

Finding Athletes to join your Club

Appendix D

- Volleyball BC has a zero tolerance recruiting policy.
- The zero tolerance recruiting policy has been in effect since December 1, 2011.
- Club representatives (coaches, administrators, team staff, **PARENTS**, athletes, etc) are not allowed to contact athletes from clubs other than their own at any time regarding recruitment.
- If club representatives (coaches, administrators, team staff, parents, athletes, etc) are contacted by an athlete, parent or any individual acting on the athlete's behalf, wanting to play for their club, the prospective club representative may provide general information such as tryout dates, coaching assignments and other information that can be found by the general public.

FAQ

- 1) If I cannot recruit athletes to join my club, how am I supposed to let them know that I am starting a club?
 - a. New clubs are allowed to put out a general call to athletes to let them know that they are starting a club. This can include:
 - i. Creating a website.
 - ii. Requesting that Volleyball BC post information about the club on their website.
 - iii. Contacting schools:
 1. Posting a flyer in the school.
 2. Giving copies of a flyer to the school to give to their teams.
 - iv. Contact the other clubs in your area to let them know that you are starting a new club. Ask them tell athletes that they do not select at their tryouts that you are another option.
- 2) Am I allowed to email/phone/text/social media athletes that I know that may be interested in my club?
 - a. If the athlete did not play for a club in the previous year, you may contact them regarding your club.
 - b. If the athlete played for a different club in the previous year, you may not contact them.
 - i. In addition, you may not have athletes, parents or other members of your club initiate contact on the club's behalf.
- 3) An athlete that played for a different club last year has contacted me about my club, what can I tell them?
 - a. If an athlete/parent initiates contact with you regarding your club you may:
 - i. Confirm that you are starting a club
 - ii. Tell them when the tryouts are
 - iii. Tell them which age categories you will be running
 - iv. Tell them what the club fees will be
 - v. Tell them any other information that can be found by the general public