



**Family  
Campers and  
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TEEN  
MANUAL**

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## **TEEN PROGRAM**

### **INTRODUCTION:**

The following rules and guidelines apply to the National Teen Program. Those included in this manual have been selected to help you as Field directors guide those members to whom you have been assigned. More complete rules and guidelines are available from your State/Provincial Directors and Teen Directors. Additional questions may be addressed to the National Teen Directors.

The rules and guidelines in the manual are National rules only and may differ from State/Provincial contest rules.

### **TEENAGE CHAPTERS:**

#### **General Policy:**

The purpose of teen chapters is to see our teenagers become better campers, better citizens and have more fun in FCRV by forming chapters and youth groups. The following is a list of three different types of teen chapters, something about them and how to form them.

- A. State/Provincial Association - This chapter includes all teenagers whose parents belong to your state/provincial association. The main reason for this type of group is to include teens who normally would be in areas too small to organize in some type activity, and to help in planning teen projects on a state/provincial wide basis including Campventions, litter surveys, etc.
- B. Area Chapters - When there are several teen chapters in the area, they may join together to make an area teen chapter. There must be two adult couples who will act as sponsors and they must be from different chapters.
- C. Local Chapters - When a chapter has enough teenagers in it they can form a teen chapter. There must be one adult couple acting as a sponsor.

In all the above chapters, the parents must be active FCRV members or the teen must be a FCRV member himself or herself. To form these clubs, the teens must do the following: elect officers, adopt a constitution for their chapter, secure sponsors, contact with the local field director or the state teen director for a chapter application.

Charters issued to teen chapters are on a formality basis and are not to be interpreted as would an adult chapter under FCRV. In all cases, adult advisors to teen chapters are appointed and served at the pleasure of the adult chapter president.

## **SUGGESTED TEEN CONSTITUTION**

### **ARTICLE 1 - Name**

The name of the organization shall be \_\_\_\_\_, the teenager branch of \_\_\_\_\_ and members of the FCRV.

### **ARTICLE 2 - Chapter Colors and Symbol**

Chapter colors are-\_\_\_\_\_. The chapter symbol will be-\_\_\_\_\_.

### **ARTICLE 3 - Purpose**

The purpose of the chapter shall be:

1. To cooperate with all other organizations which are working toward conservation of our natural resources.
2. To provide a basis of friendly welcome to other members through identification with FCRV.
3. To plan group campouts, weekend trips, and to cooperate with the adult groups in any program.
4. To promote camping and traveling safety and help to prevent forest fires.
5. To support "Don't Be A Litterbug" and other such campaigns.

### **ARTICLE 4 - Membership**

Section 1. The chapter was formed as the teenage branch of \_\_\_\_\_, members of FCRV, which is a non-profit and volunteer national organization of campers and hikers for those who love outdoor activities.

Section 2. Any teenagers whose parents are qualified members of the parent chapter are eligible for membership in \_\_\_\_\_.

Section 3. The three qualifications for being a \_\_\_\_\_ are as follows:

- a. Parents must be members of \_\_\_\_\_(name of parent chapter)
- b. If the parents are dropped from the club for any reason, the teens are also dropped from the \_\_\_\_\_. If teens have their own membership, they will not be dropped.
- c. A teen is qualified to join \_\_\_\_\_upon the month of his/her thirteenth birthday.

## **ARTICLE 5 - Officers**

- Section 1. The officers of the chapter shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer, all of whom shall perform the duties that usually pertain to these respective offices. They shall be elected by the chapter at the annual meeting, from its membership and shall not hold office for more than one year or until their respective successors have been duly installed.
- Section 2. If any vacancy occurs during the year, in any one or more offices provided for in the Constitution, the Board of Directors must elect a successor, who shall hold that office for the unexpired term.

## **ARTICLE 6 - Board of Directors**

- Section 1. The Board of Directors shall be the governing body of the chapter and shall also perform such functions and duties as may be directed by the chapter.
- Section 2. The Board shall consist of six members, as follows: The officers, the immediate past president, and two members at large. All shall hold office for a term of one year.
- Section 3. All Directors shall hold office until their successors have been elected; and the board shall fill vacancies on the Board for the unexpired term(s).
- Section 4. The Board of Directors may at any time call a meeting of said board.
- Section 5. A majority of the Directors shall constitute a quorum to hold meetings.

## **ARTICLE 7 - Committees**

- Section 1. The Program Committee shall consist of not less than three members appointed by the President and shall be responsible for program and entertainment.
- Section 2. The Nominating Committee shall consist of the President and two members nominated and approved by the chapter. The committee shall meet shortly prior to the October meeting to propose a slate of officers, which shall be presented to the Chapter at the October meeting by the President (as chairman of the committee) or in his absence, by a member of the nominating committee delegated by him. Other nominations for officers or directors may be presented from the floor at the annual meeting.
- Section 3. Other committees may be appointed by the President upon approval by the board and shall act for the duration of their assigned task or until the end of the club year.

## **ARTICLE 8 - Meetings**

- Section 1. Regular meetings of the chapter shall be held, as far as possible, monthly from September through May (except December) the third Sunday of the month. The time for the regular meeting is two o'clock and the Board of Directors meeting is one o'clock. Additional meetings may be held if so decided by the Board of Directors.
- Section 2. The annual meeting shall be the October meeting in each year, at which time officers and directors shall be elected, such officers to take office immediately upon election.
- Section 3. Special meetings of the membership may be called by the President or by any member of the Board of Directors upon notification of the club membership.
- Section 4. A quorum of the chapter shall consist of 25% of the total membership.

## **ARTICLE 9 - Fiscal Year**

- Section 1. The fiscal year for the chapter shall begin with November first of each year and end the following October thirty-first.

## **ARTICLE 10 - Constitution**

- Section 1. This constitution may be amended by a majority vote of the members present at any regular meeting of the chapter provided a quorum is present, and provided the intention to amend the constitution shall have been previously communicated in writing to the members.

## **ARTICLE 11 - Termination of Chapter**

- Section 1. Should the activities of the club terminate, any property or club funds shall be disposed of in the following manner:
- a. Property shall be offered for sale to club members before offered to the public.
  - b. 75% of all funds after debts shall be given to State or National Education programs such as Conservation, Scholarship, DAT.
  - c. 25% of all funds after debts shall be given to local charitable groups.
  - d. The choice of programs or groups to receive the chapter's assets shall be decided by the majority of members in good standing with the chapter at the time of termination. (Percentages may be changed to the membership's desire at the time of accepting the clause.)

## **ARTICLE 12 — Bylaws**

Section 1. Bylaws may be adapted or amended at any regular meeting.

Section 2. Robert's Rules of Order shall govern all meetings of the chapter.

Section 3. The regular order of business at all meeting shall be as follows:

- a. Call to order
- b. Reading of the minutes of previous meeting by the secretary
- c. Reading of the treasurer's report
- d. Committee reports
- e. Old business
- f. New business
- g. Adjourn

### **TEEN IDENTIFICATION CARDS**

Upon the age of thirteen a youth may be issued a teen identification card. This card is similar in size and color to the adult membership FCRV card. The card will state the teen's full name and expiration date. The expiration date will be the teen's twentieth birthday. To be valid a card must be stamped by the National Teen Directors and contain a picture of the teen named on the face of the card. The National Teen Directors, State/Provincial Teen Directors, State/Provincial Directors or any persons designated by them to issue cards, may issue cards. States/Provinces can provide their own lamination or the cards can be laminated at the Campvention for a fee to defray costs. Host teen committee without valid proof of birth date (birth certificate, driver's license) will not issue regular teen cards.

NOTE: Campvention guest cards will be issued to guests of FCRV members. Guest cards will also be issued to FCRV members without valid proof of birth date. Guest cards are valid for the duration of the National Campvention, entitling the holder to ALL Teen Activities EXCEPT for competitive sports. Teens wishing to play competitive sports should contact their state/provincial teen director prior to the Campvention to insure their eligibility or buy a membership.

### **NATIONAL CAMPVENTION TEEN DIRECTOR POLICY**

The National Teen Directors will be responsible for setting the following guidelines.

It is fully realized that problems may arise prior to and during the National Campvention. Problems prior to the Campvention should be promptly addressed to the National Teen Directors so that the problem areas may be resolved prior to the Campvention. Problems arising during the Campvention will be brought to the attention of the National Teen Directors and Campvention Host Chairman for solutions.

Problems will be resolved jointly between the National Teen Directors and the Chairman of the Teen Activities for the host teen committee and Campvention Host Chairman.

In the event the National Teen Directors are unable to attend the Campvention, they may appoint someone to act on their behalf.

## **NATIONAL CAMPVENTION TEEN POLICY**

The Teen Program at the National Campvention is the highlight of the year for our teenage FCRV members. Each year, for many it is the "first time" to attend and associate with many teens of like interest. Those who have attended previously look forward to this eventful time of year for the renewal of friendships and the programmed events awaiting them.

Every effort should be exerted to provide our teens an enjoyable, full week of activity. That our Teen Queens have a feeling of being Queen, and above all, to set an example for fairness, honesty and good sportsmanship — which will enable them to grow into FCRV adults of tomorrow and become future leaders in our organization that we will be proud of.

All funds required for teen activities stated herein will be provided from Campvention funds. These guidelines are set forth in an effort to accomplish these goals.

## **NATIONAL CAMPVENTION TEEN PROGRAM**

With the present size of our Campvention, the teen program at the National Campvention must be conducted with as much planning and attention as the adult program.

### **Teen Area**

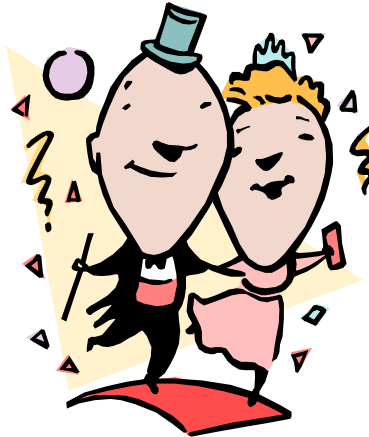
- A. The area must be large enough to provide plenty of dance space. In addition, an area for teens not dancing should be provided with seating available. Bathroom facilities must be provided in the immediate area. Refreshments should be made available. Arcade games have proven a success in the past and may also be provided in the area.
- B. The area used for evening dances should be paved if possible and have a stage area for the band.
- C. A good high fidelity, high wattage PA system should be provided for paging and emergency announcements.
- D. If a building is not available, a large circus type tent will provide coverage in case of rain and to give the area of feeling of being a "teen area".
- E. A band or DJ will be scheduled each night, Saturday through Wednesday nights, the Wednesday night ball being the "Queen's Ball". The top band should be scheduled for the Wednesday night dance. The dances will close each night at 12:00 midnight.
- F. Curfew for all teens will be 1:00 a.m. and they must be in their camp area or with their parents or guardian at that time.

## Security

The National Campvention is not open to the public and security guards are used at main gates. In order to prevent non-FCRV teens from "crashing" or entering the teen area, the following security measures will be followed:

- A. Evening Dance Area — The area set aside for the evening dance will be completely fenced with control of the gate (or entrance) areas. Fencing can be of the temporary "snow" fence type or a permanent chain-link type fence. The gate area will have no less than three adults controlling the entry and exit of the teens at each gate. Electric lighting will be provided over the gate area. Lighting of the dance area will be sufficient to be able to identify people in the area, and to allow chaperones to be able to see in all areas. Coke machines set up in the dance area will provide some lighting and give the effect of regular lights. Lighting in all areas should be adequate to permit the patrol around the "edges" to discourage improper behavior of any type.
- B. Chaperones - Approximately ten chaperones will be provided for the evening dances. Older key teens of the host region can be used to assist the chaperones. These teens should report problems to an adult chaperone - in order to prevent the teen reporting from being involved with other teens in the problem.
- C. Drinks (Intoxicants) — Blankets, sleeping bags and other bulky items carried into the dance for sitting on the ground should be checked for having contents other than the label indicates.
- D. Drugs - At the discretion of the Campvention Host Chairman and the Teen Activities Chairman for the host teen committee, Federal narcotics agents may be called on to attend all teen activities. Their identity should be limited to those with direct responsibility for the teen program. Any suspicion of drugs should be brought to the agent's attention.
- E. Identification - The teens will gain entry into the dance by use of an identification that will be provided. Registration can be at the teen center during the day upon proper identification. Teen ID cards issued at this time will include a picture of the teen. Applicant must provide picture.
- F. Teen Problems — Teens involved in disciplinary action should immediately be turned over to security for return to their parents. The parents should be required to return to the teen area with the teen immediately after the problem for discussion with the teen chairman of the host state/province. This system has been used at National Campvention and has been very effective. Teen should be allowed to return to the dance if the offense is of a minor nature.
- G. Areas Adjacent to Dance Floor - These surrounding areas should be chaperoned also to insure against the use of improper drinks, drugs, and/or improper conduct.
- H. Dress - Dress for the evening teen dances (except the Queen's Ball on Wednesday night) may be sports attire, i.e. shorts (boys and girls), pant suit, blue jeans, etc. Efforts should be made to discourage skimpy wear on girls and boys must wear shirts either pullover or button down.

## Queen's Ball



A Queen's Ball will honor the new Teen Queen on Wednesday night. This will be the highlight dance of the Campvention.

Each state/provincial teen queen will be introduced at the dance during the early part of the evening. They will be introduced after the introduction of Miss FCRV and her court. The Chairman for the teen activities and the National Teen Directors will introduce the queens and assist them in the preliminary lineup before introduction. After the queens have all been introduced, the new Miss FCRV will present the award to the winning states/provinces for the sports competitions.

Every effort should be made by the host teen committee to provide appropriate decorations, seating for the teen queen and her court, and any other arrangements to make this dance "special".

The following guidelines detail the first four dances and what they will be:

1. First dance - Teen Queen and her Escort
2. Queens Court and their Escorts
3. All Teen Queens and their Escorts
4. Queens and their Fathers and King/Escorts and their Mothers

Dress code for the Queen's Ball will be as follows:

- A. Girls will wear dresses, evening gowns, pant suits, shorts, skirts (mid thigh length), and polozzo pants, dress shoes, dress boots, newer or clean, tied athletic shoes. No bare midriffs, mini skirts, shorts, or short shorts, T-shirts, tube or tank tops, blue denim jeans, or sloppy, dirty, untied athletic shoes will be acceptable.
- B. Boys will wear suits, tuxedos, sport jackets, dress shirts and ties, slacks, dress shoes, dress boots, and newer or clean, tied athletic shoes. No T-shirts, tank tops, muscle shirts, shorts or cutoffs, blue denim jeans, or sloppy, dirty, untied athletic shoes will be acceptable.

Chaperones shall follow the same dress code as the teens.

## **DESCRIPTION OF CONTESTS AND AWARDS FOR TEENS**

Contests for our teens are many, but unless they hear about them and are encouraged to participate, our entries will be few.

- A. CONSERVATION ESSAY CONTEST - is open to all FCRV teens. Details are available in the Conservation section.
- B. CONSERVATION POSTER CONTEST - has two categories open to the teen age group, the 12-14 year olds and the 15-19 year olds. Details are available in the Conservation section.
- C. FCRV SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM - awards annual college scholarships to child or member of FCRV in all fields of study. Details are available in the FCRV Scholarship section.
- D. CHAPTER HISTORY SCRAPBOOK CONTEST - open to all teen chapters.
- E. HANK NATHAN GOODWILL CONTEST - is open to all teen chapters and area/district or state/provincial teen chapters.
- F. TEEN QUEEN CONTEST - Basic rules area available in this section and complete details are available from your state/provincial director.
- G. ANNUAL NATIONAL PARADE - Teen Division — Details are available in this section.
- H. TEAM SPORTS COMPETITION - Softball, volleyball, relay race, — Basic rules are available in this section and complete details are available from your state/provincial director.

### **TEEN KING CONTEST**

Some states/provinces now have the Teen Kings in addition to their Queen. At the present there are no national rules for this contest and it is left up to each state/province to set up rules for their contest. Some have adapted the rules from the Teen Queen contest, while others have added athletic events. There is no national Teen King contest at the Campvention. Teen Kings and official Teen Queen Escorts should be given the same recognition and if Kings are invited to assist in the Teen Queen Pageant by the organizers, then the Escorts should also be invited. In order to assist the organizers the Escorts and the Kings should both be pre-registered and also should register when they arrive on site with the same group as the Teen Queens.

An event should be planned for the Teen Kings/Escorts whereby after the official Teen Sports have been completed, perhaps an all star team can be selected to play a series of games of the official listed sports against a team made up of the Kings/Escorts. These games could be on Thursday after the parade and would be generally a fun event with no actual prizes awarded.

### **MISS FCRV CONTEST**

The primary objective of every Miss FCRV contest, on all levels, should be to make each state/provincial contestant feel like a queen.

On the National level the pageant chairman and committee, in conjunction with the National Teen Directors, will be in charge of the Miss FCRV contest. All details pertaining to the contest will be in accordance with the current Campvention guidelines and field directors' manual.

On the state/provincial level, the state/provincial teen directors or a committee chosen for that purpose will conduct Miss FCRV contest.

States/provinces may establish eligibility criteria for contestants, provided they do not conflict with national rules. The number of contestants eligible for each state/provincial contest from chapters and/or districts should be determined by the individual state/province.

It should be stressed to all state, provincial, and district, chapter pageant chairman that the same rules pertaining to age and FCRV membership should apply to every contest.

It is the responsibility of the state/provincial director to certify that the contestant meets the criteria for a Teen Queen Contestant as stated in the Teen Directors' Guidelines. Following state/provincial certification any infringement of the rules that is disclosed, the National Teen Directors will request a ruling on the eligibility of contestants status from the Board of Trustees. At the same time, the contestant, her family, her state/provincial director and teen director will be notified in writing of the impending request for ruling on her eligibility.

In the event that a disqualification does occur, the state/provincial directors will be given the opportunity to make a replacement prior to the contest, in accordance with the rules of the state/province.

### **Rules for Teen Queen Contestants**

- A. Parents or legal guardians of contestants must be members of FCRV, or the teen must be a member of FCRV.
- B. Age limit is 13 to 19 inclusive. The contestant must be 13 to 19 years old on the day of the contest at the National Campvention.
- C. All national contestants must be a state/provincial representative. Only one contestant per state/province, entered by the state/provincial director.
- D. The contestant must be single and at no time have been married. The contestant's moral character should exemplify the goals of FCRV by exhibiting wholesome and respected qualities associated with family oriented values.
- E. Contestant must complete official registration blank and return to the National Pageant Chairman by the date specified on the blank.
- F. Contestant must be registered with the National Contest Committee no later than 9:00 a.m. Monday (Campvention time). Contestant must be present at the time of judging.
- G. Contestant will be judged in a Campvention or FCRV shirt and shorts, that will be purchased at the Campvention, for the poise and confidence portion, in a street length dress at the tea and in an evening gown at the evening pageant. Contestants will be judged on poise, personality, evening gown, and talent. Talent is not limited to performing arts, it may be displayed in any category as long as it can be performed on stage and is an "individual" talent. Talent is limited up to three minutes duration with one minute allowed for run over. Five points will be deducted for each 15 seconds, or fraction thereof, over the four minute limit, from the judges composite talent score for any contestant exceeding the limit.
- H. Miss FCRV will relinquish her title if during the year she becomes married, conducts herself in a manner that is contrary to the goals of FCRV, or for any other reason she cannot complete her

reign. The 1st runner-up will accept the title of Miss FCRV for the remainder of the year. Miss FCRV will be required to return her crown and cape.

- I. The Queen and all her attendants (4) will be in the annual FCRV parade.
- J. Once a girl has won the title of Miss FCRV, she cannot compete in the Miss FCRV contest again. However, girls who have not won Miss FCRV title but have been on the court can compete again. She cannot sit on the court during the contest, if she is a contestant.

### **Teen Queen Pageant Chairman's Pre-Campvention Duties**

The National Campvention Teen Queen contest is the climax of the year for state/provincial teen queens. For the majority of the girls, this will be the first time to compete on a national basis and before FCRV members they have never met before. Consequently, they are nervous, frightened, and will need every kind word of encouragement we can give them.

Listed below is an outline of requirements for the National Teen Queen Pageant Chairman to accomplish in preparation for the contest.

- A. Prior to April 1, of the Campvention year, the pageant chairman for the host teen committee will mail the Official Teen Queen Registration form to all state/provincial directors and the National Teen Directors. This form is to be returned to the Teen Queen Pageant Chairman by June 1st.
- B. By June 10th, each teen queen contestant will be sent contest rules and a schedule of events for the teen queens at the National Campvention and a resume of the clothing she should bring for her participation in the pageant. A copy of the schedule and resume will be sent to the National Teen Directors and the National Teen Queen.
- C. By June 10th, printed invitations to the Teen Queen Tea will be mailed. (See Teen Queen Tea section for a list of those to be invited.)
- D. Five qualified, non-partisan (non-FCRV members) judges will be selected.
  - 1. Qualifications — The mixture of judges should include both male and female who have a varied background in the performing arts, fashion, modeling, or education. Performing arts can include vocal or instrumental music, theater, gymnastics, or twirling. Judges should not have participated in any manner in any FCRV Teen Queen contest in the previous twenty-four months.
  - 2. Prior to the contest, the judges should be mailed a complete set of rules governing the contest, method of judging and a schedule of events in which they are included.
  - 3. Score sheets, table and chairs must be provided for the judges in a roped area directly in front of the stage, to provide optimum viewing. Shelter should be provided to protect the judges from inclement weather or the hot sun as necessary. One of the judges shall be selected as Chairman of the Judges by the judges to work on the tally of the semifinalist. The talent winner; first, second, third, fourth runners up and Miss FCRV will be chosen by the judges.
  - 4. It is the responsibility of the host teen committee to provide for judges' personal comfort. Dinner must be provided at a designated restaurant on Tuesday. Prior arrangements must be made for five judges and the National Teen Directors. Judges whose schedule requires their return to private activities may do so on the condition they return to the stage area one half hour prior to the start of the evening pageant. Adequate comfort facilities, including a place to rest between scheduled activities must be provided. Activities planned for the judges should be coordinated through the National Teen Directors.
  - 5. Gate passes and escort from the main gate should be provided to create the least inconvenience to the judges. Judges should be requested to arrive at least one half hour before the start of all

judging assignments (Teen Queen Tea, poise & confidence, talent competitions, and evening program) to facilitate meeting with National Teen Directors for a review of the rules and judging procedures.

6. Adequate directions to all judging functions, estimated time of completion of duties and a description of the facilities and refreshments provided by FCRV for the judges should be sent prior to the contest.
  7. Appropriate identification signifying "JUDGE" in the manner of badges or ribbons will be provided by the host teen committee to be presented to the judges at the Teen Queen Tea by the National Teen Directors.
  8. The Campvention Committee following the Campvention should acknowledge appreciation to the judges for their time involved. The National Teen Directors will present the FCRV Certificate of Appreciation to the judges at the evening pageant.
  9. Judges are to be escorted by the National Teen Directors on grounds through all competition and at no time will judges be allowed on grounds alone until competition is over. After the pageant is completed the judges can have a pass to be on grounds alone.
- E. Make the necessary arrangements pertaining to the location and refreshments for the Teen Queen Tea.
- F. Banners:
1. Banners for each state/province that is represented by a Teen Queen with that state/province name on it will be made up (i.e. Miss Arizona).
  2. A banner will be made up that reads Fourth Runner-up.
  3. A banner will be made up that reads Third Runner-up.
  4. A banner will be made up that reads Second Runner-up.
  5. A banner will be made up that reads First Runner-up.
  6. A banner will be made up that reads Miss FCRV Teen Queen.
  7. A banner will be made up that reads Miss Congeniality.
  8. A banner will be made up that reads Miss Talent.
  9. A banner will be made up for the current Teen Queen
- G. Numbers should be made "1" through the number of contestants entered in the contest (i.e. 1 thru 51 if you have 51 girls) for each girl to draw at registration. Numbers to be worn during the tea and during the contest. Size of the numbers should be from 4" to 6" overall and of substantial material not to flutter.
- H. The host teen committee will be responsible for providing a float for the Annual FCRV parade for the Teen Queen and all (4) of her attendants.

### **Teen Queen Registration at Campvention**

- A. Teen Queens must register with the pageant committee by 9:00 a.m. Monday, Campvention time. Dress is optional.
- B. At 9:00 a.m. Monday, Campvention time, the Teen Queens will meet at the stage, prepared to rehearse for the contest. Group rehearsal for poise & confidence competition review and the evening gown review will be conducted first. The present Miss FCRV Teen Queen should be invited to assist in the rehearsal and allowed to work with the girls as much as possible. Following group rehearsal, each girl shall practice her talent in numerical order to allow sound and stage committees to prepare for the talent competition.

- C. Each Teen Queen participating in the contest will be rehearsed and time checked by the National Teen Directors. The talent rehearsal time will be recorded on the official Rehearsal Talent Sheets. Any overruns will be discussed with the contestant and she will be given the opportunity to adjust her performance. No contestant shall be allowed to monopolize the stage. A maximum of two start-overs will be allowed during the sequence rehearsal.
- D. Stage time should be allotted on Saturday and Sunday for the contestants to practice their talent.

### **Teen Queen Interviews**

The Interview portion of the judging shall take place on Tuesday morning at 9:00 a.m. The purpose of the interviews is for the judges to become acquainted with each other and for the girls to get acquainted with the judges and the judges in turn, get acquainted with the girls. This is used by the judges as part of the judging on personality. Judges will interview each teen queen in a separate room. Interview shall be for three minutes and cover everyday subjects. No questions are to be asked concerning politics or war (police action). Judges are not to inquire or prompt queens to tell their state/province.

### **Teen Queen Tea**

- A. The Tea should be on Tuesday morning at 10:30 a.m.
- B. Dress for the Tea is street dress (gloves optional).
- C. The girls will be introduced by first name and number and not by their state/province.
- D. The order of the program should be as follows:
  1. Introduce the Board of Trustees.
  2. Introduce the National Teen Directors.
  3. Introduce the Teen Queen Pageant Committee.
  4. Introduce the judges by name and occupation.
  5. Light refreshments are to be served.
  6. The National officers and other guests may leave after the formal tea.
- E. The following individuals are to be invited to the tea:
  1. NCHA Founder, Hank Nathan
  2. National President (Incoming and Outgoing)
  3. National First Vice President (Incoming and Outgoing)
  4. National Second Vice President (Incoming and Outgoing)
  5. National Recording Officer (Incoming and Outgoing)
  6. National Comptroller (Incoming and Outgoing)
  7. National Corresponding Secretary (Incoming and Outgoing)
  8. Immediate National Past President
  9. National Director
  10. National Teen Directors
  11. Present National Teen Queens
  12. All Past National Presidents
  13. All Past National Teen Queens
  14. All State/Provincial Teen Directors
  15. National Campvention Host Chairmen (Present and Incoming)
  16. Teen Queen Pageant Chairmen (Present and Incoming)

If room is available all State/Provincial Directors may be invited followed by the Regional Directors at the discretion of the pageant committee. Exceptions may be made only with prior approval of the National Teen Directors and the Pageant Committee Chairmen.

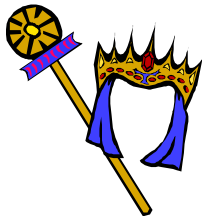
- F. The following individuals will not be invited:
1. Teen Queen parents or legal guardians
  2. State/Provincial teen queens not in the current contest
  3. Members of the National Executive Board not listed above

If a Teen Queen's parents are invited by virtue of their National or State/Provincial office they may attend at their own discretion.

Since this portion of the contest is being judged, in fairness to all of the contestants, it is required that the above guidelines be strictly adhered to.

- G. The Teen Queens exchange mementos and cast their ballots for Miss Congeniality on Tuesday at 12:00 p.m. At this time the Teen Queen's parents are invited to attend, as are future Teen Queen Contestants who may wish to view this portion of the pageant. Following the gift exchange Teen Queen Contestants may return to their campsite with their parents. If the tea is held off the Campvention site, transportation may be made available to and from the tea. Contestants requiring transportation to and from the tea should make their request known at the time of registration.

## **Teen Queen Competition**



### **Teen Queen Onstage Competition**

The Teen Queen Competition on stage is held on Tuesday in two parts. The first portion consists of the talent competition, which shall start at 2:00 p.m. Judging at this time will determine the top five talent winners.

The evening portion of the pageant will start at 7:00 p.m. with the Poise and Confidence portion.

The second portion of the evening pageant consists of the evening gown competition.

Soft background music will be provided during the time the girls are passing in review before the judges. This should be smooth listening music, without a "marching beat".

The stage will be set with the presiding Miss FCRV Teen Queen on the throne for the evening gown segment of the pageant. This will be done to enable her to view the pageant. The judges will be seated in front of the stage. The judges will not be seated on the stage area.

### **Talent Competition**

- A. The Talent Competition will take place on Tuesday at 2:00 p.m.
- B. The Queens will be introduced by number, first name and an explanation of their talent.
- C. Each Queen will present her talent before the judges. The talent will be timed from the actual beginning of the talent and limited to three minutes with allowed over-run of one minute without penalty. The three minute timing will commence with the start of the competitor's movement, recitation, singing (or similar "talent"), rather than start of the music, fanfare or introduction. Timing shall cease at the completion of the talent or accompaniment, whichever is last. The official timing will be the responsibility of the National Teen Directors and they will inform the judges if any deductions are necessary due to timing.
- D. Only one person may provide musical accompaniment on stage; no partner will be allowed. Taped/recorded accompaniment is permitted.
- E. Talent is judged on a basis of 1 to 25 points. Judges chose the top five talent winners from a tally of the talent points. The Queen with the highest number of points will receive the Miss Talent trophy. The top five winners will be announced on stage at the completion of the evening gown competition. Miss Talent will be announced at the evening pageant following the announcement of Miss Congeniality. (Also see "Judge's Rules")

### **Poise and Confidence Portion**

This portion of the competition will take place on the main stage before the Judges and general audience on Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.. The out-going court and any previous Miss FCRV in attendance will receive preferential seating. The National Teen Directors will be seated with the Judges.

- A. The Queens will be introduced in the following manner:
  - 1. Contestant Number
  - 2. First Name
  - 3. School year
  - 4. Hobbies
  - 5. Ambition
  - 6. Years in FCRV
- B. The attire for this portion of the pageant is to be either an FCRV shirt or Campvention T-shirt. The Pageant Coordinator will determine which shirt will be worn. The shirts will be provided by the Campvention Committee and included in the Pageant budget. The Campvention Committee will supply (for purchase by the individual Teen Queens) a pair of standardized shorts chosen by the committee to co-ordinate with the shirts, which have been provided to the Teen Queens. The sizing for the shorts will be taken from the Teen Queen application forms, however a few extra will be purchased to ensure that everyone ends up with a pair of correctly fitting shorts. Any extras will be returned after the pageant for a refund.
- C. Each contestant will be escorted on stage and introduced as stated above and presented to the judges. She will be asked a question taken directly from the resume she submitted to the pageant

coordinators. This question is to be repeated and the contestant will then be given 30 seconds to respond.

- D. The contestant will be escorted off stage when she is finished. Once all contestants have completed this portion they will be brought back on stage for review by the judges.
- E. Scoring will be on a 1 to 25 point scale, based on the contestant's natural poise and her ability to respond quickly while giving an accurate answer to the question.

### **Evening Gown Competition**

The evening gown competition will be judged during the Tuesday evening program following the Poise and Personality competition.

- A. Each Queen will pass in review before the judges while the Master of Ceremonies reads information concerning her:
  - 1. Number
  - 2. First name
  - 3. School year
  - 4. Hobbies
  - 5. Ambition
  - 6. Years in FCRV
- B. Each Queen should select the color and style of the gown she wishes for this portion of the contest. Evening gown must be floor length and chosen in taste for teenage stage competition. The design of the dress must limit any slits to no higher than the knee and the judges in their capacity must qualify what is acceptable as far as a revealing top. The judges shall be instructed that if in their opinion the particular gown does not meet these requirements, then a deduction should be made from the scoring for that particular contestant.
- C. Queens will walk in the same manner as for the poise and confidence competition. After all queens have been individually reviewed, all contestants will return to the stage and stand in line for a brief review by the judges.
- D. The evening gown portion of the competition is judged 1 to 25 points.
- E. The top five (5) talent winners will be announced to the audience.

### **Evening Competition**

The Master of Ceremonies opens the evening program, which is the conclusion of the Teen Queen Competition. This will start on Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. The program proceeds into the Poise and Confidence competition during which the contestants are introduced as described under "Poise and Confidence Competition". It should be remembered that all contestants are still being judged at this time.

Following the Poise and Confidence portion the Master of Ceremonies will proceed with the introduction of the reigning Miss FCRV and any of her court who are present. Miss FCRV is escorted to the stage and seated on her throne at the start of the evening gown segment. The program proceeds into evening gown competition during which the contestants are introduced as described under "Evening Gown Competition". It should be remembered that all contestants are still being judged at this time.

To allow time throughout the program for the Queens to get ready for the next segment and/or for the judges to tally scores, other entertainment should be scheduled (Previous Teen Queens, Teen Kings from states/provinces that run such contests can be asked to perform as needed.) Seating should be provided backstage for all contestants.

Miss FCRV should also perform at this time.

## **Finals**

- A. Following the evening gown competition the Queens will return to the stage for the announcement the five semi-finalists as well as Miss Congeniality and Miss Talent. (No state/provincial identification can be made at this time.)
- B. The Master of Ceremonies will announce the five semi-finalists, in random order, by name and number only.
- C. Each finalist will be asked a question and will give the answer over the microphone. (At this time the other semi-finalists will be in a soundproof room.) The Master of Ceremonies will read the question twice. All questions should pertain to teenagers and their everyday life, dating, etc. No questions will be asked pertaining to politics, war, police action, racial problems, etc.
- D. After answering the question the contestant will leave the stage and sit backstage with other contestants, until all five semi-finalists have answered the question.
- E. This is the most crucial time of the contest. The judges must be allowed sufficient time to tally points. Additional entertainment should be scheduled.
- F. All contestants will return to the stage wearing a banner with her state/province name. (Banners are to be provided by Pageant Committee). Each Queen will be introduced by her number, full name and the state or province she represents.
- G. The outgoing Miss FCRV will be introduced and give her farewell address.
- H. The winner of the Miss Congeniality Contest will be announced and the Miss Congeniality banner placed on her and the presentation of any trophy made.
- I. The winner of the Talent Competition will be announced and presented with the Miss Talent banner and trophy.
- J. Upon presentation by the judges of the final results, the five semi-finalists will again be presented. Fourth, third and second runner-up will be announced in that order. Prior to announcing the new Miss FCRV, the following statement should be made:
  1. "The title of First runner-up is an important one. If, for some reason, Miss FCRV should relinquish her title during the year, the First runner-up will accept the title of Miss FCRV".
- K. The new Miss FCRV is presented, given her crown and cape. (The cape is to be passed on yearly.)
- L. The new Miss FCRV will be presented with a gift certificate from FCRV. In addition, Miss FCRV will be presented a one hundred and fifty (\$150) dollar savings bond. The First runner-up will receive a one hundred (\$100) dollar savings bond, the Second runner-up will receive a seventy-five (\$75) dollar saving bond, and Third and Fourth runners-up will receive a fifty (\$50) dollar savings bond from the National Executive Board.
- M. As the reigning Miss FCRV she will be asked to represent FCRV at functions in her region to promote the organization. It is the responsibility of her state/province directors and teen directors and the regional directors to make suggestions to her for attendance at the functions they feel will best serve FCRV and the title Miss FCRV. Travel expenses that are to be paid to the Teen Queen, shall be used by the Teen Queen for FCRV travel only. The flight expenses for "one Teen Queen Parent/Guardian" to accompany the Teen Queen to the winter National Board meetings will now be included as part of the approved expenses. This will make it easier financially for a parent of

the Teen Queen to attend the meetings with their daughter. All travel arrangements must have prior approval of the National Teen Director and the Second Vice President of FCRV. The National Teen Director must receive all bills for approval before the Comptroller will issue payment.

- N. Miss FCRV will be given free activities (camping) fee to attend the next National Campvention and will be given the choice of camping with the Executive Board or her home state/province. In addition she should be invited to take part in the ribbon cutting ceremonies or special events.
- O. Miss FCRV will be given two magnetic signs for her use during the year of her reign. Signs will be returned to the National Teen Directors at the following year's National Campvention.
- P. Trophies and banners will be given as follows: Miss Talent, Miss Congeniality, Fourth runner up, Third runner-up, Second runner-up, First runner-up and Miss FCRV Teen Queen. In addition a new banner will be made for the current Teen Queen. A crown is purchased for the new Queen to keep. Trophies, banners and crown are to be furnished by the Teen Queen Pageant Committee from Campvention funds.

NOTE: Banners will be worn in the National Parade.

### **Miss Congeniality Contest**

The National Teen Directors and the reigning Miss FCRV prior to the finals in the Teen Queen Pageant (or their representatives) conduct the Miss Congeniality Contest.

The contest is one of the most important contests to be conducted in the FCRV event. The trophy is the most coveted by all Teen Queens, as it represents the opinion the majority of the queens have for the recipient of the award. This is the only contest that allows the girls to be the judges.

The following procedure will be followed in obtaining the winner number and name:

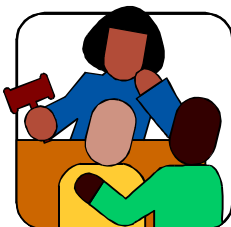
- A. The National Teen Directors are responsible for the ballots and pencils used in the contest.
- B. The reigning Miss FCRV, with the assistance of the National Teen Director will receive the ballots from each contestant in the pageant. Teen Queens will be lined up according to number in order to make the selection easier for each participant. When all girls have written down the number of their selection, and it has been determined all Teen Queens are present to vote, the reigning Miss FCRV will collect the ballots.
- C. Ballots will be counted by the National Teen Director, the Chairman of the Pageant Committee, and the reigning Miss FCRV. The winner's name will be handed to the Master of Ceremonies in a sealed envelope Tuesday night just prior to the announcement of Miss Congeniality.
- D. Ballots will be destroyed by the National Teen Director immediately after the casting and counting of the ballots.

## Instructions to the Judges for the Miss FCRV Contest

We welcome you as a judge for our annual Miss FCRV Teen Queen Pageant. We hope you will enjoy this occasion and receive a rewarding feeling after working with our FCRV Teen Queens. The National Campvention Teen Queen Pageant is the climax of the year for our State/Provincial Teen Queens. For the majority of the girls this will be the first time to compete on a national basis and among FCRV members they have never met before. Consequently, they are nervous, frightened and will need every kind word of encouragement we can give them.

Throughout the contest we would appreciate it if you would not quiz the Queens on their home state/province. This has purposely been left out until the end of the contest. Scoring is to be done individually by each judge without conference with each other. Thank you for your participation in our National Teen Queen Pageant.

### Judges Rules



- A. Teen Queen Interviews (held on Tuesday morning prior to the Tea): Each Teen Queen will be introduced to you by her number and her first name. You will be given three minutes to talk to each girl about her schooling, hobbies, ambitions, etc. We request that you do not ask any questions concerning politics, war actions, racial problems or prompt praise for FCRV. This will give you a chance to meet the Queens and start preliminary judging, and to judge them on personality. The Queens will wear street dress (gloves optional). At this point, personality is to be judged as follows:
  - 1 to 25 points for personality
- B. Talent competition (held Tuesday afternoon): Each Queen will present up to a three-minute demonstration of her individual talent. The contestant will be given a one-minute grace period for a total of four minutes. Five points will be deducted for each 15 seconds, or portion thereof, over the four minute level from the judges combined talent score for any contestant exceeding four minutes. The National Teen Directors will be responsible for the stopwatch timing of the talent and will advise the judges if deductions need to be made.

Judges will pick the top five talent winners by tally of talent points. The Queen with the highest number of talent points will receive the talent trophy and her number shall be placed in an envelope which shall be sealed and given to the National Teen Director for unsealing at the evening program announcement by the Master of Ceremonies.

The numbers of the top five talent winners will be listed in random order and the list given to the National Teen Directors at the conclusion of the talent contest. Talent will be judged at this point as follows:

1 to 25 points for talent

- C. Poise and Confidence Competition (Tuesday evening): This portion is performed on the main stage before the judges and general audience. Each girl will be escorted on stage and be introduced by:
1. Contestant number
  2. First Name
  3. School Year
  4. Hobbies
  5. Ambitions
  6. Years in FCRV/NCHA

The contestant will be asked a question taken directly from the resume she submitted to the pageant coordinators. This question will be repeated and the contestant has thirty seconds to respond. When finished the contestant will be escorted off stage. Once all contestants have completed this section of the pageant, they will be brought back on stage for review by the judges.

1 to 25 points for poise and confidence

- D. Evening Gown Competition (Tuesday evening): Each Queen will be introduced by number and her first name. She will pass in review across the stage before the judges stand. At this point she will be judged as follows:

1 to 25 points for poise

- a) She will leave the stage until all contestants have been introduced, then all will pass in review.

- E. Judges will individually tally each of the queen's scores on poise, personality, evening gown, and talent; the National Teen Directors and Chairman of Judges (selected by the judges) will make these scores into a composite list. The top five scoring contenders will be listed in a random ranked order (by name and number only) and such listing handed in a sealed envelope to the Master of Ceremonies at the evening program. The National Teen Directors will supply the corresponding name and state/provincial information in a sealed envelope for opening at the time of tally by the Chairman of Judges and the National Teen Directors.

- F. Elimination (Tuesday evening): At the evening pageant, following the evening gown competition and the top five talent presentations, each girl will again be presented in her evening gown. The five semi-finalists will then be announced.

Judges will have received a new score sheet showing the girls name and number and talent resume. The five semi-finalists will be asked a question and requested to give the answer. Contestants will be judged at this point as follows:

1 to 25 points with consideration given to how well she actually answered the question.

Composite scores, including the previous competitions, will be totaled to decide a 4th, 3rd, 2nd, and 1st runner-up and Miss FCRV. This will make a total possible score of 125. Results will be written on a piece of paper and given to the Master of Ceremonies.

If a close five-point tally occurs in either the determination of the talent winner or Miss FCRV, a secret ballot shall be taken to determine the winner of such title.

It is the judges responsibility to seek out a young lady who:

- Is willing and able to cope with the pressures and responsibilities of her fame and duties.
- Shows an interest in the world and the people around her.
- Has a basic innate charm, a sparkle.

- Is special, but also REAL.
- Can articulate her thoughts and conduct an intelligent conversation.
- Has poise and seems secure with herself, without coming across as arrogant.
- Recognition that true beauty is more than skin deep.

One of the National Teen Directors will be with the judges at all times while they are on the Campvention grounds or involved in the judging of this contest. In the event the National Teen Director has a relative competing in the National Teen Queen Contest, they will appoint an assistant, with the approval of the National President to handle duties they would normally administer relating to the contest. No one who is connected with the Queen contestants, nor any member of the contest committee should be present at the tallying of composite scores.

Judges scoring sheet will be given to each judge upon arrival at the Queens Tea. Care should be given in the amount of sheets supplied each judge to preclude an insufficient number of sheets with which to index all contestants. From the time the judging begins at the Teen Queen Tea, to the final announcement, any time a judge leaves the judging area the scoring pad used by that judge will be placed in a security envelope and handed to the National Teen Directors or the delegated representative. It will remain unopened until the return of such judge to judging duties, except at the time of compilation by the Chairman of Judges and the National Teen Directors of the five semi-finalists scores.

### **Teen Queen Contest Score Policy**

- A. Scoring sheets will be collected from the five judges and retained by the National Teen Directors for one year, subject to review by the Board of Trustees and then destroyed.
- B. Contestants may submit a written request for their composite scores, following the contest. This must be done within the one year time period.

## HANK NATHAN GOODWILL CONTEST

The Hank Nathan Goodwill Contest is conducted annually by FCRV and the National Teen Directors. It was established to encourage goodwill to less fortunate people. Up to three trophies will be given annually: winner and first runner-up in the Chapter Teen category and winner in the Area Teen Chapter category.

The following rules apply to the contest:

A. Eligibility:

1. Teen chapters sponsored by and FCRV chartered adult chapter.
2. Teen chapters sponsored by an area/district FCRV group.
3. Teen chapters sponsored by State/Provincial Associations.

B. Deadline:

1. Deadline for entries to the National Teen Directors is May 31st. Entries cover activities for the prior twelve month period, starting May 1st of the previous year and ending April 30th of the current year.

C. Requirements:

1. Complete written description of the project(s) including:
  - a) An outline of the projects activities
  - b) How the project was funded
  - c) The names of the people involved
  - d) Number of hours spent on the project.
2. Letters from recipient groups, verifying activities.
3. Newspaper clippings and/or snapshot pictures, if available.
4. The above listed materials must be sent to the State/Provincial Teen Director or State/Provincial Director if no Teen Director has been appointed, to verify the chapters eligibility. The director's letter accompanying the entry should include any additional comments about the activity that are known.
5. The entry is then forwarded to the National Teen Directors by the State/Provincial Teen Director. (The national deadline of May 31 must be taken into consideration when forwarding the information to the State/Provincial level.)

D. Suggested Projects:

1. Goodwill Projects — visit senior citizen facilities, homes for the handicapped, children's shelters or hospitals. Projects can include donating money or items, providing entertainment or periodic visits.
2. Volunteer Organizations — participating in scheduled fund raising activities, such as walk-a-thons and donating the money in the chapter's name.
3. Conservation Projects — planting trees, shrubs, clean-ups, beautification of state and local parks. (Teen conservation projects may be eligible for the National Conservation Board of Directors Award. Projects cannot be considered for both awards.)

NOTE: Activities can be done just once or repeated periodically (as in monthly visits to a nursing home).

E. Project Evaluation:

1. 1 to 60 points — Chapter involvement in the goodwill project.
2. 1 to 20 points — Individual chapter member involvement in community activities in the name of the FCRV Teen Chapter.
3. 1 to 20 points — Chapter involvement in FCRV programs, such as DAT or SPC programs or local campouts. (Double points will not be awarded for items specified in "a".)

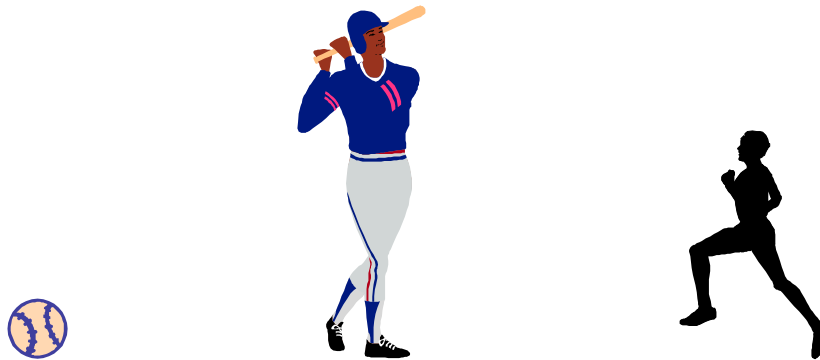
## ANNUAL NATIONAL PARADE

### Teen Division

The annual parade is the climax of the Campvention, during the past years the teens of FCRV have entered floats to compete in the various categories. In an effort to establish guidelines for the teen floats in the annual parade, the following rules are set forth:

- A. Awards will be given in these categories:
  1. Floats: One float per state/province. Floats may be entered by a state/provincial teen association, area teen chapters from within that state/province or teens from the state/province in attendance at the Campvention.
  2. Walking Units: One per state/province. Walking units may be entered by a state/provincial teen association, area teen chapters from within that state/province or teens from the state/province in attendance at the Campvention.
- B. All teen float entries will be built by teens. They may have the help of their adult directors. The adults will not outnumber the teens working on the float at the National Campvention.
- C. Walking units may have hand carried or non-motorized "float". These entries will be built by teens. They may have the help of their adult directors. The adults will not outnumber the teens working on the "float" at the National Campvention. Other than the teen directors, no other adults will be allowed to make up this walking unit. Number of teens in line of march will have no effect on the judging.
- D. Judging of both the floats and walking units will be based on the following:
  1. Adherence to the parade theme
  2. Originality
  3. Design and workmanship
  4. Overall appearance of the unit.
- E. All floats and walking units must be registered with the Parade Marshall as per guidelines of that Campvention stating that your float or walking unit is a Teen entry.
- F. Numbers will be color coded for each category and a list given to the judges informing them that the unit is a TEEN entry to be judged against other TEEN entries only.
- G. First place trophies or plaques will be awarded to the winning entries in each category. Trophies and/or plaques will be furnished by the host teen committee from the Campvention funds.

## SPORTS COMPETITION



### **Volleyball, Softball, Relay Race**

The host teen committee will provide referees for the sports that are well versed in the rules of the games they are refereeing. Each state/province will be allowed one team in each sport. If other teens are available, a sign up sheet will be provided and a Regional team may be formed, if a coach is available. Complete team rosters must be turned in to the Teen Sports Chairman before registration deadline set by the host teen committee. Prior to competing in any game, all team members FCRV Teen ID cards will be checked by an FCRV official or appointee.

Softball, volleyball and relay race will be played under the following rules and a copy of the same will be available at the game site during the games. All games are to be played on Campvention grounds, if possible. If not possible, buses are to be provided for team players and spectators.

- A. Softball Rules will be used from the Official ASA Slow Pitch Rules.
- B. Volleyball Rules will be used from the U.S. Volleyball Association's Guide and Rule Book; Publisher: U.S. Volleyball Association, Berne, Indiana.
- C. Relay Race Rules on page 37 will be used from Oxford Companion to World Sports and games, Edited by J. Orlott, 1975 Edition, page 1057.
- D. FCRV adaptation of the above rules is spelled out in the Teen Directors Guidelines and a copy of these guidelines must be on site during all games.
- E. Other sports competitions may be held at the discretion of the host teen committee.
- F. Awards will be presented to the winning states/provinces at the Queens Ball on Wednesday night of the Campvention. The host Teen Chairman or their appointee, the National Teen Director and/or their Assistant, and the new MISS FCRV will make the presentations. Awards are supplied with Campvention Funds.
- G. Facilities at the site of the games should include easy access to bathrooms and drinking water. An EMT and/or Communication System to notify First Aid must be at each game site.

### **Overall Rules for All Sports Competition at Campvention**

- A. Only FCRV teenagers may enter into FCRV Teen Sports competition. Any person becoming 13 years of age in the month of July may participate in all teen activities (except Teen Queen Contest). Any person becoming 20 years of age in the month of July may participate in all teen

activities (except Teen Queen Contest). Any 20 year old choosing to participate in teen activities, shall not participate in Adult sports. Effective for July 1995 Campvention.

- B. Teams must consist of both male and female players, with female players in play at all times. (Specific numbers are listed under each sport).
- C. Teens must have their FCRV Teen ID Card on his/her person, to be checked by the officials or appointee before each game.
- D. No alcoholic beverages or other stimulants shall be allowed in the Teen Sports playing area in the possession of any team members or spectators. Violations will result in the removal of offenders from the game and/or area.
- E. A team must be on the field within ten minutes after the scheduled starting time or the game will be forfeited.
- F. A team roster showing the names and ages is to be given to the Sports Chairman and the opposing team manager prior to the start of the games. (Regional team rosters will also indicate the teen's state/province).
- G. The names of two people working with the teens as coach and/or manager shall also appear on the roster, indicating which position each fills.
- H. In each classification, regional or state/province, the top winning teams will play each other in final scoring games to determine the National Winner. With new balls to be used in the games, provided by the host teen committee.
- I. Medallions will be awarded to each team member (20) by the host teen committee for First (Gold), Second (Silver), Third (Bronze), places in each sport (softball, volleyball, relay race and any other sports competition designated by the host teen committee). A Sportsmanship Award will be given as determined by the host teen committee. The recipient of this award shall be determined by a vote of the team coaches, referees and umpires.
- J. The host teen committee shall provide sufficient referees/umpires for the sports, such officials having good knowledge of the games. They shall be provided with FCRV adaptations at least 48 hours prior to the competition.
- K. The Protest Committee will only accept protest involving interpretation of the rules. Any judgment decision by umpires and judges will not be subject to protest. All protests must be submitted in writing immediately following the contest to the Teen Sports Chairman and any decision by the Protest Committee shall be final. The Protest Committee shall consist of the Teen Sports Chairman, National Teen Sports Director or Assistant National Teen Sports Director and one State Teen Director not involved in the controversy.

### **Gaming Scheduling**

Games are to commence on the Monday of Campvention and conclude by Wednesday. Volleyball and Softball are to be played on Monday and Tuesday (weather permitting). Volleyball to be played in the cooler mornings and softball to be played in the afternoons. Relay race and/or other designated sports to be played on Wednesday morning.

### **FCRV TEEN VOLLEYBALL**

Any rules not covered herein shall be determined from the U.S. Volleyball Association Guide and Rule Book. FCRV adaptations are underlined. Only a coach or manager shall have the right of conference with the referee or umpires concerning the rules.

**TEAM:** A team shall not consist of more than twenty playing members, which must include four females, minimum with two in play at all times. A playing team shall consist of six players, including two females. The starting line-up must be submitted to the opposing coach, scorekeeper, and umpire with the player's position noted and all possible substitutions listed. This line-up may be changed for each three game match played but the line-up roster must have the same information. All players must be included on team roster as provided to the Sports Chairman. Players may not play barefooted or bare chested. No cleats or spikes that make it hazardous to other players are allowed. All jewelry must be removed before the competition begins.

**PLAYING FIELD:** The playing field will be 60 feet long and 30 feet wide, divided 30 feet by 30 feet with a net 7 foot, six inches top height. A six-foot space shall be allotted around the entire playing field and kept free of spectators, non-playing team members, coaches and managers. If possible an area 18 to 24 inches wide shall be allotted for the sole use of the coach and/or manager, with all others kept outside.

**BALL:** Ball is to be 25-27 inches in circumference, weight 250-280 grams.

**OFFICIALS:** The officials shall be a referee, umpire and scorer. The referee shall station himself on a platform at one end of the net in a position that will give equally clear view of both team playing areas with his/her head no more than two feet over the top of the net. The referee shall be the superior official of the game and shall have the power to overrule decisions of the other officials when in his/her opinion they made errors. The referee decides when ball is in play, when dead, when point has been made, when side is out, when double foul is made and when other penalties should be assessed. The umpire takes a position on the side of the court opposite the referee and shall assist in calling violations involving unsportsmanlike conduct, players out of position, decisions regarding crossing of center line and call contact with net. Substitutions shall be made through the umpire, who will verify that any returning player is in proper serving order. The scorer seated to the side or opposite the referee shall be given proper lists of team line-ups and substitutions. A substitute player shall be reported to the scorer and recorded. A team failing to report properly shall be penalized. An illegal substitution of a player not on the team three game match roster will forfeit game to offending team.

**GAME:** For the first game of the match, the toss of a coin shall be made to determine the team having choice of first serve or side. For subsequent games, teams shall change play area at the end of each game of the same match. During the third game of the match, the teams shall automatically change playing areas after one team has scored eight (8) points. No change shall be made in the player's relative positions or the alternation or rotation of service because of the change in playing areas.

At the beginning of a game, players shall take their respective positions, according to the order given the scorekeeper. Line-up may be changed for each new game (provided the changed line-up is recorded with the scorekeeper and the opposing coach).

The server shall serve from within the serving area which is behind the rear right outside court line, extending ten (10) feet toward the center from the corner, and other players at the time of service shall be in their respective playing areas. A player shall not serve out of turn. A serve shall be made by hitting the ball with hand, fist or arm, and the ball going over the net into the opponents area; it touches the floor (ground) of servers area or a teammate of the server, passes under the net, crossed the net entirely outside the sideline markers, or hits the top of the net. On service the opposing team may not attack the ball at the net.

The ball must be clearly hit. When in the opinion of the official, the ball visibly comes to rest at contact, a foul has been committed. Flat hand hits are therefore so classified. A player shall not contact any part of the net or its support while ball is in play, nor may any part of the player's body cross the centerline. A player may not reach over the net in returning the ball. A ball may be played from the net. When only part of the ball crosses the net and the opponent contacts it, it is considered as having crossed the net.

A player shall not make successive contacts of the ball. A team shall not play the ball more than three times before it crosses the net to enter the opponent's area. In case of simultaneous contacts by the opponents, the player behind the direction of the ball is considered to have touched it last, the team whose side of the net the ball falls is allowed three plays of the ball. If after simultaneous contact the ball falls and touches within the limits of a team's court area, the team on that side is at fault. Only the front line may block, no backline player may make an attempt to intercept a ball coming over the net or prevent it from doing so by placing one or both hands above his head, while in a position close to the net.

A game shall be won by the team that has scored at least 15 points with a two (2) point lead. The rest period between games of a match shall be five (5) minutes. TIME OUT shall not exceed thirty (30) seconds and a team is allowed two (2) time-outs each game, without penalty.

A ball in play becomes dead if it touches the floor (ground) of the court, goes out of bounds or referee/umpire blows a whistle to stop play.

A team may not have more than twelve (12) SUBSTITUTIONS during any one game. Substitution must be made from the game list provided to the scorekeeper. A player may enter the same game not more than three (3) times, and re-entry must be made in the same position as first played.

UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT: shall not be allowed, stamping feet or shouting at opponent about to serve or at opponents in the act of playing the ball. From the beginning to the end of the match, referee shall have power to warn, declare side out or point. He may disqualify for the game or match, any player, substitutes, coach or manager who commits, in the referee's opinion gross violations of unsportsmanship. Such as persistently addressing the officials on decisions, making derogatory remarks about or to the officials, committing acts derogatory to officials or making personal or derogatory remarks about or to opponents, including audible comment or visible display derogatory to the game. A warning shall be given first with a penalty on repetition of act.

A POINT SHALL BE SCORED for serving team when opponents commit a foul or when opponents fail to return the ball legally to serving team's court.

Side out shall be declared and ball given to opponents to serve when serving team commits a foul or fails to return ball legally to opponent team's court.

Rotation shall be made each time the team obtains the serve other than the first turn of the game.

## FCRV TEEN SOFTBALL

These are adaptations of basic softball rules, any not shown herein shall follow Official ASA Slow Pitch rules. FCRV adaptations are underlined. Only a coach or manager may request a conference with the umpire and only one per team may take part in the conference.

TEAM: A team shall consist of ten members, including two (2) females and a ten person batting line-up showing order, position and players name shall be given to the umpire, scorekeeper and opposing manager for each game player. Substitution may be made from original 20 person roster. A team shall not consist of more than twenty playing members, including four (4) females minimum with two (2) in play at all times. Substitution must be registered with the scorekeeper, umpire and opposing coach prior to entry into the game. Any substitution made without prior announcement as stated shall result in penalty to the offending team. Any illegal substitution of a player not on the original roster will result in forfeiture of game to the offending team. Substitutes are considered official when:

- A. If batter takes place in batter's box.
- B. If fielder takes place in fielder's position.
- C. If runner, upon replacing person at base.
- D. If pitcher, upon taking place on pitcher's plate. Pitcher must complete pitching to one batter before being changed. Any other player may be changed at any time. A player removed shall not participate in the game again, except as base coach.

FIELD: The field if possible shall be a regulation size softball diamond with a 42-foot minimum pitching distance. Coaches box is behind a line 15 feet long, drawn outside the diamond, parallel to and 8 feet from first and third baseline, extended from the based toward home plate. Home plate, pitchers plate and three bases will be marked with distinguishable markers, easily observed by umpires and all players; constructed of material safe to the players. The softball shall be regulation size, be designated RF (restricted flight) and weight seven ounces. The bat may be wood or metal, but must be designated softball only and not altered. Catchers must wear a mask behind the plate. No player may wear metal cleats or spikes or play barefoot.

GAME: The game shall consist of five innings. A full five innings need not be played if the team second to bat has scored more runs than the first team to bat in the fifth inning. In event of inclement weather or umpires decision to stop the game, the team ahead at the end of the fourth inning shall be considered victorious. (These provisions do not apply to any acts on the part of players that might have called for forfeiture of the game.) Additional innings may be used to break ties at the end of the fifth inning. Teams may score a maximum of 8 runs per inning; not applicable to last inning. After three innings the game may be called if a team has a 20+ run advantage (Mercy Rule decision to be made by umpire and coaches). Fatigue time-outs may be called in temperatures of 85 degrees or more at the discretion of the umpire and EMT for the safety of the players.

The choice of first or last at bat in the first inning shall be decided by the toss of a coin.

FORFEITURE: Forfeiture of the game to the non-offending team shall be declared when:

- A. A team fails to show up on the field with ten members, including two females within ten minutes after the starting game time.

- B. An attack on the umpire by any team member, coach, spectator.
- C. Vulgar language or gestures are used by any member of the team or it's Coach or Manager.
- D. Any action continued about which the team has been warned (i.e. interference, unnecessary roughness).

An Out shall be called as a penalty when:

- Batting order is not followed properly.
- Substitution is not registered with the scorekeeper, umpires and opposing team coach prior to entry into the game.
- Upon offensive team members interfering with a player attempting to field a foul or fly ball.
- Upon one or more members of the offensive team standing or collecting at or around a base to which a baserunner is advancing, thereby confusing the fielders.
- Upon a runner, after being declared out, interfering with defensive players' opportunity to make a play on another runner (closest to home runner will be out).
- Upon coach near third base running in direction of home plate on or near the baseline while a fielder is attempting to make a play on a batted or thrown ball.
- Upon a coach intentionally interfering with a thrown ball (closest to home runner will be out).

A Ball shall be called as a penalty when:

- Defensive player takes a position in the batter's line of vision, or defensive player, with a deliberate unsportsmanship intent, acts in a matter to distract the batter (calls to batter to swing or calls to batter that batter can't hit).

A Walk shall be called as a penalty when:

- Upon coach/manager of defensive team calling time or committing any other act during ball being played for obvious purpose of distracting batter.
- Substitution into defensive line-up made without prior notice to scorekeeper.
- Upon warning, deliberate unsportsmanship is repeated, verbal or by gestures.

A Pitch shall not be called when coach or manager of offensive team calls time or commits any other act for obvious purpose of distracting pitcher.

A Run shall not be scored if third out of inning is the result of the batter being put out before legally touching first base: or if baserunner forced out due to batter becoming baserunner; baserunner leaving base before pitched ball has been struck and hit.

PITCHER: Shall take a position with both feet firmly on the ground and in contact with, but not off the side of, the pitcher's plate. His/her arm must come to rest holding the ball in front of the body, with a foot in contact with pitcher's plate. Foot must remain in contact with plate until pitched ball leaves the hand. The ball must be delivered at a moderate speed underhand, below the hip, with a perceptible arch from the time it leaves the pitcher's hand of a least three feet before the ball reaches home plate. The umpire shall warn a pitcher who, in his judgment, delivers a pitch with excessive speed. If the pitcher repeats such fast pitch after warning, he/she shall be removed from the pitcher's position for the

remainder of the game. No tape or other substance shall be allowed upon the ball, pitching hand or fingers.

At the beginning of each inning, or when a pitcher relieves another, no more than one (1) minute may be used to deliver not more than five (5) balls to catcher or other teammate.

There shall be only one conference between manager/coach with each and every pitcher in an inning. The pitcher informing the umpire of the intentional walk may call for an intentional walk.

CATCHER: Must wear mask while behind plate and must be in and remain within the boundaries of catcher's box until pitch is released. Catcher returns ball directly to pitcher after each pitch except after a strike out or putout made by catcher.

BATTER: Must come to bat in order in which name appears on score sheet within one (1) minute of umpire calling play ball, and must not switch batting sides when pitcher is in pitching position. The first batter of each inning shall be the batter whose name follows that of the last player who completed a turn at bat in the preceding inning. The batter shall not hinder the catcher from fielding or throwing the ball by stepping out of the batter's box or intentionally hinder the catcher while standing within the batter's box, or he shall be deemed out.

STRIKE is called by the umpire:

- For each legally pitched ball entering the strike zone (space over any part of home plate which is between the batter's highest shoulder and his knees, when batter assumed his natural stance) before touching the ground and at which batter does not swing. It is not a strike if the pitched ball touches home plate and is not swung at.
- For each pitched ball struck at and missed by batter.
- For each foul tip which does not attain the height of five (5) feet above batter's head before being caught and held by catcher.
- For each pitched ball struck at and missed which touches any part of the batter, or when any part of the batter's person is hit with his own batted ball when he is in batter's box.

BALL is called by the umpire:

- For each pitched ball which does not enter the strike zone or touches the ground before reaching home plate, or touches home plate and which is not struck by batter.
- For each illegally pitched ball.
- When a delivered ball by the pitcher hits the batter outside of strike zone.

OUT is called on batter:

- When foul tip goes five (5) feet above batter's head and is caught by catcher.
- When the third strike is struck at and missed and touches any part of the batter's person.
- When a fly ball is legally caught.

- Immediately when he hits an in-field fly with baserunners on first and second, or on first, second and third with less than two (2) out (in-field fly rule).
- When a third strike is called, including an uncaught foul ball that is hit after two (2) strikes.
- When he bunts or chops the ball downward.
- When a foul fly is caught by a fielder within the field of play as determined by the umpire before the start of game.

### **BASE RUNNING:**

The baserunners must touch bases in legal order.. first, second, third, home. When a baserunner must return while ball is in play, he must touch the bases in reverse order.

When a baserunner acquires the right to a base by touching it before being put out, he is entitled to hold the base until he has legally touched the next base in order, or is forced to vacate it for a succeeding baserunner. Two baserunners may not occupy the same base simultaneously. No runner may return to touch a missed base or one he left illegally after a following runner has scored or return to touch a missed base once he enters his team area.

The batter becomes a baserunner as soon as he hits a fair ball, after four (4) balls have been called by the umpire or walked by penalty call. Other baserunners remain on current base unless walk forces advancement.

A batter is advanced to first base when catcher or any other fielder interferes with or prevents him from striking at pitched ball.

Base runners are entitled to advance within liability to be put out under the following circumstances:

- When a ball is over thrown into fair or foul territory and not blocked.
- When ball is batted into fair territory.
- When legally caught fly ball is first touched.

(Sliding will be permissible when the consideration of safety to baseman or runner shows that either baseman or runner could sustain injury.)

A baserunner must return to his base:

- When a foul ball is called.
- When a batter or baserunner is called out for interference.
- When any part of batter's person is touched by pitched ball, swung at and missed.
- When a pitched ball hits a batter.

Under no condition is runner permitted to STEAL a base. He may NOT LEAVE BASE until pitched ball has been hit.

### **BATTER-BASE RUNNER IS OUT:**

- When after fair ball is hit, he is legally touched with the ball before he touches first base or ball is held by the fielder touching first base with any part of his person before batter/baserunner touches first base.
- When fly ball is caught.
- When he fails to proceed to first base after fair ball hit or base on balls called.
- When he runs outside the three (3) foot line and in umpire's opinion interferes with the fielder making throw at first base, or interferes with play at home plate in an attempt to prevent an obvious out at plate, the runner is also out.

### **BASE RUNNER NOT OUT:**

- When the batter-base runner overruns first base after touching it safely and returns directly to the base.
- When hit by batted ball when touching base, unless intentionally interfering with ball or fielder making play.

### **Umpires Shall Not Be Connected In any Way To Either Team.**

They should wear some identification, either vests or shirts of an outstanding color, they should inspect playing field, boundaries and equipment and clarify all ground rules to both teams and their coaches. Each umpire shall have the right to make decisions on violations committed any time during playing time or during suspension of play until game is over. If more than one umpire, neither has the authority to set aside or question decisions made by the other within the limits of their respective duties as outlined in these rules. They should be fully conversant with the FCRV SLOW PITCH SOFTBALL RULES for teenage sports competition and should have in their possession a set of said rules and access to the Official ASA Slow Pitch Rules.

The umpire judging balls and strikes shall be designated the PLATE UMPIRE; the umpire judging base decisions shall be designated BASE UMPIRE. Both shall have equal authority to call a runner out for leaving a base too soon; remove a player, coach or manager from the game for violation of rules; charge penalties for interference or behavioral actions as set forth in these adapted rulings. However, forfeiture decision shall be made in joint consultation.

The Plate Umpire shall take his position back of the catcher; shall have full charge of and be responsible for proper conduct of the game and calling all balls and strikes. He shall by agreement and in cooperation with the Base Umpire; call plays, call hit balls fair or foul and call legal or illegal caught balls. On plays that will necessitate Base Umpire leaving the infield, the Plate Umpire shall assume the duties normally assigned to the Base Umpire. He shall determine and declare whether a batter bunts or chops the ball; whether a fly ball is an infield or an out-field fly. He shall assume all duties when assigned as a single umpire to a game, and may take a position in any part of the field which in his judgment will best enable him to discharge his duties.

**UMPIRE'S JUDGMENT:** There shall be no appeal from any decision of either umpire on the grounds that he was not correct in his conclusion as to whether a batted ball was fair or foul, a baserunner safe

or out, or a pitched ball is a strike or ball on any play involving accuracy of judgment. And no decision rendered by either umpire shall be reversed except that he be convinced it is in violation of one of these rules. In case the manager or coach of either team does seek a reversal of a decision based solely on a point of rules, the umpire whose decision is in question shall, if in doubt, confer with his associate before taking any action.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES shall any player or person other than the manager or coach of either team have any legal right to protest on any decision and seek reversal on a claim that is in conflict with these rules. An umpire may request the coach/manager of a team whose spectators are unruly and/or abusive to control such spectators; if such a warning must be repeated more than twice, Umpire may impose penalty against the offending team of a walk when the team is next in defensive position.

### **Special Rules Governing "OUT Zones" & Runner SAFETY Areas**

Safety areas are used in FCRV teen softball games to prevent collisions around home plate that might result in injuries to both runner and defensive player.

The following special rules shall serve as guidelines when setting up the playing field and during the playing of the games.

Note: Base runner advancing beyond 25 foot line (see diagram) is committed and trying to score and may not return to third base.

BASE RUNNER IS OUT: While trying to score a run he has passed the 25 foot line AND:]

- A. Ball is held securely by the catcher in EITHER OUT ZONE before the baserunner crosses safe zone of the 8' circle.
- B. Ball is held securely by any defensive player in the FRONT OUT ZONE ONLY before the baserunner crosses home plate.
- C. He/She runs out of the SAFETY ZONE (except to avoid collision with a defensive player).

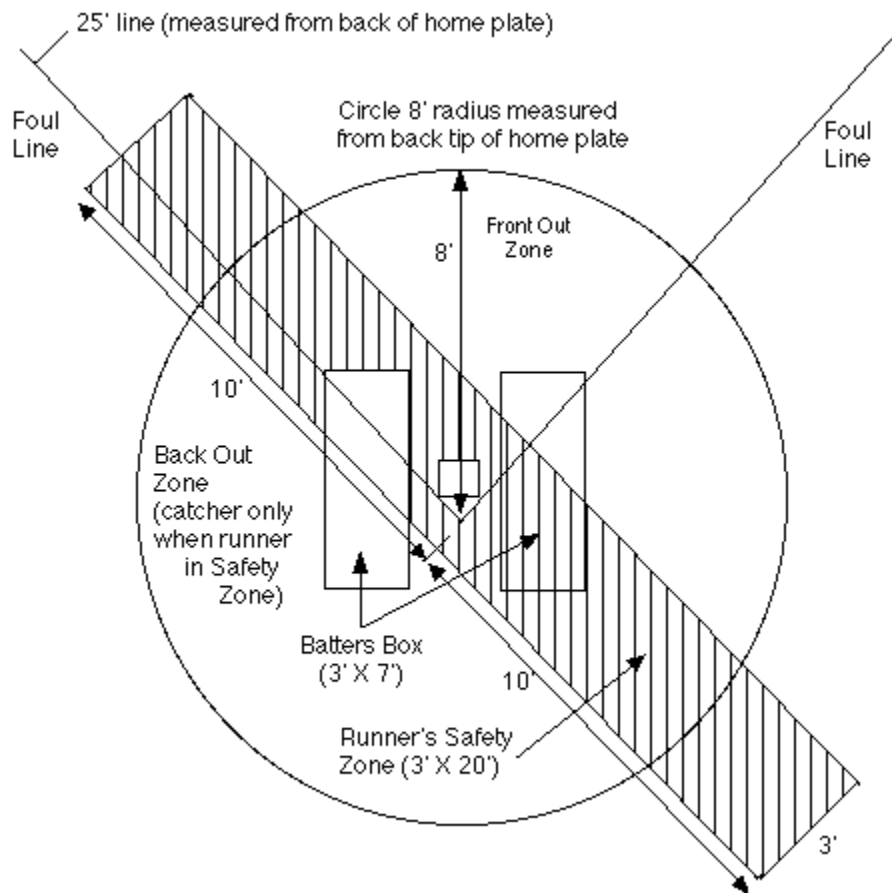
BASE RUNNER IS SAFE OR AWARDED HOME IF:

- A. He/She crosses safe zone inside 8' circle before the ball is held securely by the catcher in either out Zone; or by any defensive player in the front out zone.
- B. Any defensive player enters or crosses the safety zone while the baserunner is in the safety zone trying to score.
- C. More than one defensive player is in either out zone while baserunner is in safety zone trying to score.
- D. Any defensive player, other than the catcher is in the BACK OUT ZONE while the baserunner is in the safety zone trying to score.
- E. Any contact is made with the baserunner while he/she is in the safety zone trying to score.

Example Play: Runner is on third and attempts to score on hit to outfield. Catcher takes throw from fielder and tags runner while runner is in safety zone but before runner crosses home plate. RULING: Runner is safe. Rule E. above states runner is safe if contact is made in safety zone.

Play: Pitcher joins catcher in back out zone while runner is attempting to score, but leaves before runner reaches safety zone. Catcher has control of the ball when runner enters safety zone. **RULING:** Runner out as long as catcher is alone in back zone when runner enters safety zone.

### DIAGRAM AND DIMENSIONS OF SAFETY & OUT ZONES



### FCRV TEEN RELAY RACE

#### THE TEAM:

- A state/province or region team roster must not consist of not more than twenty (20) members, which must include four (4) females minimum.
- The relay race team will consist of ten (10) runners with a minimum of two (2) females from the roster on each team.
- Each team is allowed one coach, whose job is to control the efforts of the team.
- A relay team may substitute from their roster prior to each race.

#### THE BATONS:

- A baton may be made from a wood dowel one inch in diameter and twelve inches in length.

- B. Three batons are to be made each painted a different color.

**THE COARSE:**

- A. Three lanes will be made on level grass or dirt and must be free from any foreign objects. The lanes will be one hundred (100) feet in length and five (5) foot wide.
- B. Lines will be placed across each lane at both ends. (Called start and finish lines.)
- C. Lines will be run down each side of the lanes.
- D. A staging line will be placed three feet behind the start and finish lines at each end of the line.
- E. A run off area of twenty (20) feet will be maintained behind the staging line to allow the runners to slow down and avoid injury.

**THE RACE:**

- A. Choice of lanes will be decided by the drawing of numbers from one to three before each race.
- B. A team will line up with five (5) runners at each end of the lane and behind the staging line.
- C. The first runner will hold the baton at the start of his/her lane. An official starter will start all lanes simultaneously. The runner must hold onto the baton and stay in the designated lane until it is handed off to the next runner at the end of the lane.
- D. The next runner at both ends of the lane may proceed across the staging line to the start/finish line in preparation to receive the baton. He/she must not cross the start/finish line until he/she has received the baton from the incoming runner.
- E. The second through ninth runner will receive the baton and start their race only when the previous runner has passed the start/finish line.
- F. If the runner drops the baton he/she can pick up the baton and continue the race. If the baton is dropped outside his/her racing lane they will be disqualified.
- G. If the runner runs out of his/her designated lane they will be disqualified.
- H. The tenth runner will receive the baton and hold onto it as he/she finishes the race.
- I. Two spotters will be assigned to each side of the three lanes to determine the winner of each heat.

**FINAL RACES:**

- A. Will be run after all heats are completed and there are three teams remaining.
- B. Combinations of heats will be run so that no team has a bye into the finals.

**EXAMPLES:**

1. 9 teams - Three heats and three teams in final.
2. 8 teams - Two heats of three, one heat of two teams, three teams for final.
3. 7 teams - One heat of three, two heats of two, three teams for final.

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