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MEMORANDUM

To: Provincial Volleyball Associations
From: Doug Anton, Technical Director
Subject: Participation in U.S.A. Volleyball competitions
Date: March 7, 2003
CC: Margie Mara, USA Volleyball

USA Volleyball has had several recent inquiries from Canadian age class players and coaches about registering and competing in the US. These inquiries have been of two types:

1. Individual Canadian players inquiring about registering with American teams during or after completion of their Canadian season (i.e registering with both a Canadian and an American team).
2. Canadian teams enquiring about registering with USA Volleyball and playing within the US competitive structure.

After discussions with USA Volleyball, we have agreed to the following arrangement which in essence is a reconfirmation of already existing regulations.

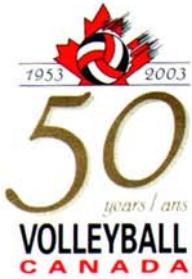
Volleyball Canada does not support dual registration for Canadian players. Regulation 3.3.1 of the Volleyball Canada Registration Handbook states that: "...No individual may be registered with more than one region or with more than one National Federation (as recognized by the FIVB) or with more than one club or team at any given time, within the same season."

Further more, regulation 2.2.3.2 states: "...the individual must be a resident of the region in which he or she wishes to register." Therefore Volleyball Canada will only endorse the registration of Canadian players with USA Volleyball teams with USA Volleyball's prior approval and upon consultation with the player's region of residence, as is our practice with domestic cross-border issues. Furthermore, Volleyball Canada and USA Volleyball both agree that teams comprised of individuals solely from one country should be registered in their country of origin.

Both Volleyball Canada and USA Volleyball agree that cross-border competition is desirable. However, players and teams should support their country's programs as much as possible. Therefore Canadian teams are welcome to compete in US competitions (and vice versa) except those competitions which are exclusive to participants registered in the region (i.e. regional playdowns).

If you have any questions regarding these regulations, please don't hesitate to contact

Margie Mara at the USAV or myself for further clarification.



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Yours truly,

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