

## **IREVA CLUB AND TEAM NAMES POLICY**

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- 1) It is IREVA policy to require club and team names that:
  - a) Uphold an image that represents our Region and the sport of volleyball in a positive and respectful manner, and that
  - b) All known connotations of the name are G-rated and inoffensive to the membership / public at large.
- 2) Club and team names are reviewed and approved by an IREVA Registrar. If a questionable club or team name is submitted at the time of registration or challenged by a member, the questionable name is referred to the Names Review Committee.
- 3) The Names Review Committee is a sub-committee of the Registration Committee.
  - a) The Names Review Committee is chaired by the Registrar or their designee; is appointed by the Commissioner; and includes the Commissioner, JO Director, Adult Director [or one of their respective designees], and 3 of the 9 elected Directors [choices ensuring the most representative members with regard to gender, geography, membership type, etc].
  - b) The Names Review Committee will review any club or team name brought to them by the Registrar or member challenging the name, and will decide by simple majority to accept or deny approval of the proposed name.
    - i) Voting committee members shall evaluate the team or club name in question based on, but not limited to, the following criteria:
      - (1) too similar to an existing name (yielding automatic individual decision of denial)
      - (2) vulgar, obscene, indecent
      - (3) racially / ethnically offensive
      - (4) negative message
      - (5) sexual content or innuendo
      - (6) reference to drugs
      - (7) hateful, slanderous, inflammatory
  - c) The Registrar will notify the affected Club Director / Club Administrator / Team Representative of:
    - i) The name being denied and why,
    - ii) club/team memberships being processed as UNDECIDED until a suitable name is accepted, and,
    - iii) the need to discontinue the use of the name on any items with which they are identifying/representing themselves as a club or team of IREVA, including, but not limited to:
      - (1) apparel worn at any USAV or IREVA-sanctioned event
      - (2) score sheets, member registration, team entry, or result forms for any USAV or IREVA-sanctioned event
      - (3) requests for certificates of insurance or event sanctioning for an IREVA event
      - (4) local, regional, national, or international publications or marketing efforts if any reference to IREVA is included.