



## 2008 FALL SEASON INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the Far West Regional League's 2008 Fall Season. Here is a summary of some key points regarding the FWRL for the upcoming season.

### ACCEPTANCE AND PLACEMENT INTO DIVISIONS

**The team application deadline is midnight PT June 1, 2008.** You may apply for admittance to the FWRL on line at <http://www.regioniv.com>. Click on FWR League and follow directions to apply. Application fee is \$395 and can be paid online or by check.

If your state (Cal South, Hawaii, Oregon, Utah, Nevada) is using the Affinity Development Group (ADG) registration system, log on using your account user name and password. If not, create an account and apply. Your state association will review your application and solely determine if your team will receive state association approval to participate in the FWRL.

Only after state association approval, will the FWRL review the application and determine if your team will be accepted into the FWRL for the 2008 Fall Season. In completing the application form, teams are required to submit accurate information on team accomplishments. Misrepresentation of team accomplishments may result in the team being disqualified from FWRL participation. State associations may apply whatever criteria they deem necessary in approving teams from their state.

### SCHEDULING—BOYS and GIRLS U-14, U-15, U-16, U-17 and U-18 AGE GROUPS

Teams must be available to play on the dates listed in the Application Announcement. All dates that apply to a team are mandatory. This allows the FWRL Committee to schedule all games in a fair and balanced manner. It is entirely possible that all games will be completed on a portion of those dates. If playoffs are needed they will be played November 22 and 23, 2008. State Cup games take precedence over any FWRL games. In the case of scheduling conflicts State Cups games are the only acceptable reason for non-participation in FWRL contests. The forfeit policy provides harsh penalties for forfeiture of FWRL games.

### LEAGUE RULES AND POLICIES

To view a copy of the latest FWRL Rules, please go to the Region IV website at <http://www.regioniv.com> and click on the FWR League tab for the FWRL Charter and Rules. In addition, FWRL policies are often posted on the home page of the FWR League tab. Questions can be directed to Jim Tilley at [fwrljt@aol.com](mailto:fwrljt@aol.com).

### TEAM ROSTERS

The 22-player roster and 3-player guest roster will be utilized for the U18 and U17 age groups. For all other age groups, an 18-player roster and 7-player guest roster are permitted. All FWRL team rosters are considered approved upon state association approval of your application. Guest player rosters must be approved by your state association according to local rules and then filed with the FWRL. Note: The FWRL Trustees intend to propose a guest player rule change to the Regional Council. If adopted, both the current rule and the new rule would be honored during the Fall 08 Season.

### HOSTING

Teams may submit a request to host FWRL games by filing an "Application to Host Multiple FWRL Games" form that is found at <http://www.regioniv.com> (see Hosting Guidelines). For self-schedule games, teams do not need to file an application to host. In situations where more than one out-of-town team is visiting your site for FWRL games, an application is necessary.

### WEBSITE

The FWRL website – [www.Regioniv.com](http://www.Regioniv.com) – is our communications anchor. We attempt to provide timely information to FWRL teams via our website including the latest schedules, scores, standings, playing sites, contact names, rules and regulations.