

## The Road to JO's

NORCO is a competitive Volleyball Club that encourages every team within the Club to strive for the highest level of performance possible, both as individuals and as a team. The greatest honor and ultimate goal for a volleyball team is to qualify for and participate in the National Junior Olympic Volleyball Championships held each summer (also known as "JO's" or "Nationals") Qualifying for JO's is the culmination of a year-long team effort that begins with realizing the importance of each individual commitment and dedication to attendance, hard work, skill, respect, and unselfishness. NORCO's goal as a Club is for as many of its teams as possible to have the opportunity and experience of playing in the National Junior Championships.

### General Information:

- 4-5 day long event (exact dates age specific) in late June/early July for qualifying teams.
- Three divisions of competition..... Open, National, American
- Different location each year – TBD yet for 2007

### How a Team Qualifies:

- National Qualifiers (JNQ's) – Top 3 Open Division qualify for J.O. Open Division  
Top 2 Club Division qualify for J.O. Club Divisions  
(1<sup>st</sup> – National Div.) (2<sup>nd</sup> – American Div.)
- RMR Regional Qualifier – Top 2 qualify for J.O. Club Divisions  
(1<sup>st</sup> – National Div.) (2<sup>nd</sup> – American Div.)

### Benefits of Participating:

- Great honor to participate with best teams in Nation
- Player resume.
- Exposure and scholarship opportunity.

### What is involved:

- 6 week Practice Schedule resumes late May or after a 2 week break
- Extra Bingo night will be scheduled to help offset costs.
- Billed separately – payment in full required prior to travel.

**Travel Policies** – Deviation from the usual out of state tournament policy of traveling and staying together as a team is a possibility for JO's. Depending upon tournament location as well as timing (how early or late during the year a team qualifies), finding large group reservations at reasonable cost can be difficult or impossible. Families should be prepared to make travel and accommodation plans for their daughters independently if the Club Director deems this to be necessary.

**Tournament Forfeits** - If any team participating in a Junior National tournament, forfeits a final match or potentially qualifying match (i.e. missing flight), that team and coaches risk the entire club being banned from future tournaments. Team may also be sanctioned and coaches may be ineligible to coach the next season.