their Leaders have completed the mandatory PIA requirements before working with athletes or commencing their duties for the club. Referees must complete their mandatory requirements prior to receiving their first assignment. Do not wait until the roster lock deadline; these MUST be completed well before those deadline dates. The roster lock deadline dates are there to indicate when Volleyball Alberta needs to download the registered teams and look at all the roster sheets to start our process of creating draws and clearing all rosters for competition. Volleyball Alberta should not find any rostered leader with incomplete PIAs. If any missing requirements are found, the sanctions/fines/late fees document will come into effect.

NEW FOR 2024: All Leader membership types will be "Awaiting Approval" until Volleyball Alberta (VA) manually verifies that the individual has an active CRC, SST, SDF & Membership. Once confirmed, the VA screening designate for each department will change the member status from "Awaiting Approval" to "Active". Members need to be "Active" to register for events and to be rostered. This may take up to 4 business days in peak registration times for members that met the CRC, SST, SDF & Membership to clear quickly. Outstanding items will result in more time. Please (please, please) have your PIA minimum mandatory requirements (CRC, SST) done before purchasing your membership & completing your (SDF) so that our office can activate your membership quickly during our approvals process.