



## 2009 SPRING SEASON INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the Far West Regional League's 2009 Spring Season. Here is a summary of some key points regarding the FWRL for the upcoming season.

### ACCEPTANCE AND PLACEMENT INTO DIVISIONS

**The team application and payment deadline is midnight PT November 10, 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. The application fee is \$395 and is payable by credit card on line, or by check to FWRL, 4152 Dietz Farm Cir NW, Albuquerque, NM 87107.

If your state (Cal South, Utah, Hawaii, Oregon or 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 2009 Spring 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 determining the team representatives from their state.

Following approval by your state association, if necessary, the FWRL Technical Committee will determine the final selection and placement of all teams. Teams will be notified via e-mail regarding their acceptance and placement into specific divisions within the FWRL. In many age/gender groups, there will only be a Premier Division.

### SCHEDULING

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 (and in most age/gender groups they will be) they will be played April 4 and 5, 2009. State Cup games take precedence over any FWRL games. In the case of scheduling conflicts State Cup 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

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

### TEAM ROSTERS

The 22-player roster and 3 guest players will be utilized for the U18 and U17 age groups. For all other age groups, an 18-player roster and 7 guest players 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.

### **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.