



March 9-11 and March 15-17, 2019

ANSWERS TO A FEW QUESTIONS ABOUT CROSSROADS

Front Range is the host of the annual *Colorado Crossroads*® Girls' Junior National Qualifier. It is a two weekend, 6-day USAV National Qualifying tournament. 2019 is the 35st year for *Crossroads*® as well as our 22th year in the Colorado Convention Center. There are only 12 events licensed by USAV for 11s-17s age groups, and 16 licensed for 18s.

Crossroads® is one of the most popular national tournaments in the country. In 2019, *Crossroads*® is both a Qualifier for the 18s divisions (Open, USA and American divisions – that play their national championship in April) and for all the other age divisions that play their championships in June. We, as a club, are justifiably proud of the quality of the event we host.

In 2018, 1464 teams from 36 different states came to *Crossroads*® – our largest tournament ever and the second largest qualifier in the country. We also hosted a number of exhibition matches featuring the USA Women's Sitting Volleyball Paralympic Team, along with sitting teams from Russia (no, Putin was not along!) and Canada. The USA Paralympic team won the Gold Medal winner in the 2016 games; we are very honored to have them come to *Crossroads* (and we are the only Qualifier they visited).

Crossroads® the single fund-raiser for the club. It provides many benefits to our club:

- Proceeds offset operating costs of the club for every single athlete
 - We lowered our dues for 2019 because of proceeds from *Crossroads*® without having to reduce training hours
 - Front Range teams do not pay entry fees to be in *Crossroads*® - another cost savings for dues
- Teams have the benefits of a "travel tournament" without the expense of hotels or airfares
 - Many of the best teams in the country come here – we don't have to go to them
 - Over 400 college coaches attend – more than any other Qualifier
 - All our teams get to play in this premier national event
- Proceeds from *Crossroads*® enable us to fund our first-class facility, where we can have strength/quickness/agility training, as well as volleyball skills coaching, in one location – no need to belong to another organization to get this all-round program.
- We have use of our facility 100% of the time – we don't need to share it with other sports or groups

Crossroads® setup and tear down is the **only** part of this all-club fund-raiser we ask athletes and their parents to participate in, and it's only once a year. In 2018, the total time commitment for *Crossroads*® was 5 hours per person (one athlete and two adults – usually parents – from each family). **Participating in ALL other parts of Crossroads® operations is completely voluntary.**

We have some additional tournament tasks available for those who wish to earn **extra credit** on their club accounts, like helping with Team Check-in, Guest Registration, wristband check at entrance doors, or other such tasks. Front Range families get first chance to sign up for these hours – but only if they want to.

Hope this sheet answers some of the questions you may have about *Crossroads*®. Let us know if you want more information.