GIRLS 14-17s JUNIOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

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WELCOME TO LAS VEGAS – 2024

On behalf of USA Volleyball and the Events Department, it is our pleasure to join our hosts to welcome you to Las Vegas, Nevada, and the Mandalay Bay Convention Center for the 2024 USA Volleyball Girls 14-17s 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 Las Vegas and the Southern California 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

2024 USA Volleyball Girls Junior National Championship 14 - 17s
Mandalay Bay Convention Center
Las Vegas, NV
Age Division Schedule

Division	# Teams	Tuesday 2-Jul	Wednesday 3-Jul	Thursday 4-Jul	Friday 5-Jul	Saturday 6-Jul	Sunday 7-Jul	Monday 8-Jul	Tuesday 9-Jul	Wednesday 10-Jul	Thursday 11-Jul
17 Open	36	*17s Registration*	Pool Play	Pool Play	Pool Play	AM BRACKETS & FINALS					
17 National	48		Pool Play	Pool Play	Pool Play	AM BRACKETS & FINALS					
17 USA	36		Pool Play	Pool Play	Pool Play	AM BRACKETS & FINALS					
17 Liberty	24		Pool Play	Pool Play	Pool Play	AM BRACKETS & FINALS					
17 American	64		Pool Play	Pool Play	Pool Play	AM BRACKETS & FINALS					
17 Freedom	48		Pool Play	Pool Play	Pool Play	AM BRACKETS & FINALS					
17 Patriot	48		Pool Play	Pool Play	Pool Play	AM BRACKETS & FINALS					
16 Open	36	*16s Registration*	Pool Play	Pool Play	Pool Play	AM BRACKETS & FINALS					
16 National	48		Pool Play	Pool Play	Pool Play	AM BRACKETS & FINALS					
16 USA	36		Pool Play	Pool Play	Pool Play	AM BRACKETS & FINALS					
16 Liberty	24		Pool Play	Pool Play	Pool Play	AM BRACKETS & FINALS					
16 American	64		Pool Play	Pool Play	Pool Play	AM BRACKETS & FINALS					
16 Freedom	48		Pool Play	Pool Play	Pool Play	AM BRACKETS & FINALS					
16 Patriot	48		Pool Play	Pool Play	Pool Play	AM BRACKETS & FINALS					
15 Open	36						*15s Registration*	Pool Play	Pool Play	Pool Play	AM BRACKETS & FINALS
15 National	48							Pool Play	Pool Play	Pool Play	AM BRACKETS & FINALS
15 USA	36							Pool Play	Pool Play	Pool Play	AM BRACKETS & FINALS
15 Liberty	24							Pool Play	Pool Play	Pool Play	AM BRACKETS & FINALS
15 American	64							Pool Play	Pool Play	Pool Play	AM BRACKETS & FINALS
15 Freedom	48							Pool Play	Pool Play	Pool Play	AM BRACKETS & FINALS
15 Patriot	48							Pool Play	Pool Play	Pool Play	AM BRACKETS & FINALS
14 Open	36						*14s Registration*	Pool Play	Pool Play	Pool Play	AM BRACKETS & FINALS
14 National	48							Pool Play	Pool Play	Pool Play	AM BRACKETS & FINALS
14 USA	36							Pool Play	Pool Play	Pool Play	AM BRACKETS & FINALS
14 Liberty	24							Pool Play	Pool Play	Pool Play	AM BRACKETS & FINALS
14 American	64							Pool Play	Pool Play	Pool Play	AM BRACKETS & FINALS
14 Freedom	48							Pool Play	Pool Play	Pool Play	AM BRACKETS & FINALS
14 Patriot	48							Pool Play	Pool Play	Pool Play	AM BRACKETS & FINALS

*****Please note that all teams must be checked in onsite on their designated registration day. Failure to check in will result in forfeiture of matches or sets.**
When planning travel on the last day of play, please take into consideration that courts tend to run behind. We do not recommend booking travel before 6pm.

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.

ENTRY FEES

Division	Fee
14 – 17 & Under Patriot Championships	$900.00 (U.S. Currency)
14 – 17 & Under Open, National, USA, Liberty, American & Freedom Championships	$1000.00 (U.S. Currency)
NOTE: An additional $100 fee is required for US Territory teams to cover insurance requirements.	

*Entry fee checks are cashed immediately upon receipt for all teams that have qualified in the Open division and for all teams that have accepted a bid in the National, USA, Liberty, American or Freedom divisions. USAV will not collect entries and payment for teams that have not qualified or have been accepted into the Patriot Division. Please do not send your entries until the team has Qualified.

REFUND POLICY

1. A team that is denied entry to the USA Volleyball Girls Junior National Volleyball Championship by the USAV National Championship Committee shall receive a full refund of their entry fee.
2. A team that does not qualify for the USA Volleyball Girls Junior National Volleyball Championship will not have payment collected so a refund should not be required.
3. Once a team qualifies in an Open Tournament, the team's check will be deposited, or a credit card payment can be made. There is no refund after the team has qualified.
4. Once a National, USA, Liberty, American or Freedom Tournament team accepts a bid, their check will be deposited, or a credit card payment can be made. There is no refund after the team has qualified or accepts the National, USA, Liberty, American or Freedom bid.
5. When an individual or a team decides 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.
6. 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 of USAV's out-of-pocket expenditures for the canceled or interrupted event have been settled from such fees.

TOURNAMENT BALL

13-18s Age Divisions
Molten “Super Touch” IV58L-3

DEADLINES

All teams will submit entry forms and fees directly to the *USA Volleyball National Office* by the established deadline listed below.

DEADLINES	
Deadline to have Entry Fee to USAV	Upon instruction from USAV once awarded
Deadline for ALL entry materials to be to USAV	Within 10 business days after qualification and no later than May 20, 2024, for late & reallocation bids
AES entry deadline (Open & for At-Large consideration)	April 27,2024
AES entry deadline (National, USA, Liberty, American, Freedom & Patriot)	April 25,2024
Deadline for Results – Open & At-Large Entries	May 1, 2024
Deadline for Results – National, USA, American, & Patriot Entries	Within 10 business days after qualification and no later than May 20, 2024 for late & reallocation bids
Refund Deadline for Patriot Division	May 31, 2024
Online Ticket Sales	2 weeks before the beginning of event

DETAILS OF ENTRY REQUIREMENTS (page 52)

ROSTER ADDITIONS & CHANGE DEADLINES

The roster may be changed online for free prior to online check in closing. Between this deadline and the team's first match, the following fees will apply. The addition of players and/or staff to an official roster is not allowed once a Team has begun Match play in the Event.

Action	Fee
Addition of participants* to the roster onsite	$50
Jersey number change	Free *Penalties will be applied once play has started*

All player and staff roster additions at the GJNC must show a current Sports Engine USAV membership
*Staff additions must also show a current, cleared background screening and SafeSport certification.
Please make sure to review the Team and Player Eligibility section of this document for more information.

Team Representatives:

- **Prior to June 28th –** you may edit and make changes to your roster through the AES system https://www.advancedeventsystems.com/29753

- **Between June 28th and July 2nd -** All roster changes will need to be made during the online check-in process. Please email events@usav.org for any roster changes if you have already checked in and need to reset the roster access.

TOURNAMENT TEAM CHECK–IN

All check-in procedures will take place at the Mandalay Bay Convention Center in Las Vegas, IL.

Date	Division	Hours of Registration
July 2, 2024	16 Open, National, USA, Liberty, American, Freedom & Patriot 17 Open, National, USA, Liberty, American, Freedom & Patriot	2:00 PM - 9:00 PM
July 7, 2024	14 Open, National, USA, Liberty, American, Freedom & Patriot 15 Open, National, USA, Liberty, American, Freedom & Patriot	2:00 PM – 9:00 PM

IMPORTANT: We encourage teams to check in online. However, there will be a mandatory credential and roster pick up during the time stated above. 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 about rosters edits. More information on team check-in will be distributed via the team letter (sent out the week before the event).

Teams must be completely checked in prior to the closure of registration (9PM) the designated dates listed above. Teams that fail to check-in and pick up rosters/credentials during this time frame will be subject to forfeiture of their first match of the tournament. Please arrange travel accordingly to ensure a team representative will arrive in time to completely check-in your team.

Only (1) Team Representative between the club director, team representative or coach should go to the check-in desk in the Minneapolis Convention Center to pick up credentials and rosters for the team(s).

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 QR Codes for admission and are permitted to sit on the bench. QR codes will be issued to verified personnel only.
    a. Duplication of personnel from one roster to another **WILL NOT** result in additional codes.
    b. Players will receive a bag tag. The player credentials are NOT VALID for adults or parents of the players.

5. **ALL QR CODES ARE NONTRANSFERABLE AND WILL BE CONFISCATED IF MISUSED.** The Championship Committee reserves the right to conduct random and periodic ID checks during competition.

6. **Player Bag tags 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 tags. Tickets will have to be purchased for players who do not have their bag tag when entering the venue.

7. 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.

PRACTICE OPPORTUNITIES

Practices will be allowed in the Mandalay Bay Convention Center on Tuesday, July 2nd from 4-8 pm for teams participating in age groups 16s & 17s, and Sunday, July 7th for teams participating in age groups 14s & 15s. Courts will be first come, first serve with an allotted 1-hour practice maximum.

GIFT EXCHANGE

Historically the exchanging of gifts between teams was a gesture of good sportsmanship. The exchanging of gifts with be at each teams' discretion.

QUALIFICATION PROCEDURES

BIDS AT REGIONS AND QUALIFIERS

There are five (7) major divisions of play at GJNCs – Open Divisions, National Divisions, USA Divisions, Liberty Divisions, American Divisions, Freedom Divisions and the Patriot Divisions.

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

- To participate in an Open Division at the GJNCs, a Team must earn a Bid from participating in an NQ Open Division – either winning the Bid outright at an NQ or being selected for an At-Large Bid after competing in an NQ Open Division.

The goal of the GJNCs National, USA, Liberty, American and Freedom Divisions is to showcase Region Teams and provide the opportunity for more Teams to participate at the GJNCs.

- Teams have the following avenues to receive a Bid for a GJNCs Open, National, USA, Liberty, American or Freedom Division:
  - Earn a Bid at a NQ (Open, USA, Liberty and American);
  - Awarded an At – Large Bid (Open, USA, Liberty);
  - Earn a Bid through their Region's Bid process (National, American and Freedom) ; or
  - Earn a Bid from their Region through the Re-allocation process (National, USA, Liberty, American or Freedom).

The goal of the GJNCs Patriot Divisions is to allow opportunity for Teams to participate at the GJNCs without following the qualification process.

- Teams must follow the established process to participate in this division

AGE CLASSIFICATION, DIVISIONS, & # OF TEAMS ACCEPTED IN EACH

	17 & Under	16 & Under	15 & Under	14 & Under	13 & Under	12 & Under	11 & Under
OPEN	36 teams	36 teams	36 teams	36 teams	24 teams*	-	-
NATIONAL	48 teams	48 teams	48 teams	48 teams	48 teams	48 teams	48 teams
USA	36 teams	36 teams	36 teams	36 teams	36 teams	24 teams	-
LIBERTY	24 teams	24 teams	24 teams	24 teams	24 teams	-	-
AMERICAN	64 teams	64 teams	64 teams	64 teams	64 teams	64 teams	-
FREEDOM	48 teams	48 teams	48 teams	48 teams	-	-	-
PATRIOT	150 teams	150 teams	150 teams	150 teams	150 teams	-	-

2024 JUNIOR NATIONAL QUALIFIER TOURNAMENTS

Twelve Junior National Qualifier tournaments have been scheduled for 2024. Those tournaments and age classifications are available on our website under the event calendar:

https://usavolleyball.org/compete/girls-indoor/

GJNC BIDS AWARDED BY A NATIONAL QUALIFIER

USAV allows each NQ to award a certain number of Bids to the top finishing Teams in Open, National, USA, Liberty and American Divisions. The number of Bids a NQ has to award is pre-determined according to the number of Teams entered in the NQ division on the NQs deadline date or the date the division's Seeding is finalized; whichever number is larger (see the chart below).

OPEN: 18's		OPEN: 13's		OPEN: 14's – 17's		NATIONAL: 11s - 12s	
Number of Teams	Number of Bids	Number of Teams	Number of Bids	Number of Teams	Number of Bids	Number of Teams	Number of Bids
< 8	0	< 6	0	< 8	0	< 8	0
8 – 11	1	6 – 11	1	8 - 15	1	8 - 128	1
12 - 15	2	12 - 48	2	16 - 23	2		
16 - 48	3			24 - 48	3		

USA: 13's – 18's		USA: 12s		LIBERTY: 13's – 18s		AMERICAN: 12s - 18's	
Number of Teams	Number of Bids	Number of Teams	Number of Bids	Number of Teams	Number of Bids	Number of Teams	Number of Bids
< 8	0	< 8	0	< 8	0	< 8	0
8 - 15	1	8 - 11	1	8 - 15	1	8 - 128	1
16 - 23	2	12 - 48	2	16 - 128	2		
24 - 128	3						

The total number of Bids distributed among the NQs to award in a GJNCs division is determined by the number of Teams permitted to play in the division at the GJNCs. Some Open Bids may be reserved for the At-Large Bid selection; National, Freedom and a number of American Bids are awarded through the Region Bid process.

For a Team to use a Bid earned in any qualifying process, the Team must complete all entry requirements for their Region and for the GJNCs by the deadline dates provided by the USAV Events Department. If a Team has not met all the entry requirements by the deadline date, that Team may lose its Bid and may be subject to additional Sanctions.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS FOR TEAMS WHO EARN A BID AT A NATIONAL QUALIFIER

Teams that earn and accept a bid at a National Qualifier will be sent an email by the Thursday following their qualification from the USAV Events Department. This email will detail the requirements for entry into the 2024 Girls Junior National Volleyball Championship. These teams will be required to complete their tournament entry in the USAV registration system, Advanced Event Systems (AES), and must either pay online through the AES system or send a check directly to USA Volleyball within 10 business days following qualification. The date for arrival in the USAV office will be specified in the email. Teams who earn a bid at a National Qualifier will no longer send their entry form and check to their region office.

OPEN GJNC TOURNAMENT BID ALLOCATIONS

Teams interested in qualifying for the “Open” Tournament need to participate in one of the qualifiers listed above and play in the Open Division of that Qualifier. Qualifier tournaments award up to 3 bids to each of the USA Girls Junior National Volleyball Open Tournament.

In the NQ Open Divisions, Bids go to the Teams that finish the competition in a Bid award position.

If one (1) or more Teams wins a Bid award position at a NQ and previously earned an Open Bid at another NQ, the Bid(s) can trickle-down to the next highest finishing Team, provided the next highest finishing Team finished no lower than eighth place in the Tournament.

A Team may not decline an Open Bid. By playing in the Open Division, a Team is acknowledging and confirming its participation in GJNCs if a Bid is earned.

If a Team previously or subsequently earns a National, USA, Liberty, American or Freedom Bid either from a Region or a NQ, the Team must use the Open Bid. The Rules for Priority of Use of a Bid (see section below) determine which Team receives the National, USA, Liberty, American or Freedom Bid.

AT LARGE SELECTION PROCESS

The USAV Events Department, with the assistance of its Seeding Committee, awards some GJNC Bids as At-Large Bids. Teams must complete the following steps in order to be considered for an At-Large Bid:

- Has played in at least one NQ in the same GJNC Division age group for which the Team is applying; and,
- Teams must have at least one finish in the top 50% of the division they are applying for at a NQ: and,
- Is registered for GJNCs in AES; and,

- Team must answer the At-Large interest question in AES; and
- Complies with both their Region's and USAV's GJNCs deadline dates and application processes; and,
- Submits accurate and up-to-date electronic results in the GJNCs Event registration system no later than the end of business on the Tuesday after the finish of the last NQ. Please review the Results Reporting

The USAV Events Department will announce the Teams being awarded the GJNCs At-Large Bids no later than the second Friday after the last NQ. The Events Department will notify Teams awarded an At-Large Bid by email, sent to the Coach and Club Director at the email addresses provided in the GJNCs Event registration system.

NATIONAL GJNC TOURNAMENT BID ALLOCATIONS (GIRLS)

Each Region will receive at least one (1) National Bid to award at their discretion for the 14's-17's. As there are a total of 48 Bids to be allocated to 40 Regions, the eight (8) largest Regions based on Girls Junior registrations from the previous season will be awarded a 2nd Bid to the National Divisions at the GJNCs.

USA GJNC TOURNAMENT BID ALLOCATION (GIRLS)

Teams interested in qualifying for the "USA" Tournaments need to participate in one of the qualifiers listed above and play in the USA Division of that Qualifier. Qualifier tournaments will award 2-3 bids to each of the USA Girls Junior National Volleyball USA Tournaments based on the number of teams registered in the division in the Qualifier.

At a NQ, the USA Division has up to three (3) Bids in the 14 's-18 's age groups & up to two (2) Bids in the 13's age group. A USA Division must have at least eight (8) Teams to be able to award a Bid in that respective Tournament.

A Team must accept or reject a USA Bid in writing upon earning the Bid. If rejected, the Bid will trickle-down to the next eligible, highest finishing Team, provided that Team finished no lower than eighth place in a Tournament.

LIBERTY GJNC TOURNAMENT BID ALLOCATION (GIRLS)

Teams interested in qualifying for the "Liberty" Tournaments need to participate in one of the qualifiers listed above and play in the Liberty Division of that Qualifier. Qualifier tournaments will award 1-2 bids to each of the USA Girls Junior National Volleyball Liberty Tournaments based on the number of teams registered in the division in the Qualifier.

At a NQ, the Liberty Division has up to two (2) Bids in the 13 's-18 's age groups. A Liberty Division must have at least eight (8) Teams to be able to award a Bid in that respective Tournament.

A Team must accept or reject a Liberty Bid in writing upon earning the Bid. If rejected, the Bid will trickle-down to the next eligible, highest finishing Team, provided that Team finished no lower than eighth place in a Tournament.

AMERICAN GJNC TOURNAMENT BID ALLOCATIONS (GIRLS)

Each Qualifier can potentially award an American Division bid. The bids awarded at the Qualifiers have the potential to "trickle down."

At a NQ, the American Division has one (1) Bid. An American Division must have at least eight (8) Teams to be able to award a Bid in that respective Tournament.

A Team must accept or reject an American Bid in writing upon earning the Bid. If rejected, the Bid will trickle-down to the next eligible, highest finishing Team, provided that Team finished no lower than eighth place in the Tournament (see GJNC Bids Awarded Through a Region*).* The Rules for Priority of Use of a Bid (see section below) determine which Team receives the American Division Bids.

Regions may receive up to three (3) American Bids to award at their discretion for the 12's – 18's. There are a total of 64 Bids to be allocated to GJNCs, 12 Bids for 12's-17's and 16 Bids for 18's will be awarded at NQs. The remaining American Bids will be allocated to the Regions. Bids allocated to Regions are determined through a junior girls membership benchmark that is defined in the Bid allocation chart posted on the USAV website.

The number of Bids received by a Region may change from year to year.

FREEDOM GJNC TOURNAMENT BID ALLOCATIONS (GIRLS)

Each Region will receive at least one (1) Freedom Bid to award at their discretion for the 14's – 18's. As there are a total of 48 Bids to be allocated to 40 Regions, the eight (8) largest Regions based on GJNC registrations from the previous season will be awarded a 2nd Bid to the Freedom Divisions at the GJNCs.

REGIONAL BID CONSIDERATION CRITERIA

Regions, which have a minimum registration of 200 female junior athletes, are guaranteed a bid(s) at the USA Volleyball Girls Junior National Championship. Bids will be based upon the averages of 2021 and 2022 girls memberships.

Regions will receive consideration on a pro-rated distribution of the remaining bids based upon their percentage of the total registration. Please understand that there are a limited number of bids available.

USAV Regional Volleyball Associations (Regions) cannot guarantee regional bids. All entries must be received for qualified teams by the USAV Event Department at the National Office prior to the deadline for a team to be accepted. DO NOT WAIT for your regional qualifying event or the last National Qualifier to think about entering. Team registration(s) WILL NOT be accepted after your Regions' established deadline.

This will enable regions in line to receive an additional bid(s), from any that may be returned, and to receive quick confirmation for their properly entered team(s). In previous years, regions have returned / declined berths. When this occurs, the region closest to meeting the next membership benchmark will receive the additional bid.

PATRIOT GJNC TOURNAMENT NON-QUALIFYING DIVISION (GIRLS)

A non-qualifying Division of the GJNC where teams may gain access to the tournament by simply entering the Event through the established process. Teams interested in playing in the "Patriot" Tournament need to register in Advanced Event Systems (AES). The first 48 teams that register in AES will be notified that they are accepted by USAV and given further instructions to complete their requirements to play in this tournament. Order of acceptance will be initially based on date and time of entry until the tournament is full. A waiting list will be made for teams who did not make the initial acceptance and teams will be notified in order as slots become open.

REALLOCATION BIDS

When a Bid is returned, the USAV Events Department distributes Reallocation Bids to the Regions in an order determined by the number of junior girls members (National and Freedom Division) and the proximity of that number to certain benchmark membership numbers (American Division). When a Team earns a higher-ranking Bid, the vacated Bid will stay with the Region.

REQUIREMENT TO USE BIDS

Some Teams participate in more than one qualifying process in a season, either through their Region, by attending NQs, by applying for an At-Large Bid, or by some combination of these processes. If the Team earns more than one (1) Bid, the following rules apply as to which Bid the Team must use, and what happens to the other Bid(s).

The priority of Bid use is as follows:

1. Open
2. National
3. USA
4. Liberty
5. American
6. Freedom

When an Open Bid is the second Bid a Team earns, from either a NQ or the At-Large Bid process:

- If a Team previously accepted a USA or Liberty Bid, the Team must use the Open Bid. The USA or Liberty Bid will remain in the Region of the Team that originally accepted the USA or Liberty Bid. If the Region is unable to allocate this Bid, the Bid will go into the At-Large Bid process.
- If a Team previously accepted a National, American, or Freedom Bid, the Team must use the Open Bid. The National, American or Freedom Bid will remain in the Region of the Team that originally accepted the Bid. If the Region is unable to allocate this Bid, the Bid will be reallocated to the next Region in line.

When a National Bid is the second Bid a Team earns and accepts:

- The team may not decline the bid.
- If a Team earns and accepts a National Bid through a Region Bid Process and then earns a National Bid at a NQ, the NQ National Bid will supersede the Region National Bid and the Region National Bid will return to the Region it was originally awarded from for reallocation.
- If a Team previously accepted a USA Bid, the Team must use the National Bid. The USA Bid will

remain in the Region of the Team that originally accepted the USA Bid. If the Region is unable to allocate this USA Bid, it reverts to the At-Large Bid process.

- If a Team previously accepted a Liberty Bid, the Team must use the National Bid. The Liberty Bid will remain in the Region of the Team that originally accepted the Liberty Bid. If the Region is unable to allocate this Liberty Bid, it reverts to the At-Large Bid process
- If a Team previously accepted an American or Freedom Bid, the Team must use the National Bid. The American or Freedom Bid will remain in the Region of the Team that originally accepted the Bid. If the Region is unable to allocate this Bid, the Bid will be reallocated to the next Region in line.

When a USA Bid is the second Bid a Team earns and accepts:

- The team may not decline the bid.
- If a Team previously accepted a National Bid from a Region, the Team must keep the National Bid. The USA Bid will trickle-down to the next eligible Team.
- If a Team accepts a reallocated USA Bid through a Region Bid process and then earns a USA Bid at a NQ, the NQ USA Bid will supersede the Region reallocated USA Bid. The vacated USA Bid will revert to the Region of origin for reallocation. If the Region is unable to allocate this USA Bid, it reverts to the At-Large Bid process.
- If a Team previously accepted a Liberty Bid, the Team must use the USA Bid. The Liberty Bid will remain in the Region of the Team that originally accepted the Liberty Bid. If the Region is unable to allocate this Liberty Bid, it reverts to the At-Large Bid process
- If a Team previously accepted an American or Freedom Bid from either an NQ or a Region, the Team must use the USA Bid. The American or Freedom Bid will remain in the Region of the Team that originally accepted the Bid. If the Region is unable to allocate this Bid, the Bid will be reallocated to the next Region in line.

When a Liberty Bid is the second Bid a Team earns and accepts:

- The team may not decline the bid.
- If a Team previously accepted an Open, National or USA Bid from a Region or NQ, the Team must keep that higher Bid. The Liberty Bid will trickle-down to the next eligible Team.
- If a Team accepts a reallocated Liberty Bid through a Region Bid process and then earns a Liberty Bid at a NQ, the NQ Liberty Bid will supersede the Region reallocated Liberty Bid. The vacated Liberty Bid will revert to the Region of origin for reallocation. If the Region is unable to allocate this Liberty Bid, it reverts to the At-Large Bid process.
- If a Team previously accepted an American or Freedom Bid from either an NQ or a Region, the Team must use the Liberty Bid. The American or Freedom Bid will remain in the Region of the Team that originally accepted the Bid. If the Region is unable to allocate this Bid, the Bid will be reallocated to the next Region in line.

When an American Bid is the second Bid a Team earns and accepts:

- The team may not decline the bid.
- If a Team earns and accepts an American Bid through a Region Bid Process and then earns an American Bid at a NQ, the NQ American Bid will supersede the Region American Bid and the Region American Bid will return to the Region it was originally awarded from for reallocation.
- If a Team that wins an American Bid and accepted an American Bid from a previous NQ, the current American Bid goes to the next eligible, highest finishing Team, provided the next highest finishing Team finished no lower than eighth place in the Tournament. The trickle-down process must be applied at the

conclusion of the division's competition.

- If a Team previously accepted a Freedom Bid, the Team must use the American Bid. The Freedom Bid will remain in the Region of the Team that originally accepted the Bid. If the Region is unable to allocate this Bid, the Bid will be reallocated to the next Region in line.

USAV reserves the right to fill Bids as necessary to ensure a quality Event with maximum participation.

PENALTIES

FACTORS THAT WILL BE CONSIDERED FOR ESTABLISHING PENALTIES:

- Compliancy with deadlines and requirements
- Time of notification from the start of GJNCs
- Previous club/member behavior
- Level of play (Open vs. American)
- Where Bid is earned and accepted (NQ vs. Regional)
- Severity of offense
- Age and Experience
- Region Input

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 GJNCs Open Bid (13's-18's) which it has earned, or a GJNCs National, USA, Liberty, American or Freedom Bid which it has earned and accepted may be subject to the following penalties:

FINANCIAL PENALTIES

- 2 months, or more, prior to the star of the GJNCs – payment of entry fee and $1,000 fine
- If the payment is not received for the GJNCs Event Entry Fee and/or fines, the club director(s), coaches affiliated with official qualification roster will be prohibited from participating in NQs and GJNCs 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 NQs and/or Regional Qualification Events and GJNCs for the remainder of the season and the following season.
- Head Coach listed on the official qualification roster suspended from participation in all NQs and/or Regional Qualification Events and GJNCs for the remainder of the season and the following season.
- All members listed on the official qualification roster suspended from participation in all NQs and/or Regional Qualification Events and GJNCs for the remainder of the season and the following season.
- Specific age group from club suspended from participation in all NQs and/or Regional Qualification Events and GJNCs for the remainder of the season and the following season.
- Club or specific suspended from participation in all NQ and/or Regional Qualification Events and GJNCs 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 Teams within their Region.

PENALTIES FOR ILLEGAL USE OF BID

If a Team is deemed ineligible or has 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 GJNCs Event entry fee and/or fines, the club director(s), coaches affiliated with official qualification roster will be prohibited from participating in NQs and GJNCs until the fee is paid in full. Further legal actions may be taken to ensure payment is received.

SUSPENSION OF PLAY:

- Club Director suspended from participation in all NQs and/or Regional Qualification Events and GJNCs for the remainder of the season and the following season.
- Head Coach listed on the official qualification roster suspended from participation in all NQs and/or Regional Qualification Events and GJNCs for the remainder of the season and the following season.
- All members listed on the official qualification roster suspended from participation in all NQs and/or Regional Qualification Events and GJNCs for the remainder of the season and the following season.
- Specific age group from club suspended from participation in all NQs and/or Regional Qualification Events and GJNCs for the remainder of the season and the following season.
- Club or specific suspended from participation in all NQ and/or Regional Qualification Events and GJNCs for the remainder of the season and the following season.
- Suspended membership or probation.
- 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 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 Girls' Junior National Championships.
- May change its name during the season ONLY with approval of the Regional Commissioner.
- 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 and IMPACT certified.
- **Chaperones are no longer required to be listed on the official roster for the GJNC.** 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 *Team Travel Policy* section of this chapter for more information and the default policy.)

ROSTERED ATHLETE REQUIREMENTS

PLAYER ELIGIBITY

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 Girls 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 Girls Junior National Championship (see Frozen Player Rule).
- 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.
- Athletes turning 18 during the season, whose teammates are minors, will be required to take "Core" Center for SafeSport training upon turning 18

JERSEY NUMBER ON OFFICIAL ROSTER

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 incorrect number are listed below:

- If the error is discovered **prior** to the match, the roster may be adjusted, and the player may play once the corrected roster is presented to the referees.
- If the error is discovered **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 player is on the court at the time of the discovery, USAV 7.3.5.3 as listed in the 2021-2024 Indoor Rules Book is applied. If the team at fault is currently serving, all points scored during that term of service are removed, and the lineup is corrected. If the opponent is serving, the lineup is corrected, and no additional penalty or sanction is assessed.
- 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 on 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 wrong jersey numbers should recognize that additional penalties may be imposed.

PLAYERS ON OFFICIAL ROSTERS

For all Events, each player is required to be listed on the official roster throughout the entire event. If a player is found participating and is not on the official roster, the following penalties will be imposed:

- If the missing player is discovered **prior** to the team's first match, the player may be added to the roster and may play once the correct roster is presented to the referees.
- If the missing player is discovered **during** the match, the player may not compete for the remainder of the match and Rule 7.3.5.4 as listed in the 2021-2024 Indoor Rules Book is applied:

USAV 7.3.5.4: *Where a player is found to be on court but he/she is not registered on the team roster, the opponent's points remain valid, and in addition they gain a point and service. The team at fault will lose all points and/or sets (0:25, if necessary) gained from the moment the non-registered player entered the court and will have to submit a revised line-up sheet and send a new registered player into the court, in the position of the non- registered player.*

- If the missing player is discovered **after** the match, the team forfeits any match in which a non-registered play entered the match.

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

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.

Please visit https://usavolleyball.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/2024-Age-Definition.pdf for the current age definition policy.

REGIONAL COMMISSIONERS WILL CERTIFY THE AGES OF PLAYERS REPRESENTING THAT REGION IN THE USA VOLLEYBALL GIRLS 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 THAT WHICH IS SIMULTANEOUS WITH THE CURRENT PLAYING SEASON.

FROZEN PLAYER TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Once a female junior player has participated in a bid division GJNCs qualifying Event (Regional or NQ), she may not be on the Official Roster of, or participate in, another GJNCs qualifying or Championship Event with a different club. Example: a player plays on a club in a bid division of a national qualifier in an attempt to qualify. The player's Team does not qualify. That player may not transfer to another club.

Earning and accepting an Open Bid, submitting an Open At-Large Bid application or accepting any National, USA, Liberty, American or Freedom Bid defines the Team as "qualified" for the GJNCs. 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:

- A Frozen Player cannot be on the roster of, or play for, another Team in a Regional Qualifier or NQ Event, the roster of a Team applying for an Open At-Large Bid, or another Team playing at the GJNCs.
- A club may add player(s) to the Official Roster of one of its Teams qualified for the GJNCs, provided the additional player(s) are members of the club and are not on the Official Roster of another of the club's Teams at the GJNCs.
- No player may switch from one qualified Team to another qualified Team, even within the same club at the same National Championship (i.e., 18sGJNC or GJNC). **NOTE**: A player under the age of 17 can switch between a Team that has qualified for the 18sGJNC and another Team that has qualified for the GJNC as long as both Teams are within the same club. A player may not help multiple Teams qualify for either GJNCs.
    - ***NEW: This also applies to the GJNC split of GJNC 11 – 13s and GJNC 14 – 17s.**
        a. EXAMPLE 1: A player in the 17's age division plays on an 18's Team at a national qualifier and that Team Qualifies for the 18sGJNC in the Open Division. That player may not play on any other Team (e.g., a 17s Team trying to qualify for 17 Open) at any National Qualifying Events to help that Team qualify for the GJNC for the remainder of that club season. She may, however, be added to the 17 Open roster to play in the GJNC within that club after the team has already qualified.

b. EXAMPLE 2: A club has a Team that has qualified for the 18 USA Division of the 18sGJNC, they may add a player from their club who plays on a younger Team to play in the 18sGJNC even if the younger Team has qualified for the GJNC.

Violations of the Frozen Player Rule may result in Sanctions being imposed on the already qualified Team, its club, the Team's coach, the player and/or the club's director.

The USAV Events Department will determine Sanctions for violations of the Frozen Player Rule.

AGE EXCEPTION FOR 2024

An AGE WAIVER will be granted to players who were born on or after July 1, 2005 (who are defined as 18 & under by the USAV Age Definition) and are in the 11th grade for the current academic year. For example: A 17 year old player who is considered by the Age Definition to compete on an 18s team and is still in the 11th grade for the current academic year, may compete on their 17s team in a qualifying division for GJNC with a waiver.

ROSTERED STAFF REQUIREMENTS

COACH 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. 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).

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)

USAV COACH ACADEMY

We highly recommend that USAV member coaches enroll in the USA Volleyball Coach Academy. The USA Volleyball Coach Academy is an online, interactive learning platform developed for volleyball coaches. It includes a curated content library where coaches can explore learning paths, courses and modules based on the five pillars of the USA Volleyball Development Model. Get access to the tools, knowledge and resources you need to have a successful season and take your coaching skills to the next level, on and off the court. New modules and live sessions are announced monthly to bring you the best content from top volleyball coaches, experts and educators including U.S. National Team coaches. The USA Volleyball Coach Academy has a subscription model featuring three tiers with monthly and annual plans to fit your budget. Learn at your own pace and according to your schedule, whether that means planning for tomorrow's practice or preparing for your next season. Coursework is available for all levels of experience, giving you the opportunity to build a strong foundation of volleyball coaching skills or access advanced content with world-class strategies and tactics. The Bronze Tier is free to all USAV member coaches. Several Regions have also purchased discount codes that make the Silver and Gold Tiers free to their coaches.

Contact your Region to see if they have discount codes available. Sign up for the USAV Coach Academy here: https://usav-sport-education.myshopify.com/

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 and must be SafeSport trained.

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.

ILLEGAL PARTICIPANT ON BENCH

If a person that is not listed on the official roster for a team and is found present on a team's bench during a match, a roster violation has occurred, and the individual is deemed an Illegal participant for that team. The following penalties will be enforced:

- If caught and verified during a match, the illegal participant will be asked to leave the bench and the team will receive a penalty fine that is at the Tournament Director's discretion. All events must post their fine they are imposing on their tournament information page.
- If the same individual is caught a second time and verified during the match, then they will be removed from the event and the team will forfeit the current set.

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

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

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/

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 PARTICPATION

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 GJNC.

Purpose:

The purpose of the Foreign Junior Player Participation policy is to provide definitions of what is a foreign player and foreign team and to provide guidance on when a foreign player or foreign team may participate in USA Volleyball ("USAV") and/or one of its 40 Regional Volleyball Associations ("RVA") events.

Definitions:

I. Resident Junior Foreign Player. A Resident Junior Foreign Participant is someone residing legally in the United States per the requirements of legal residence and is attending a United States high school.
II. II. Non-Resident Junior Foreign Player. A Non-Resident Foreign Player is an individual who does not meet the requirements of legal residence in the United States.
III. Foreign Team. A team of Non-Resident Foreign Participants seeking to participate in a USAV sanctioned event.

Policy Statement:

I. Individual Foreign Participation: Subject to the above Definitions, a Resident Foreign Player may
II. participate in all USAV and RVA events if:

a. She/He is a duly registered member of a USAV RVA; and,

b. Follows all event participation policies and registration procedures.

Exception: A Resident Foreign Participant, who has competed in international competition representing his/her country/federation of origin (i.e. Youth National Team, Junior National Team, Senior National Team, or other "elite" team that has represented that country in international competition) is required to have a written release from that volleyball federation of origin before he/she can become a registered member of a USAV/RVA. Note, once this release is granted and applied to allow for membership with USAV/RVA, this waiver will apply for the remainder of that volleyball season and the Resident Foreign Participant will not be permitted to rejoin their original volleyball federation until the volleyball season has ended on August 31st of each calendar year. This would not apply to a Resident Foreign Participant who has been in continuous legal residence in the United States and unaffiliated with a foreign national volleyball federation for greater than two (2) years.

II. Foreign Team Participation for National Junior Competitions (e.g., USA Volleyball Girls Junior National Championship, USA Volleyball Boys Junior National Championship, National Qualifiers, and other 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. USAV Girls National Championship Manual – October 2023 Page 32

i. Only Foreign Teams from U.S. Territories with their own national volleyball federation (Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, American Samoa, Guam) are allowed to participate in bid-winning divisions of Girls National Qualifiers and the Girls Junior National Championship.

ii. Only Foreign Teams from U.S. Territories with their own national volleyball federation (Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, American Samoa, Guam) AND Canadian teams are allowed to participate in bid-winning divisions of Boys National Qualifiers and the Boys Junior National Championship.

a. Foreign Teams must complete the Foreign Team application process with USA Volleyball, including purchasing Foreign Team Participant Insurance ($100)

c. Each member of a Foreign Team shall have in his/her possession(s) the following documents:

i. Photo identification (Driver's license, passport or comparable government issued document); and

ii. Copy of birth certificate or Government Issue Identification with birth date for those under 18

Prohibited Actions:

I. A Non-Resident Foreign Junior Player shall not be eligible to participate in any USAV or RVA events.

II. Concurrent registration with more than one National Volleyball Federation is prohibited.

Contact: membership@usav.org

COMPETITION RULES AND REGULATIONS

OFFICIALS & OFFICIATING

The Officials Administrative Committee will assign the first referees and R2s as available.

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 (GJNCs will provide R2s as available)
  - Must be a rostered adult (non-player) for **ALL** age division Matches (with approval from the tournament staff, a rostered adult from another team within the same club may work as second referee)
- Certified Scorer (PENALTIES NOTED BELOW)
- Scoreboard 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.

MISSED OFFICIATING DUTIES

- A Team's failure to have a complete officiating crew—including a rostered adult from the same Club—available and on time for an officiating assignment will result in the Team forfeiting the first set of its next Match.
- 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 set 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 will forfeit its entire next Match for failing, a second time, to have an officiating crew available on time for an officiating assignment.

BALL HANDLING

All ball handling is restricted to the court surfaces within the convention center. No ball handling is permitted on the concrete surfaces or hallways of the facility.

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.

RULES OF PLAY

The USAV Indoor Rules Book will be in effect throughout the season and for the 2024 USA Volleyball Girls Junior 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 Girls Junior National Championships are subject to and must obey ALL rules, regulations and policies of USA Volleyball herein or otherwise written.

Please review the 2021-2024 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 2023/2024 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.

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 2 points
- Deciding set of a best 2-out-of-3 match will be rally scoring to 15 points, no switching sides
- 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 – 2.24m(7' 4 1/8")
- 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
- No artificial noise makers are permitted

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).

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.

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.

TIE BREAKING PROCEDURES

PROCEDURES For Breaking Ties to Determine Pool Finish For the 2022-2024 season, Playoff Tie Breaker Sets have been reinstated for all Indoor National Qualifiers and National Championships.

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 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 followed is based on whether a team is eliminated from advancing to the Gold at BJNC/GJNCs or earning the Qualifier Bid to BJNC/GJNCs using Steps 2(d) and 2(e).
    d) **If no team is eliminated from advancing to the Gold at BJNC/GJNCs or earning a Bid to BJNC/GJNCs**, 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.

e) **If a team would be eliminated from advancing to the Gold at BJNC/GJNCs or earning a Bid to BJNC/GJNCs,** the remaining teams that are tied in match percentage and set percentage have Playoff Tie Breaker Set(s) played as defined in step 3.

3. Playoff Tie Breaker Sets are played if 3 or more teams remain tied after applying steps 1 & 2. Girls National Qualifiers/Boys National Qualifiers and the BJNC/GJNCs have different protocols and are defined below.

GIRL'S NATIONAL QUALIFIERS AND BOYS NATIONAL QUALIFIERS:

To determine pool finish position, tied teams are ranked by their point percentage from the pool. Tie Breakers Sets, if required, are played as 1 set to 15. There may be brackets of 2, 3, or 4 teams. Tie Breaker sets are only played for the last spot leading to a Qualifier Bid.

a) If there is 1 pool position available for a team to advance to play for a bid position, all teams participate in the Tie Breaker Sets. The sequence of play offsets is structured so that the teams with the highest point percentages have the fewest number of Tie Breaker Sets to play.

b) If there are two pool positions available for a team to advance to play for a bid position, the team with the highest point percentage is ranked the highest and receives one of the advancing positions. remaining teams participate in the Tie Breaker Sets. The sequence of playoff sets is structured so that the teams with the highest point percentages have the fewest number of Tie Breaker Sets to play.

c) If there are three pool positions available for a team to advance to play for a bid, the two teams with the highest point percentages each receive one of the advancing spots. The remaining teams participate in the Tie Breaker Sets. The sequence of play offsets are structured so that the teams with the highest point percentages have the fewest number of Tie Breaker Sets to play.

Following the rules set out above, it is possible for one or more tied teams to advance without having to play in a Tie Breaker Set, as only the last pool position is played off. It is possible that teams will be eliminated from the GOLD bracket in a National Qualifier as the Tie Breaker is played to determine the chance to play for a Qualifier Bid, NOT for the Gold Bracket.

USAV GIRLS JR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS (GJNCS) AND USAV BOYS JUNIOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS (BJNC):

Tied teams are ranked by their point percentage from the pool. Tie Breakers Sets are played as 1 set to 15 and may be brackets of 2, 3, or 4 teams. Tie Breaker sets will only be played for the last spot leading to the GOLD Bracket.

The Tie breaking procedure is the same as outlined in the above steps 3(a), 3(b), & 3(c).

It is possible for one or more of the tied teams to advance without having to play in a Tie Breaker Set as only the last spot is played off.

TEAM FORFEITURES

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

- 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 NQs, 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 GJNCs. ALL Adult Members listed on the verified Event competition roster and the Club Director will be suspended from participating in all NQs, Regional Qualification Events and the GJNCs for the remainder of that season and the following season.

WITHDRAWL 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

LAST DAY FORFEITS

Teams that enter a NQ 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 forfeit a last day Match are still responsible to officiate the next Match scheduled on their court. If the team is unable to fulfill the officiating duty, monetary penalties will be collected by the tournament to cover match fees. Teams playing the next scheduled Match may not be required to begin play early.

DISCIPLINARY ACTION

Any person listed on the Official Roster who is causing unfavorable situations either prior to, during, or after the USA Volleyball Girls 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.

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 ELGIBILIITY

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 NQs and GJNCs. 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 Arbitrators(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 lay leader.
- 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 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.

TOURNAMENT ADMISSIONS

Spectator Registration will be available on our website and will be live about 2 weeks before the event.

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Coaches will be issued a QR code for entry and the athletes must have their credential/bag tag for entry into the venue.

***Please Note:** Only those registered coaches or rostered staff are permitted to use the designated coach pass QR code. The coach pass QR codes are nontransferable and will be confiscated if misused. This rule will be strictly enforced as it is a safety precaution for athletes and spectators as the registered coaches and rostered staff are background screened and SafeSport trained. NO EXCEPTIONS

Any team caught violating this policy will have the QR code confiscated. In addition, USAV reserves the right to impose additional penalties including, but not limited to, a **$5,000 fine per occurrence and team disqualification from the GJNC**. We take the safety and well-being of athletes and spectators seriously and we appreciate your strict adherence to this policy.

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.

EVENT MERCHANDISE

Event merchandise sales will be held at the Convention Center during the USA Volleyball Girls Junior National Volleyball Championship. Merchandisers will include the official event merchandiser, Lucky Dog.

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

SEEDING FOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Seeding for the GJNC is determined by Team results throughout the year as collected by USA Volleyball and entered into the official registration system using Team codes. 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 12 teams in a 48-team tournament are determined from the entire field and then are seeded accordingly by strength from seed No. 1 to seed No. 12. Next, the second quarter of all remaining teams is determined based on information from Results Reporting. However, these teams are seeded in a different manner than the first quarter teams. They are seeded primarily 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.

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	1st Place
Runners-Up	
3rd Place	

ALL-TOURNAMENT SELECTION

The All-Tournament Committee was established to recognize outstanding athletes during their participation at the Junior National Championships. Individuals will be honored for:

a. playing effectiveness and court leadership in the tournament
b. demonstration of good sportsmanship, leadership, general attitude and conduct both on and off the court
c. the best individual players with some regard for position
d. advanced skills and all-around ability
e. those selected shall come primarily from "Gold Division" teams (the committee reserves the right for exception), the MVP may or may not be selected from the first-place team
f. any player who has received behavioral sanctions from a referee, the Event Arbitrator or other USA Volleyball authorities during the current JNC event WILL NOT be considered for All-Tournament Team selection

All-Tournament and Most Valuable Player (MVP) awards will be given in the following age divisions:
15-17 Open, National, USA, Liberty, American and Freedom divisions (Patriot Division does not receive All Tournament Team honors).

g. Fourteen players in each division will be named to the All-Tournament Team. In addition, a MVP will be awarded. Team selection is made without regard to player position.
h. The committee makes selections with input from coaches, college scouts, and referees.
i. Players who have been selected to an All-Tournament team or as a tournament's Most Valuable Player and who have received disciplinary action by the Event Arbitrator or other USA Volleyball authorities prior to leaving the host city, shall be subject to a forfeit of these All-Tournament recognition honors.
j. If a coach is not professional, meaning they receive a red card and are removed from the tournament, all players for that team are not eligible for All Tournament team

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.

TRAVEL INFORMATION

HOTELS

Team Travel Source is the official housing company for the 2024 Girls Junior National Volleyball Championship. Please review the Stay & Play Policy section of this document for more information.

Teams will receive a booking link from TTS when tentatively accepted into the patriot division or after earning a bid.

AIR TRAVEL INFORMATION

Harry Reid International Airport is located at 5757 Wayne Newton Blvd, Las Vegas, NV 89111

Web address is: [Harry Reid International Airport (harryreidairport.com)]

WEBSITES

Mandalay Bay Convention Center: [Convention Center Facilities – Mandalay Bay - Mandalay Bay (mgmresorts.com)]

ATTRACTIONS & SIGHTSEEING: Las Vegas Hotels, Shows, Things to Do, Restaurants & Maps (visitlasvegas.com)

GROUND TRANSPORATION

RENTAL CARS

The Rent- A- Car Center is located 3 miles south of the airport at 7135 Gilespie Street.

When you arrive, there will be blue and white Rent- A- Car Center shuttle buses available to transport customers from the terminal.

Terminal 1 Shuttle Pickup

From Baggage Claim, follow signs to Ground Transportation on Level 1. Proceed to the Rental Car Shuttle stop located outside doors 10 and 11.

Terminal 2 Shuttle Pickup

Follow signs to Ground Transportation from Baggage Claim on Level Zero. Proceed to the Rental Car Shuttle stops located outside doors 51-54 on the west end of the building and doors 55-58 on the east end.

Company	Phone
Alamo	1.800.462.5266
Avis	1.800.331.1212
Budget	1.800.922.2899
Dollar Car Rental	1.800.800.4000
Enterprise	1.800.736.2227
Hertz	1.800.654.3131
National	1.800.227.7368
Payless	1.800.729.5377
SIXT	1.888.749.8227
Thrifty	1.800.367.2277

Off-Site Rental Car Agencies

If you have reservations with a rental car company that is not listed, please contact the company directly for additional information. Off-site rental agencies pick up at Space No. 4 by the taxi staging area at the Rent-A-Car Center. Posted signs will guide you to the location.

TAXIS

Taxi service is regulated by the Nevada Taxicab Authority, a Nevada State agency responsible for issuing medallions and setting fares. All taxi companies accept credit cards. The maximum number of passengers allowed in any cab is six, including infants and children.

Travel tip: Remember to jot down the cab company, vehicle number and driver's name when traveling to and from the airport, just in case you leave something behind.

Terminal 1 Taxis

Taxicabs are available on the east side of baggage claim, outside exit doors numbered 1 - 4. Airport personnel are available to help queue the lines and provide assistance as needed.

Terminal 2 Taxis

Taxis are located outside on Level Zero. There are 15 taxi loading positions on the west end of the building, outside the exit door numbered 52. Airport personnel are available to assist as needed.

Taxicabs are also available at the Rent-A-Car Center.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

The bus stop at Terminal 1 is located on Level Zero. From Baggage Claim, take the elevator or escalator down. Exit the building and proceed across the pedestrian crosswalk. Veer right to the covered RTC bus stop.

The bus stop at Terminal 3 is located on Level 2. From Baggage Claim, take the elevator or escalator up to Level 2. Exit the terminal building and proceed across the pedestrian crosswalk. The bus stop is across from the exit door numbered 44.

For more information, visit the RTC website.

ENTRY & REGISTRATION PROCESS

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

ALL teams (Open, National, USA, Liberty, American, Freedom and Patriot) are required to meet **EACH** of the following entry requirements to be eligible to participate at any of the Girls Junior National Championships:

1. Register each team in ADVANCED EVENT SYSTEMS (AES) for the GJNC in the appropriate division by the specified deadline (see Chapter 1 for details). Instructions for registration are available on the USA Volleyball website: https://www.advancedeventsystems.com/events/29753
2. 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 and Chaperone.
    ii. The roster must be **100% verified via the USAV Import** (Non-USA teams exempt)
        1. Regional verifications will only be accepted on a limited case-by-case basis.

3. Submit the Official Entry Form from AES along with the entry fee to your region office or designee (ONE entry form and ONE check per **team,** not club). *To be eligible for consideration, or if you have already qualified for the event, all required information and check(s) must be received by the appropriate region office or its designee. Teams **will not** be accepted if they have not met all the requirements by the established deadline. This includes teams that already have qualified for the event*.

NOTE: Patriot Division teams and teams that qualify at a Girls Junior National Qualifier will mail their entries directly to USA Volleyball by the date specified in an email sent to them following qualification.

a. **Make checks payable to: *USA Volleyball***
    i. See note under Entry Fees for USAV check cashing procedures.
b. **PRINT team name and division on the memo line of your check**
c. Attach your payment to the Entry Form to eliminate any potential errors in registration by the due date.

NOTE: Please be aware that regional commissioners are required to process the Entry Forms for the USA Volleyball Girls Junior National Championship for regional bids. You will need to allow sufficient time for the Commissioner or their designated agent to process, verify and mail them to the **USAV Events Department** prior to the **published** deadline for your team to be eligible for consideration. **NO TEAM** will be accepted if their registration materials are not in by the appropriate deadline.

4. USA Volleyball has implemented a Stay & Play Policy for the Girls Junior National Volleyball Championships. Please contact Team Travel Source to make housing arrangements: https://www.volleyballhotels.teamtravelsource.com/usav-gjnc
    a. For more information about the Stay & Play Policy, please review the section below.
5. **For Open At-Large** consideration these additional requirements must be met:

    a. Submit your roster in AES in the Open Division of the Girls Junior National Championship
    b. Select the Open At-Large consideration statement listed on the Official Entry form from AES

STAY & PLAY POLICY

What is USAV's Stay and Play policy?

The 2023-2024 USAV Volleyball Season includes Stay and Play events, meaning that to be eligible to compete in the tournament, your team must book 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 a link provided by Team Travel Source to your housing contact.

HOUSING CONTACTS: Please ensure your parents know NOT to 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 counted toward your team's compliance 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?

When an event is deemed "Stay and Play," the event producer can prove the economic impact they bring to the city. As an event producer, the first step to ensuring a successful event year after year is showing a host city that you are a good partner. With a Stay and Play tournament, all room nights can be tracked and reported to the city, proving the tournament's economic impact via hotel stays as well as restaurant and attraction traffic.

Other benefits to implementing a Stay and Play policy include the below:

MORE ROOMS FOR TOURNAMENT PARTICIPANTS. A hotel is far more willing to set aside a block of rooms for a tournament – even at a group rate – if they know the tournament is Stay and Play and can provide records of the rooms booked from previous years. Because of Stay and Play policies, hotels are more confident that the rooms will be sold, and when hotels are more confident that the rooms will be sold, they are more likely to contract larger blocks at the most desirable properties. In addition, we are able to work with all hotels to make sure their rates are in line with one another and appropriate for the location and time of year for the event.

G**UARANTEED ROOM TYPES.** The room rate contracted GUARANTEES the room type you reserve. You will not book a double room and arrive to find that only king rooms are available.

THERE IS A HIGHER LIKELIHOOD THAT YOUR TEAM/PROGRAM WILL BE ABLE TO STAY IN THE SAME HOTEL. With larger blocks, there is a much better chance that we will be able to keep your group together, which in turn allows coaches the ability to hold team meetings or to contact individual team members or parents more easily.

IT PROVIDES CONSISTENT, AFFORDABLE GROUP RATES FOR EVERYONE PARTICIPATING. Hotel rates have increased across the country since 2013 (according to www.statista.com). From year to year, a Stay and Play event will see hotel rates increase at approximately 50% the normal percentage increase. TTS contracts room blocks at confirmed, non-variable rates. There will be no movement in room rates based on supply and demand, whether you book several months in advance or much closer to your arrival date. The consumer is GUARANTEED THE LOWEST POSSIBLE GROUP RATE over the event dates.

ARE THERE ANY EXEMPTIONS FROM THE STAY AND PLAY POLICY?

The following exemptions are permitted but must be verified as explained below. Please request an Exemption Form by emailing usavhousing@teamtravelsource.com. Your subject line should read: USAV (Event Name & Year) EXEMPTION REQUEST.

Please note, each approved exemption request will count for two room nights toward your team's total requirement, and a max of two exemptions (four room nights) are permitted per registered team per event.

#1 – USING POINTS FOR A FREE ROOM - If you have enough points to redeem for an entirely FREE stay, you are allowed to do so. Please book the room through the hotel directly and attach a copy of your reservation showing that points were used to book your entire stay to the Exemption Form. Please note that 'receiving hotel reward points' for staying at a hotel does not qualify for an exemption.

#2 – LIVING IN CLOSE PROXIMITY - If a player's home address is within 75 miles of the venue, you may request an exemption from the housing requirement. Please attach the player's name, team and proof of address to the Exemption Form. (Note: if the club's address is within 75 miles of the venue, club will be marked "Local" by USAV. Please do not submit individual exemption requests.)

#3 – MILITARY OR GOVERNMENT DISCOUNT - If you have access to a lower rate with a military or government discount, you may request an exemption from the housing requirement. Please attach a copy of the reservation that was booked with the discount and the athlete's name and club to the Exemption Form. Please note, the hotel will require the military or government ID to be presented upon check-in.

If you have any questions, please contact Team Travel Source's dedicated team of Volleyball Event Specialists, who are available to guide teams through the booking process and requirements.

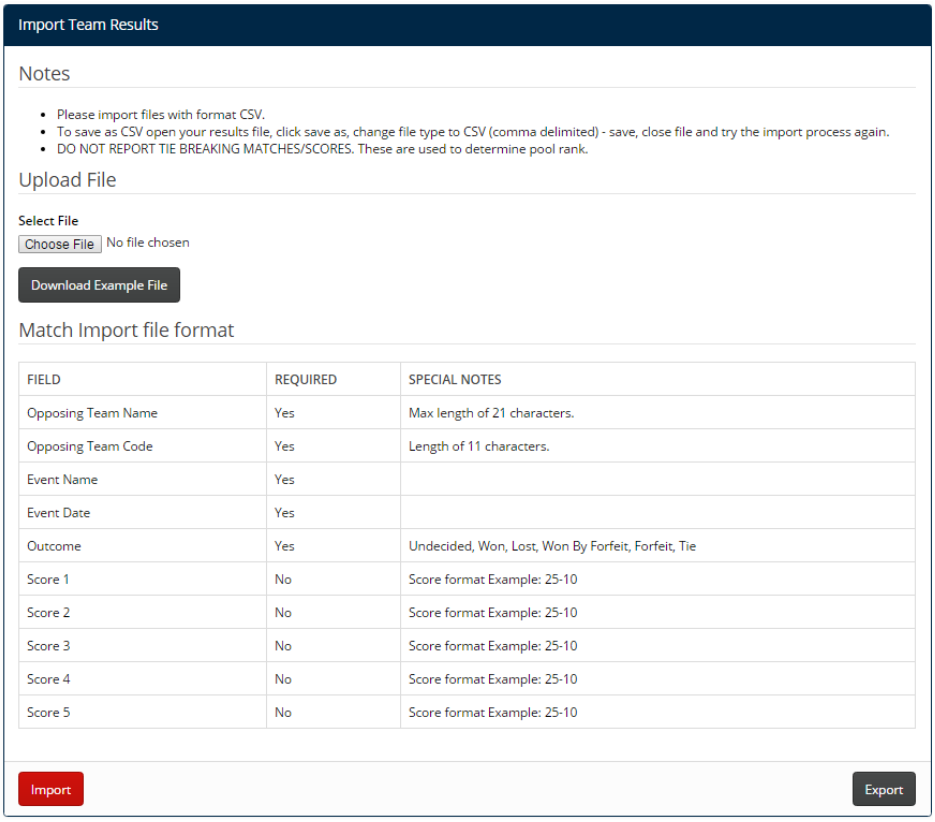
Team Travel Source Contact Information:

Team Travel Source
12910 Shelbyville Road, Suite #215
Louisville, KY 40243
Phone: 502-354-9103
Fax: 502-354-9093
Email: usavhousing@teamtravelsource.com
Web: www.teamtravelsource.com

RESULTS REPORTING

INSTRUCTIONS

The USAV Volleyball Girls Junior National Volleyball Championship 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.



AES users who have club director access to the club will be able to update results for all teams. 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 girls team not submitting their results in AES will not be seeded in the GJNC 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 position.**

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

Girl's teams from Guam, Puerto Rico, 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 both the Open and Qualifying divisions. This information can be submitted to USAV (gjnc@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 2024 USA Volleyball Girls Junior National Volleyball Championship in Advanced Event Systems (AES) https://www.advancedeventsystems.com/29754

- 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 National Qualifier, a Region Bid Event, or awarded through Open At-Large or Reallocation, print the "Official Entry Form" from AES.

- Teams that would like to be considered for Open At-Large if applicable must register in AES and have their results submitted in AES by April 27th

☐ PAYMENT: there are 2 options for payment for the GJNC

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 gjnc@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/

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☐ Enter complete results into AES by May1st for Open & Open At-Large teams, and May 20th for National, USA, Liberty, American, Freedom & Patriot 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

☐ Any roster additions on the day or registration will be accompanied with a $50.00 per addition. Proper verification will be required or changes will be denied.

☐ 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).