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Kansas City Convention Center

June 30-July 7, 2021



WELCOME TO KANSAS CITY – 2021

On behalf of USA Volleyball and the Events Department, it is our pleasure to join our hosts to welcome you to Kansas City, MO and the Kansas City Convention Center for the 2021 USA Volleyball Boys Junior National Championship. We thank you for your continued support and offer our best wishes to each participant for a successful and enjoyable experience.

First time participants can look forward to a time of fellowship and making new friends; returning players to the renewal of friendships and the making of new ones.

We extend our thanks to Visit KC and the Heart of America Region of USA Volleyball for helping to host this event. They are already working hard preparing for this big competition.



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QUICK FACTS

DATES OF COMPETITION & ENTRY FEES

Session I – June 30-July 3

Division	Field*	Fee	Ball
14 Open	36	\$1,000.00 (US)	Molten FLISTATEC V5M5000-3N
14 USA	24		
14 Club	32		

Division	Field*	Fee	Ball
15 Open	36	\$1,000.00 (US)	Molten FLISTATEC V5M5000-3N
15 Club	32		

Division	Field*	Fee	Ball
16 Open	36	\$1,000.00 (US)	Molten FLISTATEC V5M5000-3N
16 USA	36		
16 Club	64		

Session II – July 3-6

Division	Field*	Fee	Ball
12 Club	16	\$800.00 (US)	Molten VB-U12 (12s only)
13 Club	24		Molten FLISTATEC V5M5000-3N

Session II – July 3-7

Division	Field*	Fee	Ball
17 Open	36	\$1,000.00 (US)	Molten FLISTATEC V5M5000-3N
17 USA	32		
17 Club	48		

Division	Field*	Fee	Ball
18 Open	36	\$1,000.00 (US)	Molten FLISTATEC V5M5000-3N
18 USA	36		
18 Club	64		

*Field sizes represent the max number of teams allowed in those divisions. USA Volleyball reserves the right to accept as many or as few teams to round out numbers and create even pool play. The Open & USA division will only accept teams up to an even pool play number (not to exceed the maximum field size); whereas the Club division will accept odd numbers and more than the maximum field size **if** the format allows and **all entry requirements have been met**.

Note: **All** teams will play at least one match on the last day of your Championship. All Gold medal matches will be played that day on the Championship Court, followed by the awards ceremony.

DEADLINES

All Entry Forms and Fees MUST be sent directly to USAV by the established deadline. Please make copies of **ALL** materials sent and bring them with you to the event.

OPEN & USA DIVISION	
On-line Tournament Registration and Roster Submission via AES	June 11 at Midnight EST CAN AM Championship bid earners must submit by June 14 at Midnight EST.
Entry Form and Fee	June 11 at Midnight EST East Coast Championships bid earners must have entry & check in by June 14 at Midnight EST.
Results Reporting	June 8 at Midnight EST

OPEN & USA AT-LARGE	
On-line Tournament Registration and Roster Submission via AES	June 8 at Midnight EST
Entry Form and Fee	June 8 at Midnight EST
Results Reporting	June 8 at Midnight EST

* Deadline to Submit at large is June 8th however, announcement of At Large bids will not begin until June 15th to incorporate the West Coast Classic Results

CLUB DIVISION	
Refund Deadline	June 11 at Midnight EST
On-line Tournament Registration and Roster Submission via AES	June 11 at Midnight EST
Entry Form and Fee	June 11 at Midnight EST
Results Reporting	June 14 at Midnight EST

ALL DIVISIONS	
Housing (via Team Travel Source)	June 14 at Midnight EST
Foreign Team forms (see Chapters 2 and 3 for details)	June 14 at Midnight EST
On-Line Roster Adjustments without penalty	June 28 at Midnight EST
On-Line Ticket Orders	Tickets will open June 1st for Presale

SPECIAL DEADLINE NOTES

- **At-Large Teams** – Entries **WILL NOT** be accepted after the deadline.
- **Open and USA Teams** – Bid Tournament winners **WILL FORFEIT** your bid if your entry and payment are not received by June 11 (**June 14 for Can Am Championship**).
- **Club Teams** – Once divisions have been filled, teams will be placed on a waitlist. You may request late application for entry. A Club team must meet the following guidelines to apply for consideration after the **June 11** deadline:
 1. Confirm and provide proof (e.g., letter or email) of Region approval
 2. Contact the Events Department to request consideration and be waitlisted.
- **Applications WILL NOT be accepted if court space and field sizes are filled. There are NO GUARANTEES that a team entry will be accepted after the June 11 deadline. Therefore, enter early!**
- **If your Region deems the club or team not in good standing, your late entry application will NOT be considered.**

TOURNAMENT TEAM CHECK – IN

All check-in procedures will take place at the Kansas City Convention Center. To make the registration process more efficient, we have designated the day before each age competition begins for check-in. We do encourage teams to check-in early during the 1st wave if you are onsite prior to your check-in date. Teams must be completely checked in prior to closure of registration (**9PM**) on their designated check-in day. Teams that fail to check-in during this time frame will be subject to forfeiture of their first match of the tournament. Teams are NOT allowed to check in the morning or afternoon of their first competition day. Please arrange travel accordingly to ensure you arrive on your check-in day. **This will be enforced! Teams that have not checked in by 9PM on their designated registration day will forfeit their first match and subsequent matches if complete check-in isn't acquired by those match times.**

Date	Time	Division
June 29, 2021	2:00 PM – 9:00 PM	14's, 15's, 16's
July 3, 2021	4:00 PM – 9:00 PM	12's, 13's, 17's, 18's

IMPORTANT: For 2021, we encourage teams to check in online. However, there will be a credential and Roster pick up during the time stated above which is **REQUIRED**. If you do have emergency roster issues, you will be able to come to Team registration room to speak to one of our staff members. More information on team check in will be distributed via the team letter (coming soon).

- Only one (1) team representative or coach should go to the check-in desk, located at the Kansas City Convention Center, to check-in the team(s).
- The team representative/coach will receive any rosters, credentials and other information.
 - Schedules will be available online on AES

Each player is required to wear the same jersey number throughout the entire event with limited exceptions as required by emergency or blood rule applications. This applies to ALL PLAYERS in the

Libero position as well. If a player is found playing in the wrong numbered jersey the Event Arbitrator, with the input of the Tournament Director, will determine the penalty(ies) to be imposed. Penalties should be assessed on a case-by-case basis. Penalties for an illegal number are listed below:

- If the error is discovered prior to or during the match, the player may not compete for the remainder of the match and the roster may not be adjusted until the conclusion of the match
- If the error is discovered at the completion of the match, the player in question may not play in the following match and the roster may be adjusted prior to the match, but must be noted on the scoresheet that the player is ineligible for that match
- A \$50 fine and a roster change fee will be imposed to the team by the tournament. In order for the player to be eligible for play, the penalty must be paid in full. Teams found with a wrong jersey numbers should recognize that additional penalties may be imposed.

The addition of players and/or staff to an official roster is not allowed once a Team has begun Match play in the Event.

The Team Representative / Coach will verify the team roster, uniforms, and uniform numbers. Once verified, the roster will be in effect throughout the Championships. **No additions to the roster are allowed once play begins.** The team roster is limited to 15 players and 5 adults. ONLY those persons whose names appear on the verified roster receive credentials and are permitted to sit on the bench.

QUALIFICATION PROCEDURES

BIDS AT REGIONS AND QUALIFIERS

The BJNC is broken down into three divisions—Open, USA and Club. The Open and USA divisions require teams to qualify at a bid tournament in order to participate. The Club division is a non-qualifying division. Below is more detailed information on each division of play.

The tournaments that have been selected and accepted as [Bid Tournaments](#) for the 2021 Boys' season are as follows:

Bid Tournament	Dates
Boys' Winter Championships	January 23 – 25, 2021
Florida Fest	January 23 – 25, 2021
Southwest Boys Classic	February 5 – 7, 2021
Dennis Lafata Gateway Boys' Festival	February 5 - 7, 2021
Boys' Atlantic Northeastern Tournament	February 13-15, 2021 February 19-21, 2021
Boys Far Western Tournament	May 8 – 9, 2021
SCVA Boys Junior Invitational	May 21 – 23, 2021
Boys' East Coast Championships	May 29 – 31, 2021
Molten Can-Am	June 5 – 7, 2021

The number of teams entered in an age division at the entry deadline or the number of teams in an age division at the start of the event, whichever is greater, will be the number used to determine how many bids a Boys' Bid Tournament will receive up to the maximum allocated to that event.

In the Bid Tournaments, bids will be offered to the teams that finish the competition in a bid award position. A bid will trickle down based on the number of teams entered in the division. See the [Boys' Bid Tournament Manual](#) for specifics. Bids must be accepted or denied at the time the bid is awarded by the tournament director. Bids not

awarded at the Bid Tournament will revert to the At-large pool. **If a team finishes in a bid award position and declines the bid, that team will not be eligible for at-large consideration.**

OPEN CLASSIFICATION

The goal of the BJNC **Open Divisions** is to identify, through competition, the best Team in each BJNC age group from among Teams (see chart below) that have earned Bids. The BBT Open Divisions are designed to select those Teams.

To participate in an Open Division at the BJNC, a Team must earn a bid from participating in an BBT Open Division – either winning the bid outright at a BBT or being selected for an At-Large Bid after competing in a BBT Open Division (At-Large consideration requirements can be found under the section “Open & USA At-Large Bids”).)

USA CLASSIFICATION*

The goal of the BJNC **USA Divisions** is to create more opportunities for teams to play, to provide a second qualification division at the BJNC, and create more manageable field sizes between the Club and USA divisions at the BJNC.

To participate in a USA Division at the BJNC, a Team must earn a bid from participating in an BBT USA Division – either winning the bid outright at a BBT or being selected for an At-Large Bid after competing in a BBT Open or USA Division (At-Large consideration requirements can be found under the section “Open & USA At-Large Bids”).)

USAV recommends to teams that you pick your playing division at bid tournaments based on your goals for the season. If you know your team is not an Open caliber team, USA may be the division for you. However, if you prefer the more advanced level of play at the Open level, you may choose to continue playing in the Open division knowing that the Club division will be an option for nationals.

OPEN AND USA AT-LARGE BIDS

To be considered for an at-large bid to the BJNC, a team must earn a bid at a Bid Tournament or be awarded a bid through the at-large process. To be considered for an at-large bid to the BJNC, a team must enter the event through the approved USAV online registration system as an Open or USA team, and submit complete and accurate results by all posted deadlines. In the absence of such results, a letter of explanation addressing the reason(s) why such results are not available, and reason(s) why the team should be considered for an at-large bid. The letter is to be submitted to the USAV Events Department by the entry deadline. The teams awarded the at-large bids will be selected by the BCC with final approval of the USAV ED using the following criteria:

1. Must have competed in at least one (1) bid tournament (in a bid division—Open OR USA)
2. Register your team in the desired At-Large division for the BJNC in AES and send payment and the entry form by the posted deadline (may not register for both Open & USA but if a team is not awarded an Open bid, it will be considered for USA).
3. Strength

4. Record against Qualified teams
5. Record against At Large applicants
6. Past year's BJNC finish of the rostered players
7. Date of entry

The boys' competition committee and the USAV Events Department will rank all Open At-Large and USA At-Large applicants together regardless of the division entered and assign bids by that agreed upon rank. Teams awarded an At-Large bid have up to three (3) business days to accept or decline the bid. If a team declines a bid, the declining bid will trickle down to the next team in rank order. If a team accepts a bid but does not participate in BJNC, the team is subject to sanctions for not using bids.

Note: Any team that declines a bid (Open OR USA) at a bid tournament will be ineligible for an at-large bid.

*In the Open Division(s) Hawaii and Puerto Rico will be given one (1) bid for the 14 and 15 & under age divisions. Each territory will award those bids to a team in each age division by any means they deem appropriate (i.e. a tournament or via an application process). Any other team wishing to receive a bid for the 14 or 15 & under age divisions must attend a bid tournament and apply for an At-Large bid if necessary. **If Hawaii or Puerto Rico choose to award the allotted bids via a tournament, that tournament is not considered a sanctioned USAV bid tournament and does not count towards the required criteria to be eligible to apply for an at-large bid.**

ANNOUNCEMENT OF AT-LARGE BIDS

At-large bids must be announced by the USAV EVENTS DEPARTMENT no later than ten (10) business days after the BJNC at-large entry deadline. Teams awarded Open or USA division at-large bids will be notified via email from the USAV Events Department to the club director and coach who are listed on the Official Entry form and roster.

The boys' competition committee and the USAV Events Department reserve the right to accept as many or as few teams applying for an At-Large Bid to round out numbers and create even pool play.

FAILURE TO SUBMIT ANY OF THE REQUIRED INFORMATION WILL RESULT IN THAT TEAM'S ELIMINATION FROM CONSIDERATION FOR AN AT-LARGE BID.

CLUB CLASSIFICATION

Teams that have not earned an Open or USA bid at one of the designated Boys' Bid Tournaments or applied and did not receive an Open or USA At-Large bid, are classified as Club Teams. Club Teams must register, pay and submit their entry form by the published deadlines to be accepted. Any team that is late registering, paying or submitting required forms

will be waitlisted. USA Volleyball reserves the right to accept or deny as many teams necessary to round out pool numbers, allowing for space availability, after the deadline.

FROZEN PLAYER RULES

Once a junior player has participated in a BJNC qualifying event (BBT), he may not be on the Official Roster of, or participate in, another BJNCs qualifying event with a different club. Example: a player plays on a club in a BBT in an attempt to qualify. The player's Team does not qualify. That player may not transfer to another club to attempt to qualify.

All teams and players must maintain eligibility compliance within their region and adhere to regional transfer policies when applicable. Violations of the Frozen Player Rule will result in sanctions being imposed on the already qualified team, its club, and/or the individual(s) involved, including the player, the coach and the club director. The USAV Event Department will determine sanctions for violations of the Frozen Player Rule.

Earning and accepting an Open or USA Bid, or accepting any At-Large Bid defines the Team as “qualified” for the BJNC. Once a Team is deemed qualified, the players on the qualified Team's Official Roster are frozen to that Team. The players on the Team's Official Roster are subject to the following restrictions.

FROZEN PLAYER RULE – OPEN AND USA

All players listed on the roster of a team are “frozen” to that team at the time the team earns a bid at a Bid Tournament or accepts a bid invitation from USAV. Accepting a bid defines a team as Qualified. Players from a Qualified team cannot be added to any other team roster submitted for Bid Tournaments, the BJNC. This includes teams from within the same club. There are no restrictions on additions to the roster of new players or players from non-qualified teams—up to the limit of fifteen (15) players. All teams and players must maintain eligibility compliance within their region. Violations of the Frozen Player Rule will result in sanctions being imposed on the already qualified team, its club, and/or the individual(s) involved, including the player, the coach and the club director. The USAV Event Department will determine sanctions for violations of the Frozen Player Rule. For a first offense, the sanctions may be a warning, probation, suspension or expulsion.

FROZEN PLAYER RULE – AT-LARGE

All players listed on the roster of a team are “frozen” to that team at the time the team applies for an At-Large bid to the BJNC. Applying for an At-Large bid is defined as registering for the BJNC in AES and submitting an entry form and payment to USAV. Accepting a bid defines a team as Qualified. Players from a Qualified team cannot be added to any other team roster submitted for Bid Tournaments, seeding tournaments or the BJNC. This includes teams from within the same club. There are no restrictions on additions to the roster of new players or players from non-qualified teams—up to the limit of fifteen (15) players. If a team does NOT earn an At-Large bid and chooses to accept the Club Division invitation, the roster is still frozen. If a team does not earn an at-large bid and decides not to attend the Championship, all players shall be considered released and shall be permitted to be added to another team's roster from within the same Member Organization (refer to the BJNC Tournament Manual, Chapter 2, Player Eligibility for transfer and release policies for purposes of attending JNCs). HOWEVER, the released player(s) are required to have a signed release from the original

team coach, club representative, new team coach AND Member Organization commissioner/designated representative, if eligible.

FROZEN PLAYER RULE – CLUB

The Players on the roster shall be considered frozen upon submittal of the Entry Form AND payment to USAV. NO player listed on this roster may participate with any other CLUB TEAM for the purpose of these Championships. If this team decides not to attend the Championship, all players shall be considered released and shall be permitted to be added to another team's roster from within the same Member Organization (refer to Player Eligibility for transfer and release policies for purposes of attending JNCs). HOWEVER, the released player(s) are required to have a signed release from the original team coach, club representative, new team coach AND Member Organization commissioner/designated representative. All teams and players must maintain eligibility compliance within their region and adhere to regional transfer policies when applicable.

PENALTIES

PENALTIES FOR NOT USING BIDS

It is disruptive to the quality of the Event when Bids are returned after being accepted. There are financial consequences, administrative challenges, and logistical delays for Teams, Region administrators and USAV personnel. Inevitably this takes opportunities away from other Teams participating in the qualification process.

A Team that does not use a BJNCs Open or USA bid which it has earned and accepted may be subject to the following penalties:

Financial Penalties

- Payment of entry fee (if a team returns a bid at least 30 days prior to the start of BJNC) OR entry fee plus \$1,000 fine (if a team returns a bid within 30 days of the start of BJNC).
- If the payment is not received for the BJNC Event Entry Fee and/or fines, the club director(s), coaches affiliated with official qualification roster will be prohibited from participating in BBTs and BJNC until the fee is paid in full. Further legal actions may be taken to ensure payment is received.

Suspension of Participation:

- Club Director suspended from participation in all BBTs and BJNCs for the remainder of the season and the following season.
- Head Coach listed on the official qualification roster suspended from participation in all BBTs and BJNCs for the remainder of the season and the following season.
- All members listed on the official qualification roster suspended from participation in all BBTs and BJNCs for the remainder of the season and the following season.

- Specific age group from club suspended from participation in all BBTs and BJNC for the remainder of the season and the following season.
- Club or specific team suspended from participation in all BBTs and BJNC for the remainder of the season and the following season.
- All suspensions will be published and updated on the USAV website.

Additional Penalties:

- USAV reserves the right to impose additional penalties as deemed necessary.

Regions reserve the right to impose additional penalties to Clubs and/or Teams within their Region.

PENALTIES FOR ILLEGAL USE OF BID

If a Team is deemed ineligible or have ineligible participants (age falsification, frozen player, foreign participation, ethics/eligibility, SafeSport violations etc.) the following penalties may be applied:

Financial Penalties:

- Loss of entry fee and a \$2,500 fine.
- If the payment is not received for the BJNC Event entry fee and/or fines, the club director(s), coaches affiliated with official qualification roster will be prohibited from participating in BBTs and BJNC until the fee is paid in full. Further legal actions may be taken to ensure payment is received.

Suspension of Participation:

- Club Director suspended from participation in all BBTs and BJNC for the remainder of the season and the following season.
- Head Coach listed on the official qualification roster suspended from participation in all BBTs and BJNCs for the remainder of the season and the following season.
- All members listed on the official qualification roster suspended from participation in all BBTs and BJNC for the remainder of the season and the following season.
- Specific age group from club suspended from participation in all BBTs and BJNCs for the remainder of the season and the following season.
- Club or specific team suspended from participation in all BBTs and BJNCs for the remainder of the season and the following season.
- All suspensions will be published and updated on the USAV website.

Additional Penalties:

- Revocation of past awards, winnings and titles.
- USAV reserves the right to impose additional penalties as deemed necessary (see USA Volleyball Age

and Identity Falsification Policy)

- Regions reserve the right to impose additional penalties to Clubs and/or Teams within their Region.

APPEALS

When a penalty(ies) is imposed on a club/Team/individual by USAV, they may file for an appeal. Appeals may be filed with the USAV Ethics and Eligibility Committee by sending all relevant documentation to the USAV Staff Attorney by deadlines outlined in the initial Sanction letter. All appeals shall be accompanied by a non-refundable \$100 fee made payable to USA Volleyball.

TEAM AND PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

USAV AND FIVB MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

ALL PERSONS WHOSE NAMES APPEAR ON THE OFFICIAL ROSTER, INCLUDING PLAYERS, COACHES, TEAM REPRESENTATIVES, CHAPERONES, TRAINERS, MANAGERS, ET AL. MUST BE REGISTERED WITH USAV THROUGH A USAV REGION OR THEIR FIVB FEDERATION. THIS WILL ENSURE THAT ALL REGISTERED USAV PLAYERS, COACHES, TEAM REPRESENTATIVES, CHAPERONES, MANAGERS, TRAINERS, ET AL. POSSESS LIABILITY COVERAGE AND SPORTS ACCIDENT INSURANCE (THIS IS AN EXCESS COVERAGE PLAN) AT THIS EVENT. IF A MEDICAL EMERGENCY ARISES, ATHLETES AND COACHES MUST HAVE ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTATION TO SHOW PROOF OF MEDICAL INSURANCE, PRIMARY AND/OR EXCESS COVERAGE. FOREIGN TEAMS ARE REQUIRED TO PURCHASE USAV'S SPORT ACCIDENT INSURANCE AT \$100 PER TEAM (NOTE: CANADIAN TEAMS ARE EXEMPT FROM THIS PURCHASE WITH PROOF OF COVERAGE VALID IN THE U.S.).

TEAM ELIGIBILITY

- Must register and pay the annual registration fee to your USAV Region or Member Organization (as required).
- Team/Club representatives or coach must sign each roster for team registration onsite.
- Can play in only one USAV Tournament at the USA Volleyball Boys' Junior National Championships.
- May change its name during the season ONLY with approval of the Regional Commissioner.
- The current USAV Official Guidebook, in addition to RVAA and Member Organization rules, regulations and policies, shall serve as the primary resources to resolve any concerns regarding eligibility.
- The roster may contain up to fifteen (15) players and no more than five (5) staff members, including the required Head Coach position.
- The designated head coach shall have no head coach assignment with any other team concurrently.
- All persons whose names appear on the Official Roster, including but not limited to team/club representative, coaches, chaperones, managers, and players, must be registered with USAV through their USAV Region.
- All persons whose names appear on the Official Roster, and are 18 and older, including but not limited to team/club representative, coaches, chaperones, and managers, must consent to and pass a background screening and be Safe Sport trained.
- **Chaperones are no longer required to be listed on the official roster for the BJNC.** In place of this requirement, clubs/teams must have a travel policy in place for the season. At check-in, the team representative or coach checking the roster will sign a statement attesting to having a travel policy in place. If the club or team does not have a travel policy, the USAV default travel policy will be used. See the *Travel Policy* section of this chapter for more information and the default policy.

PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

- Shall be registered with the USAV RVA in the geographical area in which they reside or in which their club/team is registered; or a citizen of one of the US territories in good standing with their respective FIVB Federation; or a citizen of their respective foreign country in good standing with their respective FIVB Federation.
- Can play with only one USAV junior team at the Boys' Junior National Championship.
- A player may participate only on the team in which they were named to the roster once a roster has been submitted to the USA Volleyball Boys' Junior National Championships (see Frozen Player Rule for Open and USA, Open and USA At-Large, and Club).
- All players who are registered in a USA Volleyball Junior National Championship are subject to the rules, regulations and policies of the Member Organization they represent.
- All players must be in good standing with their respective Member Organization.
- Can only participate on a team from within the Region in which the player is registered. Players may not have their registrations transferred to another Region for the purpose of participating in the USA Volleyball Boys' Junior National Championship unless the following applies:
 - If it is determined by the Region that no eligible opportunity is available to the participant, a waiver may be granted by the National Office for that player to participate with another team.
 - The player must get permission and/or a release from its team, club and Region
 - If the situation requires a change in Region, both involved Regions MUST agree to the transaction and contact USAV for final approval and assistance with the roster.
- For eligibility purposes, a player who has just completed a grade in the spring of 2021 will be considered in that grade just completed.
 - Athletes need not be currently enrolled in high school except noted below. For the 2020/2021 season, the following motions recommended by the Junior Assembly (JA) and approved by the USAV Board of Directors will be in effect:

AGE DEFINITIONS

Once a player participates (including but not limited to practicing, training, attending workouts and/or competing) in a club or varsity program for any university, college, community college, or junior college, he/she is ineligible to take part in any regional and national programming, which includes but is not limited to national JNC qualifying and championship events.

18 and Under Division:

Players who were born on or after July 1, 2002

or

Players who were born on or after July 1, 2001 **and** a high school student in the twelfth (12th) grade or below during some part of the current academic year

17 and Under Division:

Players who were born on or after July 1, 2003

16 and Under Division:

Players who were born on or after July 1, 2004

15 and Under Division:

Players who were born on or after July 1, 2005

14 and Under Division:

Players who were born on or after July 1, 2006

Boys 14 and Under Division: Players who were born on or after July 1, 2005 (15 years or younger) who shall neither have completed nor are in a grade higher than the eighth grade (8th) during the current academic year will

be allowed to participate at the USA Junior National Championships on 14 and under teams. This age waiver is still subject to frozen roster rules. (This exception is based on the net height difference of 7'4 1/8" to 7' 11 5/8" between the 14 and Under Division to the 15 and Under Division.)

13 and Under Division:

Players who were born on or after July 1, 2007

Boys 13 and Under Division: Players who were born on or after July 1, 2006 (14 years or younger) who shall neither have completed nor are in a grade higher than the seventh grade (7th) during the current academic year are eligible for a Region approved waiver to compete in the boys 13's age group. This age waiver is still subject to frozen roster rules.

12 and Under Division:

Players who were born on or after July 1, 2008

Boys 12 and Under Division: Players who were born on or after July 1, 2007 (13 years or younger) who shall neither have completed nor are in a grade higher than the sixth grade (6th) during the current academic year are eligible for a Region approved waiver to compete in the boys 12's age group. This age waiver is still subject to frozen roster rules.

Note: These age definitions are used by domestic club programs and are NOT the same as the age definitions for the International and Domestic High Performance programs for 2021.

The Age Definition Policy was most recently revised by the USA Volleyball Board of Directors on June 30, 2020. The classification cut-off date of July 1 was reviewed by the USAV Junior Assembly and the USA Regional Volleyball Association Assembly prior and during the USAV 2016 Annual Meetings and research justified the continuation of the cut-off date of July 1.

REGIONAL COMMISSIONERS WILL CERTIFY THE AGES OF PLAYERS REPRESENTING THAT REGION IN THE USA VOLLEYBALL BOYS' JUNIOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS. THE AGE GROUP DEFINITIONS ABOVE ARE BINDING FOR THE ENTIRE SEASON IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THESE CHAMPIONSHIPS AND THERE SHALL BE NO APPEAL. CERTIFICATION OF AGE AND SCHOLASTIC STATUS MAY BE REQUESTED AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION AT THE SITE OF THE CHAMPIONSHIPS. THE SCHOLASTIC GRADE, FOR PURPOSES OF THESE DEFINITIONS, SHALL BE

AGE AND IDENTITY FALSIFICATION POLICY (ADOPTED BY BOD JANUARY 2004)

For all USA Volleyball corporate events, any person who alters any document that certifies the age or identity of a participant, or falsifies any statement which lists the age or identity of a participant, will be sanctioned as follows:

- Be immediately suspended from USA Volleyball registration, RVA membership and barred from further participation in the event;
- Be barred from participation in any USAV Corporate events in any capacity for a minimum of two (2) years; and
- Have a minimum probation of one additional year to run consecutively with the suspension.

A junior player who knowingly plays in a lower age classification than which he or she is actually eligible, or an adult player who knowingly plays in a higher age classification for which he or she is actually eligible, or any player who knowingly misrepresents his/her identity shall:

- Be immediately suspended from USA Volleyball membership and barred from further participation in the event;

- Be barred from participation in any USAV Corporate events in any capacity for a minimum of two (2) years; and
- Have a minimum probation of one additional year to run consecutively with the suspension.

Any player in question must provide proof of identity and age eligibility, if requested.

When discovered and confirmed during an event, these penalties shall be the required **minimum** penalty imposed by the Event Arbitrator or the Event Ethics and Eligibility Appeals Committee. The Event Arbitrator or the Event Ethics and Eligibility Appeals Committee may recommend a more severe penalty. The Event Arbitrator or the Event Ethics and Eligibility Appeals Committee shall file a report of any age or identity violation with the Corporation's Ethics and Eligibility Committee and with the registering Affiliate Organization with its recommendation

WITHDRAWAL PROCEDURE & RULES

If a team must withdraw from a match, it is the responsibility of the team representative to inform the Competition Director no later than **one (1) hour** after completion of the team's last match.

The Championship Committee will attempt to fill the Finals Match of any flight, and / or determine an alternative action as required.

If a team withdraws from competition after pool play has begun, and prior to the conclusion of subject pool play, all match records shall stand. All un-played matches shall be forfeited per the Rules of Play and counted in the win-loss tabulation accordingly. All other teams in that pool shall be advanced for assignment to the next stage of competition.

Barring injury or emergency, withdrawal from a match will result in the following at the discretion of the Championship Committee:

- Forfeiture of all standing in the tournament (including seeding for future events)
- Recommendation for disciplinary action to the Organization which they represent
- Disciplinary action including suspending participation in future USAV Championship Events

GENDER COMPETITION POLICY

To receive the complete USAV Gender Competition Policy, a gender ruling or ask any questions, please contact the USAV Gender Committee at ChairGenderCom@usav.org

For more information, please refer to the USAV website at <https://usavolleyball.org/about/gender-guidelines/>

COACHES ELIGIBILITY

ALL Coaches listed on the roster (Head and Assistant(s)) will possess a minimum coaching certification level of IMPACT (entry level) or equivalent. An IMPACT certified coach (head coach or assistant) listed on the Event Roster must be present and on the bench at all times. **No team will be eligible to participate at the Junior National Championships without meeting the coaching certification requirements.** It is strongly recommended that teams have additional IMPACT certified adults verified on their roster and present at all times. In the event the certified coach is not present (late, sick, is ejected or disqualified), the team must have another IMPACT certified adult verified on their roster and on the bench for play to begin or continue without forfeit. No additional time will be allowed to comply with the certified personnel requirement to continue play except for unused time-outs and/or time allowed between games.

All coaches listed on the roster must meet the following eligibility requirements:

1. Register in an adult membership category with a USAV Region
2. Must consent to and clear a background screening
3. Must be current in SafeSport training requirements (see SafeSport Training Requirement section of this chapter)
4. Be a minimum of 18 years of age
5. Possess a minimum coaching certification level of IMPACT or equivalent
6. Head Coaches only: Have no head coach assignment with any other team concurrently

IMPACT CERTIFICATION

The indoor IMPACT course is required for all USA Volleyball junior club coaches and is the prerequisite for CAP Level I attendees. IMPACT is the minimum level coach education requirement for USAV in order to coach a junior club. Currently, USA Volleyball's national office does not require a renewal of this course, but the coach's region or club may decide to require a renewal or have more stringent requirements.

Access IMPACT on-demand via your SportsEngine account ([instructions](#)). Regional in-person IMPACT courses are currently on hold.

There will NOT be IMPACT courses available during the Championships. Please make the necessary arrangements prior to the Championship to become IMPACT certified. Only IMPACT certified adults will be allowed to be listed as a Head Coach and/or Assistant Coach(es) on the roster.

For more information on IMPACT certification, please contact your local RVA. As an alternative, USA Volleyball will be offering Webinars and IMPACT On-Demand throughout the year. For more information, visit the USAV Cap website <https://usavolleyball.org/resources-for-coaches/coach-education/>

FOREIGN TEAMS – IMPACT EQUIVALENT

IMPACT Certification rating may be met by supplying proof of the following:

1. USA Coaching Accreditation Program (CAP), Levels I, II or III
2. RVA IMPACT course (region or National Office verification required)
3. Canadian Volleyball Associations Levels 1-4
4. FIVB International Courses Levels 1-3
5. Curso de Entrenadores Nivel 1 (Coaches Training Level 1)

USA CAP LEVEL I, II AND III COURSES

USA Coaching Accreditation Program courses are available throughout the country before the USA Volleyball Girls Junior National Championship. For more information on course offerings and schedules, visit our website, <https://usavolleyball.org/resources-for-coaches/coach-education/>

SAFESPORT TRAINING REQUIREMENT

Participation in nationally sanctioned events will require that SafeSport training be completed by all registered adults (note, foreign teams are exempt but we strongly recommend you take the course). Individual regions may set earlier deadlines for their respective regional events.

SAFESPORT TRAINING REQUIREMENT:

SafeSport certification is required for those having frequent contact or authority over athletes. Regions may set earlier deadlines for their respective regional events.

Parental consent is required for minor athletes to register for SafeSport training. [Complete the parental consent form](#) before registering.

Instructions to Register for Safesport and for more information please visit <https://usavolleyball.org/safesport/safesport-training/>

For technical issues, while completing the course, please visit: <http://help.usavolleyballacademy.org/>.

AGE REQUIREMENT OF STAFF ON ROSTER- TEAM MANAGER STAFF POSITION

All staff, with the exception of the Chaperone position, must be a minimum of 18 years old and registered with USAV in an adult level membership category to be placed in any of the allowed roster positions. The Chaperone must be a minimum of 25 years old. No junior level members (members who are registered in a junior level membership category or are under the age of 18) are allowed in a coaching, chaperone or team representative position. If you have a junior level member participating in a non-player capacity, you may place them in the team manager position on the roster.

The Team Manager position is primarily reserved for, but not restricted to, junior level members (members who are registered in a junior level membership category or are under the age of 18) participating with a junior team in a non-player capacity. These members cannot be placed in any team staff position other than "Team Manager". Junior level staff members must be at least 10 years of age. USA Volleyball and the event arbitrators reserve the right to conduct random ID checks on any staff person listed on the roster at any time.

All roster personnel (non-players) must have completed their regions registration process and cleared the background screening if applicable. Junior level members under the age of 18 do not need to be background screened. Junior members 18 years old and above, serving in non-player capacity on a junior team, must apply for and "clear" a background screening within 30 days of their 18th Birthday.

To add a junior level staff person to a roster, please contact the USAV Events Department (events@usav.org). To expedite the request, please make sure the junior staff person is in AES, fully verified via the USAV import.

TRAVEL POLICY

USA Volleyball Junior Clubs are now required to implement a team travel policy. The following is a model team travel policy and is provided to assist USA Volleyball member clubs with developing their own policies. If a Club chooses not to, or is unable to, create a written travel policy, the following model policy will become the default policy for that Club. Once a customized set of policies is developed and approved by the club, the default policy will no longer apply. Each member club has the responsibility for approval and implementation of its own set of travel policies, and to provide these policies to all players, parents, coaches and other adults who will be traveling with a team. It is strongly recommended that a signature by each adult acknowledging receipt of and agreeing to the travel policy be obtained by each Club.

Some travel involves only local travel to and from local practices and events while other travel involves overnight stays. Different policies should apply to these two types of travel. The form of policy below is a sample only but may be modified by the local program to meet its specific needs and travel.

MODEL POLICY FOR JUNIOR CLUB VOLLEYBALL PROGRAMS

Travel Policy for [insert the name of the club]

[Insert name of the club] has some teams that travel regularly to play in tournaments, has some teams where travel is limited to a few events per season, and some teams where there is no travel other than local travel to and from our own area. [Club] prohibits all types of physical abuse, sexual abuse, emotional abuse, bullying, threats, harassment and hazing, all as described in the USA Volleyball SafeSport Handbook. [Club] has established policies to guide our travel, minimize one-on-one interactions and reduce the risk of abuse or misconduct. Adherence to these travel guidelines will increase player safety and improve the player's experience while keeping travel a fun and enjoyable experience.

We distinguish between travel to training, practice and local tournaments ("local travel") and team travel involving an overnight stay ("team travel").

Local Travel

Local travel occurs when [Club] does not sponsor, coordinate or arrange for travel.

- Players and/or their parents/guardian are responsible for making all arrangements for local travel. The team and its coaches, managers or administrators should avoid responsibility for arranging or coordinating local travel. It is the responsibility of the parents/guardians to ensure the person transporting the minor player maintains the proper safety and legal requirements, including but not limited to: a valid driver's license, automobile liability insurance, a vehicle in safe working order, and compliance with applicable state laws.
- The employees, coaches and/or volunteers of [Club] or one of its teams, who are not also acting as a parent, shall not drive alone with an unrelated minor player.

Team Travel

Team travel is overnight travel that occurs when [Club] or one of its teams or designees' sponsors, coordinates or arranges for travel so that the team can compete locally, regionally or nationally. Because of the greater distances, coaches, staff, volunteers and chaperones will often travel with the players.

- When possible, [Club] will provide reasonable advance notice before team travel. Travel notice will also include designated team hotels for overnight stays as well as a contact person within [Club] or the team. This individual will be the point of contact to confirm your intention to travel and to help with travel details.
- Regardless of gender, a coach shall not share a hotel room or other sleeping arrangements with a minor player (unless the coach is the parent, guardian or sibling of the player).
- The coach or his/her designee will establish a curfew by when all players must be in their hotel rooms or in a supervised location. Regular monitoring and curfew checks will be made of each room by at least two properly background screened adults. At no time will only one adult be present in a room with minor players, regardless of gender.
- Team personnel shall ask hotels to block adult pay per view channels for player- only rooms.
- Individual meetings between a coach and a player may not occur in hotel sleeping rooms and must be held in public settings or with additional adults present, with at least one of those adults being the same gender as the player.
- Parents/Guardians who wish to stay in the team hotel are permitted and encouraged to do so.
- The team will make every effort to accommodate reasonable parental requests when a child is away from home without a parent. If any special arrangements are necessary for your child, please contact the team personnel who can either make or assist with making those arrangements.
- No coach or chaperone shall at any time be under the influence of drugs or alcohol while performing their coaching and/or chaperoning duties.
- In all cases involving travel, parents have the right to transport their minor player.
- Prior to any travel, coaches will endeavor to make players and parents aware of all expectations and rules. Coaches will also support chaperones and/or participate in the monitoring of the players for adherence to curfew restrictions and other travel rules.
- If disciplinary action against a player is required while the player is traveling without his/her parents, then except where immediate action is necessary, parents will be notified before any action is taken, or immediately after.

Suggested Additional Policies

The following policies are additional guidelines for developing a travel policy based on the club's preferences and needs.

- Players are expected to remain with the team at all times during the trip. Players are not to leave the competition venue, the hotel, restaurant or any other place at which the team has gathered without the permission/knowledge of the coach or chaperone.
- When visiting public places such as shopping malls, movie theatres, etc., players will stay in groups of no less than three persons. Athletes 12 and under will be accompanied by a chaperone.
- Safety Policies

- o Additional guidelines to be established as needed by the coaches;
- o Supervised team room provided for relaxation and recreation;
- o Respect the privacy of each other;
- o Only use hotel rooms with interior entrances;
- Behavior Policies
 - o Be quiet and respect the rights of teammates and others in the hotel;
 - o Be prompt and on time;
 - o Develop cell phone usage guidelines;
 - o Develop computer usage guidelines including social media;
 - o Respect travel vehicles;
 - o Establish travel dress code;
 - o Use appropriate behavior in public facilities, including language;
 - o Establish two different curfews – in own rooms and lights out;
 - o Must stay in assigned hotel room; and
 - o Needs and well-being of the team come first.
- Financial
 - o No room service without permission
 - o Players are responsible for all incidental charges
 - o Players are responsible for any damages or thievery at hotel;
 - o Players must participate in contracted group meals; and
 - o Communicate travel reimbursement information and policies.
- General
 - o Establish fair trip eligibility requirements;
 - o Establish age guidelines for travel trips;
 - o Parent(s) responsible for getting player(s) to stated departure point; and
 - o Requirements for families to attend “Team Travel Tournaments.”

Code of Conduct / Honor Code

USA Volleyball strongly suggests clubs to create a Code of Conduct or Honor Code as a companion document to team travel policies.

Recommended:

- a. Team members will display proper respect and sportsmanship toward coaches, officials, administrator, teammates, fellow competitors and the public at all times.
- b. Team members and staff will refrain from any illegal or inappropriate behavior that would detract from a positive image of the team or be detrimental to its performance objectives.
- c. The possession or use of alcohol or tobacco products by any athlete is prohibited.
- d. The possession, use or sale/distribution of any controlled or illegal substance or any form of weapon is strictly forbidden.
- e. Team members are reminded that when competing in tournaments, traveling on trips and attending other club-related functions, they are representing both themselves and [Club]. Athlete behavior must positively reflect the high standards of the club.

For Consideration:

- a. Failure to comply with the Honor Code as set forth in this document may result in disciplinary action. Such discipline may include, but may not be limited to:
 - i. Dismissal from the trip and immediate return home at the athlete's expense;
 - ii. Disqualification from future tournaments, either local or traveling;
 - iii. Financial penalties;
 - iv. Dismissal from team; and/or
 - v. Penalties set forth in the USA Volleyball Participant Code of Conduct, which may include a lifetime ban.
- b. Players are to refrain from inappropriate physical contact at team activities.
- c. Players are to refrain from the use of inappropriate language

POLICY ON FOREIGN PLAYER AND FOREIGN TEAM PARTICIPATION

Only U.S. Territories (American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands) and their associated Federations are eligible to participate in qualification divisions of the NQs and the 18s GJNC. Beginning in 2014, foreign teams may be eligible to participate in the Patriot Divisions of the 18s GJNC if they fulfill the requirements outlined below. Foreign teams will be accepted into the Patriot Division beginning March 1st, or sooner, depending on space available.

Definitions	
“Foreign Participant”	A participant who is not a citizen of the United States OR a citizen residing in a U.S. Territory having its own National Volleyball Federation with which the participant is affiliated.
“Non-Resident” Foreign Participant	A person who is not a citizen of the United States residing outside the 50 United States OR an individual residing in a U.S. Territory having its own National Volleyball Federation with which the Participant is affiliated.
“Resident” Foreign Participant	A person who is not a citizen of the United States residing in one of the 50 United States and holding “resident” versus “visitor” status. Proof of “Resident” status includes providing documentation substantiating enrollment and attendance in an educational institution in the United States (excludes on-line courses) OR proof of employment in the United States AND a corresponding physical residence address (excludes a P.O. Box or “care of” address). A copy of a current student or work visa is required for the duration of eligibility.
Foreign Participant “Release”	Written approval by a Foreign Participant’s National Volleyball Federation of origin for that person to affiliate or participate with USA Volleyball.

For the USA Girls Junior National Volleyball Championships, the following Territories and their associated Federations are eligible to participate by qualifying through one of the ten National Qualifiers:

- Puerto Rico
- US Virgin Islands
- Guam
- American Samoa

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS - JUNIOR

- 1) Foreign Player Participation in National Junior Competitions (e.g. USA Volleyball Junior National Championships and all events that qualify teams for USA Junior National Volleyball Championship Events)
 - a) Subject to Paragraph I, a Resident Foreign Player (residing legally in the United States, e. g. exchange student) may participate if she/he is a duly registered member of a USA Volleyball Member Organization and follows all event participation policies and registration procedures.
 - b) A Non-Resident Foreign player shall not be eligible to participate.

- 2) Foreign Team Participation for National Junior Competitions (e.g. USA Volleyball Junior National Championships and all Qualifying Events)
 - a) A Foreign Team (registered with its National Volleyball Federation) may participate if it duly applies for and is accepted in compliance with the event's regulations, is not representing its country in an official capacity, and the federation of origin grants permission for participation. (This only applies to US Territories for the GJNC)
 - b) Foreign Teams must purchase foreign player insurance, which will be provided by USA Volleyball. The expense shall be debited to the event at cost and shall be added to the entry fee.
 - c) Each member of a Foreign Team shall have in his/her possession(s), and shall have previously filed with the Event Director, the following documents:
 - i) Photo identification (Driver's license or comparable government issued document), and
 - ii) A signed copy of the USA Volleyball Code of Conduct and Waiver and Release of Liability (provided on page 2 of the Foreign Team Tournament Registration form).
- 3) Additionally, for junior-age competitions, each Foreign Player (of a Foreign Team) must also possess and have on file with the Event Director:
 - i) Copy of birth certificate or Government Issue Identification with birth date
 - ii) USA Volleyball's "Foreign Summary Participation" form

ENTRY & REGISTRATION PROCESS

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Division	Fee
14 – 18 & Under Club & Open	\$1,000.00 (U.S. Currency)
12 – 13 & Under Cub	\$800.00 (U.S. Currency)
NOTE: An additional \$100 fee (paid separately) is required for Foreign Teams to cover insurance requirements. Canadian teams are exempt with proof of coverage.	

**Checks are cashed immediately upon receipt for all Club and At-Large entries received before the deadline. Checks are cashed immediately for all Open and USA entries from teams who have accepted bids. If an At-Large team is not awarded a bid and declines the Club invitation the entry will be refunded using the original payment method (check or credit card).*

REFUND POLICY

- A team that is denied entry to the USA Volleyball Boys' Junior National Championships by the USAV Events Department shall receive a full refund of their entry fee.
- There will be **NO REFUNDS** if a team removes itself from the event after the entry form deadline of June 11th.
- When an individual or a team decide not to attend, or is unable to attend, a USAV-held event for reasons pertaining to acts or threats of war, acts or threats of terrorism, or a health risk alert, USAV shall issue **NO REFUNDS**.
- When a USAV event is canceled or interrupted due to acts or threats of war, acts or threats of terrorism, or a health risk alert, event entry refunds will be made to individuals or teams on a prorated basis once all USAV's out-of-pocket expenditures for the canceled or interrupted event have been settled from such fees.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS (HOW TO ENTER)

ALL teams (Open, At-Large, USA and Club Divisions) are required to meet **EACH** of the following entry requirements to be eligible to participate at the BJNC:

1. Register each team in [ADVANCED EVENT SYSTEMS](#) (AES) for the BJNC in the appropriate division by the specified deadline (see Chapter 1 for details).
 - a. You **MUST** submit a roster for each team in AES at time of event registration
 - i. The roster must identify the following: Head Coach and a minimum of six (6) players.
 1. Optional staff to be identified can be an Assistant Coach(es), Team Representative(s), Chaperone(s), and Team Manager(s), not to exceed the maximum of five staff including the Head Coach.
 - a. Note, please see Chapter 2, *Age Requirements for Staff on Rosters* if you have any junior-level staff members that need to be added to the roster.
 - ii. The roster must be **100% verified via the USAV Import** (Foreign Teams exempt)
 1. Regional verifications will only be accepted on a limited case-by-case basis.

2. Submit the Official Entry Form from AES along with the entry fee to USAV (one entry form and one check/payment per club is acceptable)
 - a. Paying by check or money order: mail Entry Form and payment to USAV (mailing address is provided on the entry form or in Chapter 1)
 - i. **Make checks payable to: USA Volleyball**
 1. See note under Entry Fees for USAV check cashing procedures.
 - ii. PRINT team name and division on the memo line of your check
 - b. Paying by credit card: either email (bjnc@usav.org), fax (719-228-6800) or mail (refer to entry form or chapter 1 for address) signed entry form to USAV
3. Submit a copy of the Entry form and payment to your Regional office (USAV Teams only) so they are aware of your registration.
4. Contact Team Travel Source, the approved housing company, to arrange hotel accommodations for the team(s).
5. Enter results into AES by the specified deadline (see Chapter 1 for details).

For At-Large consideration these additional requirements must be met:

6. Register for the Open division OR USA division (choose desired division)

For Non-USA/Foreign Teams/Foreign Teams, these additional requirements must be met:

7. Send required individual and team forms and fees to USAV by the posted deadline (see Chapter 1). Please retain a copy of all materials and bring with you to the event.

REQUIRED INDIVIDUAL FORMS

1. Players and Staff: Foreign Participant Registration Form, which includes the Code of Conduct on page 2
2. Players and Staff: Copy of photo ID (i.e. Passport)
3. Players Only: Copy of Birth Certificate (a passport will also fill this requirement)
4. Coaches: Copy of IMPACT or equivalent certifications (see Chapter 2 for accepted equivalents)

REQUIRED TEAM FORMS/FEEES

1. Entry Form
2. Foreign Summary Team Participation Form
3. 100 US Dollars for Insurance (Canadian teams exempt with proof of coverage for the team or each individual listed on the roster)
 - a. No credit card payments allowed for insurance
 - b. If the Insurance was paid for a previous USAV event, additional payment is not required
 - i. If additional players and/or staff have been added to the original roster submitted at the previous USAV event, 10 US Dollars per person is owed to USAV for coverage.
4. A letter of good standing from your volleyball federation
 - a. This letter should be included with your entry form regardless of if the other forms are ready yet.
 - b. **Puerto Rico Only:** please email programaseleccionjuvpr@gmail.com to ask for approval to participate.

NOTE: All forms can be found on the [USA Volleyball website](#).

Teams WILL NOT be accepted if they have not met all the requirements by the posted deadlines.

ROSTER ADDITIONS & CHANGE DEADLINES

Roster change Penalty Fees

Action	Fee
Addition of participants on-site	\$50
Jersey number change	Free

Team Representatives:

- **Prior to the June 23th** online roster change deadline, you may edit and make changes to your roster through the AES system <https://www.advancedeventsystems.com/events/22012>
- **Between June 23rd and June 29th for session 1; July 3rd for session 2**, all roster changes will need to be made and each team will need to complete online check in. Please email events@usav.org for any roster changes if you have already checked in and need to reset the roster access.

Roster changes are permissible within the current eligibility rules established for JNC events by USA Volleyball (see Chapter 2 for eligibility rules). Any changes to the submitted roster after the published deadline date can be made and processed only at the time of team check-in at the Convention Center. ANY addition (i.e. physically adding an individual to the roster) will be assessed a flat fee of \$50 USD

RESULTS REPORTING

INSTRUCTIONS

The USAV Boys' Junior National Volleyball Championships will use AES for reporting team results. AES has an option to import a CSV format excel file. An example of the spreadsheet and a screen shot of the AES Results Import are below. Please ensure your values match the AES import format requirements.

Import Team Results

Notes

- Please import files with format CSV.
- To save as CSV open your results file, click save as, change file type to CSV (comma delimited) - save, close file and try the import process again.
- DO NOT REPORT TIE BREAKING MATCHES/SCORES. These are used to determine pool rank.

Upload File

Select File

Choose File

No file chosen

Download Example File

Match Import file format

FIELD	REQUIRED	SPECIAL NOTES
Opposing Team Name	Yes	Max length of 21 characters.
Opposing Team Code	Yes	Length of 11 characters.
Event Name	Yes	
Event Date	Yes	
Outcome	Yes	Undecided, Won, Lost, Won By Forfeit, Forfeit, Tie
Score 1	No	Score format Example: 25-10
Score 2	No	Score format Example: 25-10
Score 3	No	Score format Example: 25-10
Score 4	No	Score format Example: 25-10
Score 5	No	Score format Example: 25-10

Import

Export

Q: Who has access to update results?

A: AES users who have club director access will be able to update results for all teams in their club. Coaches can access only teams which they have been placed on an event roster in AES. Coaches will need to have a login; the club director can initiate a login on AES under User Management.

FAILURE TO SUBMIT RESULTS

Any team not submitting their results in AES will not be seeded in the BJNC based on competition experience. Rather, if there are berths for the team(s) in the tournament, the teams who fail to comply with the reporting requirement may be seeded together into the same pool(s) at the discretion of the Seeding Committee. **Any team applying for an At-Large Bid and fails to submit their results in AES will automatically NOT receive consideration for an Open or USA position.**

REPORTING FACTS FOR NON-USA/FOREIGN TEAMS AND NEWLY FORMED TEAMS

Boy's teams from Guam, Puerto Rico, Canada, American Samoa, US Virgin Islands, Hawaii, etc., and newly formed club teams are permitted to submit factual information, along with competition results, if available, to justify their placement in the Open Division at the JNC's if applying for an At-Large bid; and to ensure a fair, even field of competition in the Open, USA and Club divisions. This information can be submitted to USAV (bjnc@usav.org) and it will be forwarded to the At-Large Selection and Seeding Committees.

REGISTRATION CHECKLIST

Complete all items in this section by the posted deadlines for a successful and accepted entry.

- ☐ Register team for the 2021 USA Volleyball Boys Junior National Volleyball Championship in Advanced Event Systems (AES) <https://www.advancedeventsystems.com/events/22012>
 - Roster includes Head Coach and at least 6 players
 - Roster is 100% verified (U.S. teams only)
- ☐ Once a team has **QUALIFIED** either through a Bid Tournament, or awarded through Open & USA At-Large, print the "Official Entry Form" from AES.
 - Teams that would like to be considered for Open and USA At-Large if applicable must register in AES and have their results submitted in AES by June 8th.
- ☐ PAYMENT: there are 2 options for payment for the BJNC
 1. If paying by Check: attach the Entry Fee check, made out to *USA Volleyball*, to the Official Entry Form and mail to USA Volleyball
 - PRINT the team name and division on memo line of the check
 - **ONE ENTRY FORM and ONE CHECK PER TEAM** not Club
 2. If paying by Credit Card: log on to AES and go to My Events, choose the event and click on My Teams, there should be a "Pay Now" option at the bottom of the screen.
 - *Foreign teams (U.S. territories) must include an additional, separate check (only) of \$100 for the Sport Accident insurance*
- ☐ Send Official Entry Form and Entry Fee check to USA Volleyball if paying by check. Scan & Email to bjnc@usav.org or Fax to 719-228-6899 the Official Entry form to USA Volleyball if paying by credit card.
- ☐ Foreign Teams (includes U.S. Territories Only): Submit required individual and team forms and fees to USAV by the posted deadline (see Chapter 1). Please retain a copy of all materials and bring with you to the event.

Required Individual Forms

1. Players and Staff: Foreign Participant Registration Form, which includes the Code of Conduct on page 2
2. Players and Staff: Copy of photo ID (i.e. Passport)

3. Players Only: Copy of Birth Certificate (note, a passport will also fill this requirement)
4. Coaches: Copy of IMPACT or equivalent certifications (see Chapter 2 for accepted equivalents) and copy SafeSport Certification

Required Team Forms/Fees

6. Entry Form
7. Foreign Summary Team Participation Form
8. \$100 US Dollars for Insurance

NOTE: All forms can be found on the USAV website: <https://usavolleyball.org/forms-and-information/>

- ☐ USA Volleyball has implemented a [Stay & Play Policy](#) for the Boys Junior National Volleyball Championships. Please contact Team Travel Source to make housing arrangements: <https://www.volleyballhotels.teamtravelsource.com/usav-bjnc>
- ☐ Enter complete results into AES by June 8th for Open & USA At-Large teams
- ☐ Bring a valid form of ID for each individual on the roster.
 - Valid forms of ID include: birth certificates, driver licenses, passports, or State/Federal issued IDs
- ☐ RESOURCE PUBLICATIONS: In order to be aware of required information per the USAV Bylaws, Operating Code, the other policies and procedures and the current Rules of Play, we recommend that every team representative or coach have in their possession a current copy of the USA Volleyball Guidebook and United States Volleyball Domestic Competition Regulations. These resources will be supplemented by the information listed in this manual. These publications can be downloaded or purchased from the USA Volleyball website (www.usavolleyball.org).

REQUIRED INDIVIDUAL FORMS

5. Players and Staff: Foreign Participant Registration Form, which includes the Code of Conduct on page 2
6. Players and Staff: Copy of photo ID (i.e. Passport)
7. Players Only: Medical Release and Liability Form
8. Players Only: Copy of Birth Certificate (note, a passport will also fill this requirement)
9. Coaches: Copy of IMPACT or equivalent certifications (see Chapter 2 for accepted equivalents)

REQUIRED TEAM FORMS/FEEES

5. Entry Form
6. Foreign Summary Team Participation Form
7. 100 US Dollars for Insurance (Canadian teams exempt with proof of coverage for the team or each individual listed on the roster)
 - a. No credit card payments allowed for insurance
 - b. If the Insurance was paid for a previous USAV event, additional payment is not required.
 - i. If additional players and/or staff have been added to the original roster submitted at the previous USAV event, 10 US Dollars per person is owed to USAV for coverage.

COMPETITION RULES AND REGULATIONS

RULES OF PLAY

The USAV Indoor Rules Book will be in effect throughout the season and for the 2021 USA Volleyball Boys National Championship (see: <https://usavolleyball.org/resources-for-officials/rulebooks-and-interpretations/> to download the Domestic Competition Regulations). Participants, coaches and team representatives in the USA Volleyball Open National Championships are subject to and must obey ALL rules, regulations and policies of USA Volleyball herein or otherwise written.

Please review the 2020-2021 Critical Rules and Interpretations training material below:

<https://usavolleyball.org/resources-for-officials/rulebooks-and-interpretations/>

The rules of play are as prescribed in the USA Volleyball Rules Book. Below are key editorial corrections, clarifications and new rules pertaining to the 2020/2021 season (underlined words, phrases or sentences indicate an editorial correction or rule change).

- New USAV 4.1.2: The Libero can be team or game captain.
- USAV 4.3a: A player's uniform consists of a jersey and shorts or athletic/sport pants. When undergarments, including but not limited to T-shirts, boxer shorts, tights, leotards, body suits, bicycle shorts, sports bras, etc., are worn in such a manner that they are exposed, they will be considered a part of the uniform. In that case, they must be similar and the same color for any team members (except the Libero) who wear such an undergarment. Socks and sport shoes are not part of the uniform.
- USAV 4.3.1: The color and design for the jerseys and shorts or athletic/sport pants must be uniform for the team (except for the Libero).
- NEW USAV 4.5.1: It is forbidden to wear hats or casts (even if padded). Braces, prosthetic limbs or other headgear that may cause an injury or give an artificial advantage to the player must not be worn. If a brace, prosthetic limb or headgear is used, padding or covering may be necessary. Jewelry may be worn provided its nature does not present a concern for safety, such as extremely long necklaces and/or necklaces with large medallions, or large hoop earrings.

Key rules for all 2-out of-3 matches are listed below:

- Rally Score to 25 points, all sets must be won by a margin of two (2) points.
- Deciding sets of best 2-of-3 matches will be rally scoring to 15 points
- Third sets of matches in designated 3-team pools will be to 25 points and there will be a coin toss between sets two and three to determine "side", "serve" or "receive".
- One set to 25 points will be used for any playoff matches to break ties.
- In all third sets of full matches and in all playoff matches, teams will switch sides at eight or 13 points as appropriate.
- Twelve (12) substitutions and up to two (2) Liberos

- If two (2) Liberos are used, they must be identified prior to the start of the match
 - If zero (0) or one (1) Libero is used, they must be identified prior to the start of each set
 - The Roster may contain up to 15 players and no more than 5 staff members.
 - Net heights
 - Boys' 15's - 18's: 2.43 m (7'-11 $\frac{5}{8}$)
 - Boys' 13's - 14's: 2.24 m (7'-4 $\frac{1}{8}$ ")
 - Boys' 12's: 2.3 m (7'-0")
 - Balls
 - The Molten FLISTATIC (V5M5000-3) for the 13-18 & Under divisions.
 - The Molten "VB-U12" (red, white & blue) for the 12 & Under division.
 - Each team must play within its own playing area and space. However, the ball may be retrieved from beyond the free zone. Rule USAV 9 states:
 - *If obstructions or other safety concerns prohibit retrieval from beyond the free zone, the player retrieving a ball over a non-playing area must be in contact with the playing surface when contact with the ball is made.*
 - *Non-playing areas are defined as the: (1) walls, bleachers or other spectator seating areas; (2) team benches and any area behind the team benches; (3) area between the scorer's table and the team benches; (4) any other area outlined in the pre-match conference by the first referee.*
 - *If nets or dividers are separating courts, only the player attempting to play the ball may move the net or divider to play the ball*
- The area beyond the edge of the Sport Court is designated a non-playing area due to safety concerns.
- Boys' 12 & Under
 - When serving, the ball must be released
 - The end line is the legal service line
 - A re-serve due to an errant toss will be allowed at this level.
 - No artificial noise makers are permitted.
 - The test rules regarding what happens when an illegal player is found on the court will be in effect—see Rule Book for updated language (link above).

PROTEST OF PLAYING RULES & DUE PROCESS & APPEALS

Protests of the playing rules during a set/match must be lodged in a formal manner prior to the next service. Between sets, a protest of the last play of the set must occur within one minute, and also at the end of the match, the protest of the last play of the match must occur within one minute. The protest shall be handled by a committee of two (2) to three (3) persons, one of whom must be a certified USA National referee or scorer, depending on the nature of the protest. The committee shall be composed of the following:

1. **Committee Chair:** The National Rules Interpreter or designee (Head Referee for the Event)
2. A representative of the USAV Championship Committee, USAV Events Department staff or designee to be named by the Event Director.

All rulings of this committee are final and not subject to appeal.

All protests will be settled at the time they are lodged. No match will be allowed to proceed until the protest is settled. Protests can **ONLY** be related to the rules of play. **Judgment calls are NOT subject to protest.**

The following are examples of what may be protested:

- misinterpretation of a playing rule

- failure of the referee to apply the correct rule to a given situation
- failure to apply the correct penalty / sanction for a given fault

Due Process & Appeals: USAV Bylaws (Article XI) and USAV Operating Code (Article X) govern protests, appeals, due process and ancillary procedures. Both of these documents are available in this link: [Governance - USA Volleyball](#). Protests, appeals and due process for this Event are specifically governed by these documents. Protests and appeals at this championship event are a simple one- or two-step process.

TEAM UNIFORMS

Team players shall wear uniforms that are in full compliance with the United States Volleyball Domestic Competition Regulations (see Rule USAV 4.3). If two or more sets of uniforms are used, players will be required to wear the **identical** number for each set of shirts. Shirt numbers must be clearly visible for identification by spectators, selection committees and scorers. The numbers “0” and “00” are unacceptable and will not be permitted. Team members shall either be in proper uniform when warming up, or their jerseys shall be in clear view on the back of the team bench. All Libero shirts shall be numbered. If an individual competes in a position other than Libero, his number must be the same.

Team players are required to wear uniforms that are in full compliance with the USAV regulations. If two (2) or more sets of uniforms are used, players are required to wear the identical number for each set of shirts.

- The numbers “0” and “00” are not permitted.
- The numbers must be centered.
- Front numbers must be a minimum of 4” and back numbers a minimum of 6”
- All Libero shirts are required to be numbered and must be clearly contrasting with the non-libero uniform shirts.

Team members need to be in proper uniform when warming up. If an individual competes in a position other than Libero as well, his/her number must be the same as their regular uniform.

Please note that **Rule USAV 4.3.3.1 and USAV 4.3.3.2** will be strictly enforced. This rule specifies that numbers must be of contrasting color (to the jersey) and **centered** with no smaller than 6-inch numbers on the back and 4-inch numbers on the front of the jersey. It is recommended that the numbers be a minimum of 8 inches on the back and 6 inches on the front.

NOTE: In order to alleviate any potential problems, inconvenience and/or extra expense to your team, please ensure that the numbers on each set of jerseys (shirts) are in clear contrast to the color of the jersey, are the correct size and are placed on the jersey as required by the Domestic Competition Regulations. Once competition has begun, all requests for number changes will be denied with exception for blood rules.

- **Libero Uniform Color Rule USAV 19.2 states:**
- “The Libero players must wear a uniform (or jacket/bib for the re-designated Libero) which has a different dominant color from any color of the rest of the team. The uniform must clearly contrast with the rest of the team. The Libero uniforms must be numbered like the rest of the team. Color combinations such as purple/black, dark green/black, navy/maroon and white/light yellow are not distinctive enough to comply with the rules.”

For complete description of the rules go to: <https://usavolleyball.org/resources-for-officials/rulebooks-and-interpretations/>

Rule USAV 4.3.5 states: “*For nationally sanctioned competition, uniforms must be identical with the exception of the sleeve length and the Libero Players*”.

USAV 4.3a: A player’s uniform consists of a jersey and shorts or athletic/sport pants. When undergarments, including but not limited to T-shirts, boxer shorts, tights, leotards, body suits, bicycle shorts, sports bras, etc., are worn in such a manner that they are exposed, they will be considered a part of the uniform. In that case, they must be similar and the same color for any team members (except the Libero) who wear such an undergarment. Socks and sport shoes are not part of the uniform.

USAV 4.3.1: The color and design for the jerseys and shorts or athletic/sport pants must be uniform for the team (except for the Libero).

NEW USAV 4.5.1: It is forbidden to wear hats or casts (even if padded). Braces, prosthetic limbs or other headgear that may cause an injury or give an artificial advantage to the player must not be worn. If a brace, prosthetic limb or headgear is used, padding or covering may be necessary. Jewelry may be worn provided its nature does not present a concern for safety, such as extremely long necklaces and/or necklaces with large medallions, or large hoop earrings.

WARM- UP PROTOCOL

For Junior competition, when one (1) Team has exclusive use of the court, the other Team must either be at its Team bench or out of the playing area. Warming up with balls at the Team bench or in the spectator walkways is not permitted. Only rostered USAV members may be on the playing surface to assist with shagging balls during warm-ups.

Primary Warm-up Protocol – (5-4-4): – For all Teams in their first Match of a round of play.

- Five (5) minutes of shared court time for ball handling; and
- Four (4) minutes of exclusive court time for the serving Team; and
- Four (4) minutes of exclusive court time for the receiving Team.
- There will be no shared hitting time.

Secondary Warm-Up Protocol (2-4-4): For all other Matches within the round of play.

- Two (2) minutes of shared court time for ball handling; and
- Four (4) minutes of exclusive court time for the serving Team; and
- Four (4) minutes of exclusive court time for the receiving Team.
- There will be no shared hitting time.

A crossover Match that immediately follows pool play is part of that previous single round of play; Teams follow the Secondary Warm-Up Protocol set out below.

A crossover Match, Seeding Match or qualifying Match that occurs after a scheduled break, after the conclusion of pool play, is a separate round of play; Teams in this round follow the Primary Warm-Up Protocol. If all parties agree, the warm-up time may be shortened.

TEAM FORFEITURES

A Team that intentionally forfeits a Match at an Event will be excluded from further participation in BJNC.

- The forfeit is intentional unless the Team shows good cause for the forfeit.
 - The Event Arbitrator will determine if good cause exists.
 - The Event or Arbitrator will report any Team that intentionally forfeits a Match to the USAV Events Department.
- Forfeiting Teams may be subject to a fine paid to the Event in the amount not to exceed that as posted by the Event in its pre-Tournament information.
- For all BTs, if a Team intentionally forfeits a Match in a Gold Pool or Gold Bracket in any division Open Division Match the Team's penalty will be:
 - The forfeiting Team is ineligible for participation in that year's BJNCs. ALL Adult Members listed on the verified Event competition roster and the Club Director will be suspended from participating in all BTs, and the BJNCs for the remainder of that season and the following season.

LAST DAY FORFEITS

Teams that enter BJNC are committing to participating in the full Event. Teams have control over their travel plans and those plans should be made so that a Team will not have to forfeit any Matches.

A Team that forfeits a Match for any reason other than illness, injury or emergency is denying another Team a Match. Additionally, in a single elimination format, it is poor sportsmanship to deny a Team the right to move on by beating them and then forfeiting out of the Event. Furthermore, it is even more unacceptable to forfeit and then, as loser of the Match, not to remain and officiate the next Match.

Teams that have no flexibility in their travel plans and know they will need to leave before their division completes play will report to the Tournament Director no later than the end of play on the day prior to the final day of Tournament.

The Event Arbitrator with the input of the Tournament director will decide what forfeitures are needed. Teams forfeiting should recognize that additional penalties may be imposed.

- Teams that refuse to play a Match to determine 3rd and 4th place in the Tournament will both finish 4th, and there will be no 3rd place awarded in the Tournament.
- Teams that forfeit a last day Match are still responsible to officiate the next Match scheduled on their court. Teams playing the next scheduled Match may not be required to begin play early.
- A crossover match or tie-breaking match that immediately follows pool play is part of that previous single round of play; teams follow the Secondary Warm-Up Protocol set out below.
- A crossover match, seeding match or qualifying match that occurs after a scheduled break, after the conclusion of pool play, is a separate round of play; teams in this round follow the Primary Warm-Up Protocol. If all Parties agree, the warm-up time may be shortened.

DISCIPLINARY ACTION

Any person listed on the Official Roster who is causing unfavorable situations either prior to, during, or after the USA Volleyball Boys Junior National Championship is subject to disciplinary action by the EVENT ARBITRATORS. In particular, use of alcohol or drugs by players and/or officials will bring disciplinary action by the EVENT ARBITRATORS. Plain-clothed off-duty policemen and uniformed/non-uniformed hotel security personnel will be patrolling the halls of the motels/hotels. They must, by law, take a different approach when finding players/officials who are taking illegal substances.

If a rostered team member is disqualified from a match, the disqualified person must report immediately to the championship desk (or site manager at an outlying site) until the issue is addressed by the event arbitrator or the team will default the match.

TIE BREAKING PROCEDURES

For the 2020-2021 season, all Playoff Tie Breaker Sets described in the Championship Manual will be eliminated for all Indoor National Qualifiers and National Championship events due to safety measure and COVID limitations.

At the conclusion of a pool, the pool finish position of the teams is determined by their pool match records.

If there is a tie in match record among 2 or more teams in the pool, tie(s) are resolved using the Tie Break Rules, even in 3 team pools where all 3 sets are required to be played.

TIE BREAK RULES

Ties in Matches are broken by the following steps:

TWO TEAMS TIE IN MATCHES

Always broken head-to-head. No exceptions.

THREE-OR-MORE TEAMS TIE IN MATCHES

1. Head-to-head results are used to determine pool finishes for teams that are tied in Match Record.

a) A team that beats all the other teams with which it is tied in Match Record will finish ahead of the other teams in the pool.

b) A team that has lost to all of the other teams with which it is tied in Match Record is placed behind the other teams in pool finish.

c) If there are only two teams tied in matches after steps 1(a) and 1(b) have been applied, the head to head winner of those 2 teams earns the higher pool finish.

d) If after applying steps 1(a), 1(b) & 1(c), teams remain tied, then the ranking of those remaining teams follows the procedure in step 2.

2. Set percentage is the 2nd level of breaking ties and is used to rank a pool in which teams remain tied after applying the rules in step 1.

a) Teams with a higher set percentage finish ahead of teams with a lower set percentage.

b) If only two teams are tied in both match percentage and set percentage, the team that won head to head receives the higher finish in the pool.

c) If three teams (or more) are tied in match percentage and set percentage after applying steps 2(a) & 2(b), the tie breaking procedure is as followed in step 2[d].

d) Pool finish among the teams tied in Match percentage and Set percentage is determined by Point percentage. If two teams are still tied in point percentage, the head-to-head winner finishes higher

PROVOCATIVE BEHAVIOR

USA Volleyball conducts USA Championship events, which are primarily domestic in nature, and while teams from other countries may participate, these Events are NOT International Events. Furthermore, domestic teams are representative of USAV Member Organizations, and, as such, do not officially represent a governmental structure within the United States.

Therefore, the following standing policy will apply to all USA Championship volleyball events conducted by USA Volleyball: *“Comments and/or actions by an Event Participant, Team Member (roster personnel) or Spectator, which is deemed to be provocative, or provokes an opponent, other participant(s), team member(s), opponent’s team member(s) or spectator(s) will not be tolerated and shall be subject to disciplinary action by the Event Arbitrator.”*

ETHICS AND ELIGIBILITY

All Junior National Championship Events offer participants the ability to access normal due process channels should their eligibility to participate be in question. Procedures, including appeal options, are outlined above in this manual.

EVENT ARBITRATORS

Event Arbitrators are appointed by USAV and are present for BBTs and BJNCs. They are the first level for hearing and resolving ethics and eligibility issues at a specific USA Volleyball Event. Teams or individuals accused of committing violations of rules and regulations at a NQ or GJNCs must meet with the Event Arbitrator(s) for resolution.

The authority for the Event Arbitrator begins with the arrival of a Team and individual participants in the Event’s city or 48 hours prior to the first day of competition, whichever is earlier, and shall continue through the duration of the Event, through 30 minutes after the conclusion of the final Match of the Event.

Decisions of the Event Arbitrator shall be conveyed immediately to the affected parties and may be appealed to the Event Ethics and Eligibility Appeals Committee appointed for each Event of USA Volleyball.

EVENT APPEALS COMMITTEE DUTIES

The committee must meet as promptly as possible following the filing of an appeal or after an arbitrator’s recommendation of a sanction which would continue beyond the term of the event. The committee must conduct a full, fair, and objective hearing. Upon completion of the hearing, the committee should confer and render one of the following four decisions:

- **Uphold the decision** of the arbitrator(s).
- **Rescind the decision** of the arbitrator(s).
- **Modify or amend the decision** of the arbitrator(s). The amendment can be more or less restrictive than the arbitrator’s decision.
- Rescind the decision of the arbitrator(s) *and* **render a new judgment**.

- The decisions of the Event Appeals Committee are final with respect to eligibility or privileges at the event; no further appeal is available at the event.

EVENT APPEALS COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The Event Appeals Committee should meet as soon as possible after an appeal is filed.

For all USAV Championship events, the committee consists of three individuals (age 21 or older), as follows:

- A person appointed by the Event Director.
- A person who is or has been an elected or appointed USAV layleader.
- A person who meets the definition of a domestic athlete.
 - For all qualifier and bid events, the committee consists of three members (age 21 or older), as follows:
 - A committee chair appointed by the Event Director.
 - Two other persons (one a domestic athlete) who have no connection to the persons involved in the incident. All coaches on the event roster are ineligible to serve on this committee.

GENERAL TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

CONVENTION CENTER RULES & REGULATIONS

- Coolers and chairs are not permitted to be brought into the Convention Center playing area or hallways. Spectator seating and food concessions are available within the center. Any coolers and/or chairs brought into the convention center will be confiscated.
- Ball handling is NOT permitted outside of the playing areas (i.e. permitted on Sport Court only unless an area has been designated).
 - No ball handling is permitted on the concrete surfaces or hallways of the facility
- No artificial noise makers are permitted.

ANYONE DISCOVERED IN POSSESSION OR CONSUMING ILLEGAL SUBSTANCES WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY EXPELLED FROM THE CHAMPIONSHIPS. THERE ARE NO WARNINGS FOR ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION BY PLAYERS OR ANY OTHER UNDERAGE PERSON WHOSE NAMES APPEAR ON THE OFFICIAL ROSTER. THERE ARE NO WARNINGS FOR DRUG CONSUMPTION BY PLAYERS OR ANY PERSON WHOSE NAMES APPEAR ON THE OFFICIAL ROSTER. IF DISCOVERY OCCURS AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF PLAY FOR THE PLAYER/TEAM, THE USAV CORPORATE ETHICS AND ELIGIBILITY COMMITTEE WILL BE NOTIFIED AND THE EXTENSION OF SANCTIONS MAY RESULT IN THE LIMITING OF FUTURE PARTICIPATION WITH USA VOLLEYBALL. ANY HIGH PERFORMANCE, YOUTH OR JUNIOR NATIONAL TEAM MEMBER FOUND IN POSSESSION OF ALCOHOL OR ILLEGAL SUBSTANCES MAY BE REMOVED FROM PARTICIPATION WITH THE NATIONAL PROGRAM.

SEEDING FOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Seeding for the USA Volleyball Boys' Junior National Championships is determined by team results throughout the year as submitted by Bid Tournaments and other tournaments identified throughout the season.

According to these results, the top quarter of all participating teams in a tournament (first seeded teams in the first round of pool play) are seeded numerically by strength. For example, the strongest 16 teams in a 64-team tournament are determined from the entire field and then are seeded accordingly by strength from seed No. 1 to seed No. 16.

Next, the second quarter of all remaining teams is determined based on information from the Results Reported. These teams, however, are seeded in a different manner than the first quarter teams. They are primarily seeded in such a way that regional conflicts are avoided and secondarily seeded according to strength. In the same manner, the third and fourth quarter teams are determined.

Then they are seeded first and foremost in the pools where regional conflicts do not occur, and then with stronger teams seeded higher.

TOURNAMENT CREDENTIALS

1. The roster is limited to 15 players and 5 staff personnel.
2. **The roster must identify a Head Coach.** *Optional* personnel to be identified can be an Assistant Coach(es), Team Representative(s), Chaperone(s), and Team Manager(s)

3. ALL team personnel (players and staff) are to be registered with their Member Organization and verified on the roster by the required deadlines.
4. Those persons whose names appear on the verified roster receive credentials for admission and are permitted to sit on the bench. Credentials will be issued to verified personnel only. Rostered staff's credentials will include a bag tag and a wristband, players will receive a bag tag. Duplication of personnel from one roster to another **WILL NOT** result in additional credentials.
5. The player credentials are NOT VALID for adults or parents of the players.
6. **ALL CREDENTIALS ARE NONTRANSFERABLE AND WILL BE CONFISCATED IF MISUSED.** The Championship Committee reserves the right to conduct random and periodic ID checks during competition.
7. **Credentials will not be replaced if lost or stolen.** It is highly recommended that an adult control the credentials when the players are inside the playing area of the venue, and that players write their names on the back of the credentials. Tickets will have to be purchased for players and staff who do not have their credentials when entering the venue.
8. Teams must have ID (copies of driver's license, birth certificate, passport or state/federal ID—photo ID is preferred if available) for EACH playing and non-playing participant on the roster at all times during competition. It is to be shown upon request to any authorized representative of the Championship Committee, USAV Staff, Arbitrator or the Event Security Staff.

UNIVERSITY ATHLETE & COLLEGE RECRUITING INFORMATION

University Athlete is the official college coach's communication tool for the Girls Junior National Event.

All player data is extracted from Advanced Event Systems (AES) and supplied to colleges on their PDAs. Teams that submit incomplete player information are putting their athletes at a disadvantage for recruiting purposes. It is the responsibility of the Team Representative/designee to input the data into the registration system (AES) accurately and completely for all players. Player information will be supplied to colleges for 15-18 age divisions only.

University Athlete is an important tool for all participants, parents and coaches. Most colleges obtain important information on student-athletes from data collected by University Athlete. For more information on University Athlete please visit their website at www.universityathlete.com

OFFICIALS & OFFICIATING

The Officials Administrative Committee will assign the first referees for all matches. Teams should be prepared to provide an adult R2. Anyone taking the assignment must be minimally certified through their region process and verified as a rostered adult the roster.

Teams are responsible for providing an officiating/work crew for Matches in which they are not scheduled to play. Those work assignments can be found in the official play schedule. For planning purposes, be prepared to provide the following officials:

- Second Referee
 - Must be a rostered adult for **ALL** age division Matches
- Certified Scorer (PENALTIES NOTED BELOW)
- BallerTV Score Operator & Libero Tracker
- 2 Line Judges

Non-rostered personnel may be allowed to work on the officiating Team, with the exception of the R2 position, provided they can provide documentation that they are registered with a Region of USAV to include a current membership, cleared background screening, and is SafeSport trained, as well as have the appropriate certifications. Appropriate paperwork would need to be provided for Foreign Team personnel.

- For every minute an officiating Team is late to fulfill its assignment, one (1) point will be awarded to that Team's next opponent in the first game of the next Match for up to 25 points. No more than 25 points will be awarded to the Team's next opponent, even if the Team designated to officiate misses the entire Match. The time that determines how many penalty points are assessed begins at the start of the receiving Team's warm-up.
- A Team's failure to have a complete officiating crew—including a rostered adult for that Team—available and on time for an officiating assignment will result in the Team having to forfeit the first game of its next Match.
- A Team will forfeit its entire next Match for failing, a second time, to have an officiating crew available on time for an officiating assignment.

STAY & PLAY POLICY

What is USAV's Stay and Play policy?

The 2021 USAV Boys Junior National Volleyball Championship is Stay and Play. This means that in order to compete in the tournament, you must be staying in one of the official room blocks set up by Team Travel Source. All reservations must be made through the official link below or through the link provided by Team Travel Source to your housing contact.

HOUSING CONTACTS: Please make sure that your parents know that they should NOT call the hotels directly or book with a direct hotel website. These reservations as well as third party bookings (Expedia.com, Hotels.com, etc.,) will not be compliant with the Stay and Play policy.

Team Travel Source guarantees the lowest group rates available (exclusions include unconfirmed room types, non-cancellable rates, employee rates, government rates, advanced purchase rates, AAA and AARP rates). Team Travel Source will work with any club or team that may have a special situation (please see Exemptions).

WHY IS THERE A STAY AND PLAY POLICY?

Reasons for implementing the Stay and Play policy are to increase the amount of room nights available to teams and clubs and to help secure the lowest group rates. By increasing the amount of room nights actually used, USA Volleyball is able to prove to the host cities our positive impact on their local economy, thus building stronger relationships as well as helping to offset event expenses, enabling USAV to keep costs down.

ARE THERE ANY EXEMPTIONS FROM THE STAY AND PLAY POLICY?

The following exemptions are allowed but must be verified as explained below. Please email the requested information to usav@teamtravelsource.com. Your subject line should read USAV Girls 18s Junior National Championship 2021 EXEMPTION REQUEST.

#1 – USING POINTS FOR A FREE ROOM - If you have enough points to redeem them for an entirely FREE stay, you are allowed to do so. Please book the room through the hotel directly and send a copy of your reservation showing that points were used to book your entire stay to usav@teamtravelsource.com. Please make sure to list the athletes name on your email so they are an approved exemption. Please note that just 'receiving points' for staying at a hotel does not qualify for an exemption. You must be redeeming for an entire free stay.

#2 – CLUB IS IN CLOSE PROXIMITY - If your club is within 75 miles from the venue, you are not required to stay in a hotel. This must be able to be verified through mapquest.com. Please send the club name, and address to usav@teamtravelsource.com to apply for an exemption.

#3 – MILITARY OR GOVERNMENT DISCOUNT - If you are able to get a lower rate with a military or government discount, this will be accepted. You will need to email a copy of the reservation that was booked at the military or government discount and the athlete's name and club to usav@teamtravelsource.com. Please note, the hotel will require the military or government ID to be presented upon check-in, please have this information when you arrive.

#4 – STAYING WITH A FAMILY MEMBER - If you are staying with a family member that lives within 75 miles from the venue, you are not required to stay in a hotel. This must be able to be verified through mapquest.com. Please send the athlete's name and team name as well as the family member's name and address to usav@teamtravelsource.com.

If have any questions, please contact Team Travel Source at usav@teamtravelsource.com or on the USAV Customer Service Line toll-free at 844-975-4586.

Please do not go around Team Travel Source to book your hotels it causes a lot of confusion and hassle in the end.

Team Travel Source Contact Information:

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Hotels

Team Travel Source is the official housing company for the 2021 Boys Junior National Volleyball Championship.

Please visit event hotel website to make reservations: <https://www.volleyballhotels.teamtravelsource.com/usav-bjnc>


AIR TRAVEL INFORMATION

Kansas City International Airport (KCI) is located approximately 20 miles from the Kansas City Convention Center and from Downtown KC.

Web address is: <https://www.flykci.com/>

Domestic Airlines

The following airlines serve the Kansas City International Airport:

Airline Carriers			
	1-702-505-8888		1-800-432-1359
	1-800-433-7300		1-800-252-7522
	1-800-538-2583		1-800-864-8331
	1-800-325-1999		1-800-435-9792
	855-728-3555		

WEBSITES

Kansas City Convention Center: <https://kcconvention.com/>

ATTRACTIONS & SIGHTSEEING:

https://www.visitkc.com/?utm_actcampaign=62981&gclid=Cj0KCQjwna2FBhDPArlsACAEC_Vlha-iqDjn0-rHamj7kA2D8EjXIRX_SqNyC7bsP8KbfSeN6BsuHvsaAmUqEALw_wcB

GROUND TRANSPORTATION

RENTAL CARS

Located at KCI Airport: 1 Nassau Circle Kansas City, MO 64153

Departing Passengers: Return your car to our Rental Center

	800-GOALAMO	www.goalamo.com
	800-331-1212	www.avis.com
	800-527-0700	www.budget.com
	800-800-3665	www.dollar.com
	800-261-7331	www.enterprise.com
	800-654-3131	www.hertz.com
	800-CAR-RENT	www.nationalcar.com
	800-THRIFTY	www.thrifty.com

GROUND TRANSPORTATION

<https://www.flykci.com/getting-to-from/ground-transportation/>

PRACTICE OPPORTUNITIES

There will NOT be any practice times available in the Convention Center. There will NOT be any court time available in the venue prior to the beginning of competition for any wave or session. Each team will be responsible for securing a facility for practices. USAV suggests contacting local colleges and high schools to determine if they have court space available for practices. USAV will post a list of facilities available for practice if available.

SPORTS MEDICINE

A taping / training area and trainers will be available. Taping supplies will NOT be furnished. You must provide your own tape and / or bandage or you will be charged for your needed supplies. Hospitals are located near the playing venue / headquarters hotel and emergency transportation (to hospitals only) will be provided if needed. The training staff will be available free of charge to any member listed on the Official Roster. Their purpose is to support, evaluate and assist in athlete injuries and medical emergencies. The trainers' facility will be located on the Convention Center floor in a central location near the Championship Desk.

AWARDS

It is the obligation of the head coach to be aware of his/her individual State High School Association rules regarding the acceptance of awards. If necessary, present the properly signed papers as required by your State High School Activities Association. This will prevent a delay in the actual presentation of the awards at the Event. The top three finishers in each National Tournament will receive a team trophy plus individual medals. Players named to the All-Tournament Teams will receive an individual award. In divisions in which All-Tournament selections are made, a Most Valuable Player will be presented. Only USAV-approved awards will be presented at the Championship.

Gold Flights (Team & Individual Awards)	Bronze Flights & Above (Team Awards Only)
Champions	1 st Place
Runners-Up	
3 rd Place	

ALL-TOURNAMENT SELECTION

The All-Tournament Committee was established to recognize outstanding athletes during their participation at the Junior National Championships. Fourteen (14) players in each of the 18, 17, 16 and 15 Open, USA, and Club divisions will be named to the All-Tournament Team. In addition, an MVP will be awarded. Team selection is made without regard to player position. Those selected shall come primarily from Gold Flight teams—the committee reserves the right for an exception. The MVP may or may not be selected from the first-place team. The Committee makes selections with input from coaches, college scouts, and referees.

Individuals will be honored for the following characteristics:

- Playing effectiveness and court leadership in the tournament
- Demonstration of good sportsmanship, leadership, general attitude and conduct both on and off the court
- The best individual players
- Basic skills and all-around ability

TOURNAMENT ADMISSIONS

Admission to the USA Volleyball Boys Junior National Championships is by credential or ticket only.

Pre-Tournament Tickets can be ordered directly on-line. Information will be posted once available.

*All spectators will be scanned, and a strict 100% ID check will be enforced to enter the court area. All spectators are required to show ID with their tickets to enter the event. Valid IDs include a driver's license or other form of state/federal ID with birth date, student ID for college students. This is a cashless event. All purchases must be made online.

EVENT MERCHANDISE

Event merchandise sales will be held at the Convention Center during the USA Volleyball Boys Junior National Championships. Merchandisers will include the official event merchandiser, Lucky Dog, adidas, Molten, Texas Star Photos and more!

VENDOR LICENSING & RESTRICTIONS

Under the terms of the contractual agreement between USA Volleyball and the Convention Center, there are strict regulations and specified restrictions as to the sale of retail and wholesale merchandise and other items in all areas of the playing venue.

USA Volleyball also has regulations in respect to the sales of event-specific merchandise and resale items normally licensed through its Marketing Department. This notice is posted for your information.

Violations of these conditions by a Member Organization or registered individuals, and made known to USA Volleyball, are subject to disciplinary and possibly legal action by USA Volleyball.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: PERMISSION TO SELL: Sales of merchandise, services, officials' apparel and equipment, souvenirs, publications, food or drink and all other items at the playing venue is strictly prohibited unless prior written license is received from USA Volleyball specific to this Event and the Convention Center, as applicable.

Contact Melissa Weymouth @ USA Volleyball, (719) 228-6800 for complete information.

JERSEY TRADING



It has come to USAV's attention that the traditional jersey trading that occurs during Junior Nationals has turned into a profit-making operation versus a good-will trading experience. USAV had no intention of policing the jersey trade because it has been admired as unique to the BJNC and a great show of camaraderie and sportsmanship. However, with the new developments resulting in the exchange of goods for money, USAV must now step in.

Exchanging any item for money defines you as a vendor, and without permission from USAV to sell goods at the National Championships, your actions violate the policies outlined in the Pre-tournament Manual. They also put USAV in direct breach of contract with our Sponsors, Merchandiser and the venue itself.

Continuing in 2021, exchanging jerseys or items for money will be treated with the harshest of penalties. Any player, parent, coach, etc., caught exchanging items for money, selling trading space or paying individuals to trade on their behalf at Junior Nationals will be disciplined. This discipline could range from being suspended from participation for the day to being suspended for the remainder of the event. Depending upon the severity of the incident, penalties could extend to the individual(s) and club for future National Championships and bid tournaments.