

ORGANIZATION

To create a National volleyball organization.

all the representatives agree to form a National Organization

2.. Name for this organization

- Denver — North American Volleyball Association (NAVA)
San Diego — NONE
Milwaukee — a) the National Gay Volleyball Association
b) The Association of Gay volleyball players
San Francisco — National Gay volleyball Association (NGVBA)
Washington — a) National Urban Volleyball League
b) City Volleyball League (National....)
c) Metro Volleyball League (National....)
Los Angeles — a) National Volleyball Association
b) National Volleyball Club
c) Gay volleyball Association
d) Gay volleyball League
e) National volleyball League
Minneapolis — "Meeting at 80 Nationals seems in consensus gay should not be in the title, since it is not in any cities' athletic organizations' title. We insist on this since we are apolitical." Suggestions:
a) U.S. V. B. O. (organization)
b) Kindred volleyballers of America
c) The volleyball connection
d) U.S. volleyballers simpatico (USVBS)
Chicago — Our rationale is the same than Minneapolis
a) North American Volleyball Association
b) U.S. volleyballers (U.S.V.B.)

3.. By laws for this organization

Everybody agrees in the need of by laws for this organization. Washington suggests that everybody should have an opportunity to review the bylaws before their final adoption.

4.- OFFICERS, HOW MANY, WHERE AND WHEN THEY SHOULD MEET.

DENVER - At least five.. It did not give an answer to the other questions.

SAN DIEGO - "NO NEED"

MILWAUKEE - It did not answer these questions.

WASHINGTON - It did not answer these questions.

LOS ANGELES - PRESIDENT, VICE-President, Secretary, Treasurer and three committee persons for a total of seven. A monthly meeting would be ideal, but expensive. Meeting places should be as centrally located as possible.

CHICAGO .. President or Commissioner
Vice-President or Vice-Commissioner
Secretary
Treasurer

4 Committee persons: 1 from the north, 1 from the south, 1 from the east and 1 from the west.

5.- Announce the formation of this organization in a national gay newspaper.

The general answer was YES, only after the organization is operational: constitution accepted, officers elected, etc.

6.- Each city that wants to play must be registered in this organization.

DENVER - Yes

SAN DIEGO - For a sanctioned tournament, yes. If not sanctioned it is a fair game. Most cities are trying to recruit players for their teams and the more.

red tape in the way, the less appealing the membership. By having other tournaments more people can become involved and want to be a member.

MILWAUKEE - It should be registered cities that have established organizations not JUST TEAMS IN GENERAL

SAN FRANCISCO - EACH TEAM should be registered

WASHINGTON - YES. "We feel that the best manner of organization would be by metropolitan areas (i.e. cities) with different designations for the multiple teams from each "club". A designation added - on the end of the city name, i.e. Houston "Sol", Washington "Rascals", etc

LOS ANGELES - "I feel each city should be registered as well as paying a yearly dues fee to be part of this organization".

Minneapolis - "Certainly to be invited to the nationals. Every host city of a sanctioned regional tourney should also. "Organization" would be better than the word "city", possible, since cities with more than one organization might want to host a tourney separate from other".

Madison - "many cities are presently without a formal organization - even cities presently involved. We feel that requiring a local organization versus a team or teams could be too limiting at this time.

PLAYERS

1.- Must be gay

DENVER - Yes, but hard to control - Men and women

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SAN DIEGO - "Leaving play open for anyone seems to defeat what is my mind, what we are trying to accomplish. By stating a percentage we are leaving ourselves wide open for questions as to peoples' sexuality. Having a flat rule of

just gays at least some of (if not most) conflict can be curbed before it becomes a problem.

MILWAUKEE - "100% gay"

SAN FRANCISCO - YES

WASHINGTON - YES

LOS ANGELES - "I definitely feel all players should be gay. It is a gay organization and as we have already seen we do not lack for players for participation. An all gay organization would alleviate many problems that are bound to rise if it is an open organization."

MINNEAPOLIS - "This can be an endless topic of conversation. How does one define gay, prove it? Do we discriminate? Personal? I see all sides of this issue, and I will agree support the decision of majority, board, or constitution writers, but since the issue has been discussed here, the vote is: Should be gay".

MADISON - "The ideal would be open membership to gays only". We also assume that membership is open to both men and women".

CHICAGO - We proposed and we would prefer for GAY only.

2.- Must be amateurs.

DENVER - Yes, but by what rule or whos' standards.

SAN DIEGO - Yes, good source

MILWAUKEE - Yes

SAN FRANCISCO - Yes

WASHINGTON - Yes

LOS ANGELES

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MINNEAPOLIS - "Definetely. By ouy definition"

MADISON - Yes, the IOC or NCAA definition of amateur would acceptable.

CHICAGO - Agrees with Madison' response.

3.- Must be registered by their citres in this organization .

Everybody says YES, only San Francisco changed "registered by their team, because they do not have a formal organization.

4.- Must have an I.D. card issued by this organization.

Denver, San Diego, Milwaukee, Washington, Los Ougeles, madison and Chicago: yes.

San Francisco and Milwaukee: NO.

Madison - "Yes! Issued by the national organization as verifi-
cation of registration by its "city" organization"

5.- Only registered players can play.

Everybody says YES

6.- Each city must pay for the regrstration of their players.

Everybody says YES

7.- Must live in the city they represent.

DENVER - Yes, Metro area or attend school there.

MILWAUKEE - Players must live in and around the city they represent.

LOS ANGELES - "Any participant can represent only the city on whose official roster he is listed"

MINNEAPOLIS - "We redefine 'city' to metro area and can come up with metro area county guidelines if need be."

MADISON - "A player must reside or be a student in an institution within this defined area."

CHICAGO - "Any participant can represent only the city or the team whose official roster he is listed."

8. How long in advance they should be registered before they can participate

DENVER - "No less than 3 months."

SAN DIEGO - "3 months is good"

MILWAUKEE - "No less than 3 months"

SAN FRANCISCO - "Minimal time (1 day)"

WASHINGTON - "Suggested 60 or 90 days"

LOS ANGELES - "Should be decided by the bylaws committee"

MINNEAPOLIS - "Currently, and registered to only one organization (or city). But we can agree to a minimum, i.e. 3 months."

MADISON - "If this means registered with the national organization then the response is immediately upon receipt of the ID card provided by the National Organization"

CHICAGO - "3 months before a tournament"

9. - If a player moves out of town and wants to play for another city, he should be registered in his new city.

DENVER - Yes, but should not have to pay again.

SAN DIEGO - "Yes, Since it has been stated that the city pays for the registration, it would seem for that person to qualify in that city, the new city should pay for this re-registration"

MILWAUKEE - "If they switch cities no additional dues are required, just issue a new I.D. card"

SAN FRANCISCO - "Yes and pay dues"

WASHINGTON - "Yes, and pay dues to new club when receiving new I.D. from national organization."

LOS ANGELES - "As soon as a player changes addresses to another city, his registration fee should be paid again by the new city in which he is registered"

Minneapolis - "Yes, we had agree to either side of whether new dues must be paid or not, assuming dues are a minimal amount to cover newsletter."

MADISON - Yes, the move should necessitate re-registration with the player with the national organization by the player's new "city" organization, a new I.D. card issued and the registration fee paid anew, not waived. Upon receipt of the new I.D. card, the player becomes eligible to play in sponsored events as a team member of the new city"

CHICAGO - Yes, his new city or organization should pay his dues. After receipt of the new I.D. card issued by the national organization, the player becomes eligible to participate.

TOURNAMENTS

1.- All the tournaments should be sanctioned by this organization

DENVER - "National & Regionals, but not local or invitational"

SAN DIEGO - "Only tournaments used for rating and inviting to further tournaments should be sanctioned. Some tournaments are so small and poorly represented that it is futile to even use them for rating purposes."

MILWAUKEE - "Yes, all the tournaments should be sanctioned"

SAN FRANCISCO - "Yes"

WASHINGTON - "Yes for all regionals and the national"

LOS ANGELES - "The governing board should have the ability to sanction any tournament held as long as it meets their requirements"

MINNEAPOLIS - "No, but the major regionals and regionals leading to nationals should"

MADISON - "Yes! Though cities could still sponsor events that would not qualify for national sanction"

CHICAGO - "Yes for all regionals and the national. Local tournaments maybe do not need to be sanctioned. Invitationals should or should not depending on the reasons to sponsor the tournament"

2.- At least one officer of this organization should be present in any tournament regardless of its size.

DENVER - "Nationals and Regionals required"

SAN DIEGO - "For sanctioned tournaments only"

MILWAUKEE - "One officer should be present at every tournament"

SAN FRANCISCO - "Yes"

WASHINGTON - "Yes"

LOS ANGELES - "A member of the governing board should be present at any tournament to act upon any problems that might arise"

MINNEAPOLIS - "Yes, for sanctioned tournaments"

MADISON - "Yes! To reenforce the sanctioning of the event by the national organization"

CHICAGO - "Yes, for sanctioned tournaments. To act upon any problems that might occur"

3. A city bidding to host a tournament should provide proof of accomodation and transportation

DENVER - "Yes, but hard to prove"

SAN DIEGO - "Yes, but I feel this should be a major consideration in placing a National Tournament"

MILWAUKEE - "The host city should send a list of all accomodations to the organization"

SAN FRANCISCO - "Yes"

WASHINGTON - "Yes"

LOS ANGELES - "Proper accomodation and transportation are very important. So far, I feel it's been taken care of very efficiently. I feel transportation if possible should be arranged, but if not, it should be up to each individual team to rent a car or provide their own, whatever way possible. As tournays continue to grow, I forsee this area as one of the problems of the future"

MINNEAPOLIS - "Proof can not be, or is most difficult to provide. Better it be in bylaws that adequate accommodations, facilities & transportation are necessary assumed provided by a hosting city, penalty might be disallowing another sanctioned tourney for a period of time"

MADISON - "We are somewhat baffled by this item. Not knowing what proof would be required, not how such proof could be verified, it makes a response impossible. However, if the desire here is to receive input on what type of proof could be requested, then we can help. Such proof could be in the forms of numbers (and possibly types) of beds available but without having to send names and addresses of potential hosts. Just knowing the size of the gay community in a given city should lead one to take for granted that the community has given its support to the tournament idea, so some proof should be required to qualify. Along these lines also, there is no way that all tournaments participants can require or hope for single bedding accommodations. It is foolhardy to expect that a host would allow an out of town person (a stranger to the host in many cases) complete freedom to use his/hers residence for inviting others for the purpose of partying, tripping, or otherwise. Providing accommodations should be for the prime purpose of reducing the cost to out of town participants. Sharing beds will therefore remain of necessity at tournaments. As for transportation, as long as the city in question has adequate public transportation to and from the city, the national organization need not concern itself with the local transportation pool available. This is local business."

CHICAGO - "Bylaws should cover about adequate accommodation, but as Madison says" should be for the prime purpose of reducing the cost to out of town participants"

4. - How many tournaments a year?

DENVER - "One or two, A & B divisions. We could have two A & B at the same time in different cities or two at different times"

SAN DIEGO - "By using the word "National" in reference to a tournament. I'd like to think any city could be represented if they so desire. In my opinion every city in the country should be able to send at least one team. Using performance as a basis for letting a team send more than one team is an excellent idea."

MILWAUKEE - "Two national tournaments a year. Once in May and one in September. Regional Tournaments in April and August. The top four teams in each region go to the national tournaments"

SAN FRANCISCO - "We agree that regionals tournaments should be sanctioned by the organization. However we feel the National tournament should be an "open" tournament and entrance should not depend upon winning a regional. We should not put a limit on the number of people that can share the experience of togetherness and love we feel at the national tournaments"

WASHINGTON - "We suggest one national tournament per year; one regional tournament per geographical area, per year, with the top 4 teams going on to compete at the National Tournament; one open invitational season with two designated months exclusively for the regionals followed by two designated months set aside for the preparation (final) of the national."

LOS ANGELES - "I feel there should be one National Tournament a year held over Memorial Day Weekend at a different site each year. I would suggest cities wishing to host the nationals bid for the right of doing so. The site for the following year should be chosen at the conclusion of each National Tournament by a vote of all participating teams. Thusly, a team would know a year in advance

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where the next nationals would be held. I feel the continuance of other tourneys throughout the year also an excellent idea as long as there is contin^{ed} enthusiasm for participation. As long as each tourney meets national requirements and has the Governing Board's sanction it should be held whenever an individual city wants it held as long as it does not conflict with nationals or another city"

WASHINGTON - "ONE and it should be composed of one team from each city"

MADISON - "There should be one National Tournament a year. If teams are divided in two groups, each group should have one National Tournament a year."

CHICAGO - "There should be only one National Tournament a year. If we decided to divide the teams into two groups, then each group should have one tournament"

5. - Divide the country into different regions.

DENVER -

SAN DIEGO - East: Atlanta, Cincinnati, Columbus & Washington D
Midwest: Chicago, Detroit, Indianapolis, Madison, Milwaukee & Minneapolis.

Southwest: Houston, Dallas & Denver

West: Los Angeles, San Francisco & San Diego.

MILWAUKEE - Region 1: Washington D.C., Indianapolis, Columbus, Cincinnati & Atlanta.

Region 2: Chicago, Milwaukee, Madison, Minneapolis & Detroit.

Region 3: Denver, Houston "Sol", San Diego, San Francisco
Houston "West end", Los Angeles & Dallas.

SAN FRANCISCO -

WASHINGTON - East: Indianapolis, Washington, Atlanta, Columbus & Cincinnati.

Midwest: Chicago, Detroit, Madison, Milwaukee & Minneapolis

Rocky Mountain: Denver, Dallas, Houston.

West: Los Angeles, San Francisco, San Diego.

LOS ANGELES - "I feel the country should definitely be divided in regions, but not for another couple of years"

MINNEAPOLIS - East: Washington, Cincinnati, Columbus, Indianapolis & Atlanta.

Mid America: Chicago, Milwaukee, Madison, Detroit, Minnesota & Denver.

West: Dallas, Houston, San Diego, San Francisco & Los Angeles.

MADISON - East: Washington, Atlanta, Columbus, Cincinnati, Indianapolis
Great Lakes Region: Detroit, Chicago, Milwaukee, Madison & Minneapolis

Plains Region: Houston, Dallas, Denver.

Pacific Region: San Diego, Los Angeles & San Francisco

CHICAGO - East: Washington, Atlanta, Columbus, Cincinnati, Indianapolis

Midwest: Chicago, Detroit, Madison, Milwaukee & Minneapolis

Southwest: Houston, Dallas & Denver.

West: Los Angeles, San Francisco & San Diego.

6.- A selected group of teams are the only ones to qualify to play in a National Tournament.

DENVER - "Yes".

SAN DIEGO - "No, Any city could be represented if they so desire. my opinion every city in the country should be able to send at least."

MILWAUKEE - _____

SAN FRANCISCO - "No". Should be an "open" tournament.

WASHINGTON - "Yes". We still feel that the ideal is to have four teams from each region.

LOS ANGELES - "I feel that especially for a year or so any team wishing to enter the nationals should be first required to enter the regionals. This will not only give the new team an idea of the competition, but also let the Governing Board Member present see the team and make it sure it meets all the requirements.

MINNEAPOLIS - ONE TEAM FROM each city.

MADISON - Yes

CHICAGO - Yes.

7. DIVIDE THE TEAMS IN GROUPS A & B.

DENVER - Yes

SAN DIEGO - Group A: Atlanta "A", Chicago "A" & "B", Columbus, Dallas, Denver "A", Houston "Sol", Houston "West end", Indianapolis "A", Los Angeles, Minneapolis, San Diego, San Francisco, Washington D.C.
Group B: Atlanta "B", Cincinnati, Denver "B", Detroit "A" & "B", Indianapolis "B", Madison, Milwaukee "A" & "B".

MILWAUKEE - Group "A": Washington D.C., Indianapolis "A", Columbus, Chicago "A" & "B", Minneapolis "A", Detroit "A", Denver "A", Houston "Sol", San Francisco "A", Houston West end, Los Angeles "A" and Dallas
Group "B": Indianapolis "B", Cincinnati, Atlanta "A" & "B", Milwaukee "A" & "B", Madison, Minneapolis "B", Detroit "B", Denver "B", San Diego, San Francisco "B" and Los Angeles "B"

SAN FRANCISCO - _____

WASHINGTON - "We see this as unnecessary, as the teams advancing to the nationals should be already proved and the regionals will be small enough that all will play each other anyway.

LOS ANGELES - I feel it should be up to the Governing Board to rate a team as an A or B team and separate tourneys should be held for each.

MINNEAPOLIS - "No need to strip allowing one team from each city into the nationals. B, C teams could be determined in the own cities, where they should in local competition, they could compete in B, C divisions in the one big region of the year, not a B team in nationals tournaments.

MADISON - Group "A": Washington, Atlanta "A", Columbus "A", Cincinnati, Detroit "A", Chicago "A" & "B", Milwaukee "A", Minneapolis "A", Denver, Dallas, Houston "Sol", Houston "West-end", San Diego, Los Angeles & San Francisco
Group "B": Atlanta "B", Columbus "B", Cincinnati "B", Indianapolis "A" & "B", Detroit "B", Milwaukee "B", Madison "A" & "B" and Minneapolis "B"

CHICAGO - We feel it should be up to the Governing Board to rate a team as "A" or "B".

COMMUNICATION & ADVERTISEMENT

1.- Print a newsletter to be sent to all the members

DENVER - Yes, if possible

SAN DIEGO - A list of all delegates and their cities should be given to each delegate. Any new city can get this list and we will get theirs. All communications and advertisement can be done by way of these delegates. This will keep costs down and still give everybody a link with each other. A newsletter would seem superfluous unless

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Something major happens and then a letter can be written to all members of the organization

MILWAUKEE - _____

SAN FRANCISCO - Send a newsletter to teams captains only, much less expense would be involved and possibly no dues (we are not sponsored by any "organization")

WASHINGTON - We would not be opposed to a nominal charge to cover league communications through mailings, newsletters, telephone calls, etc. We would ask the questions, "what are the proposed expenses to be covered by dues?" (If not what we have mentioned).

LOS ANGELES - A newsletter is a very integral part of any successful organization. It would be fairly inexpensive to have a small informative type letter printed up and send to each member. This cost should be covered in our registration fees.

MINNEAPOLIS - Yes - Quarterly ought to be enough. Published by the Board. Paid for out of dues. Listing tournaments, results, sanctioned tournaments, calendars, regional & organization news.

MADISON - Yes, a newsletter would be welcomed to keep abreast of what is happening in the other regions. As for need for dues, this could be handled by the registration fees and possibly an annual fee for each local organization's renewal membership. The local organization's dues structure for its members would have to take this National membership renewal fee into account. We do not believe that dues from each individual member would be manageable.

CHICAGO - Yes, a newsletter is necessary to keep everybody informed about the organization.