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WELCOME TO SALT LAKE CITY – 2025

On behalf of USA Volleyball and the Events Department, it is our pleasure to join our hosts to welcome you to Salt Lake City, Utah and the Salt Palace Convention Center for the 2025 USA Volleyball Girls 18s 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 the Visit Salt Lake and the Intermountain 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

<u>OPEN CLASSIFICATION</u>	<u>COMPETITION</u>	<u>PLAY BEGINS</u>	<u>PLAY CONCLUDES</u>	<u>FIELD</u>
Girls 18 Open	Min 7 matches – best of 3	25 April, 2025	27 April, 2025	48
Girls 18 National	Min 7 matches – best of 3	25 April, 2025	27 April, 2025	48
Girls 18 USA	Min 7 matches – best of 3	25 April, 2025	27 April, 2025	48
Girls 18 Liberty	Min 7 matches – best of 3	25 April, 2025	27 April, 2025	32
Girls 18 American	Min 7 matches – best of 3	25 April, 2025	27 April, 2025	64
Girls 18s Freedom	Min 7 matches – best of 3	25 April, 2025	27 April, 2025	48
Girls 18 Patriot	Min 7 matches – best of 3	25 April, 2025	27 April, 2025	96

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
18 Patriot Championship	\$800.00 (U.S. Currency)
18 Open, National, USA, Liberty, American, & Freedom Championships	\$900.00 (U.S. Currency)

**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.

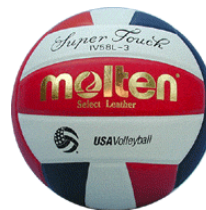
REFUND POLICY

1. A team that is denied entry to the USA Volleyball Girls 18s 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 18s Junior National Volleyball Championship will not have payment collected so a refund should not be required.
3. Once a team Qualifies, 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. 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.
5. 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

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 for ALL entry materials to be to USAV	March 21 st
AES entry deadline (At-Large)	March 21 st
AES entry deadline (National, USA, Liberty, American, Freedom & Patriot)	March 21 st
Deadline to have entries to USAV	Upon instruction from USAV once awarded
Deadline to have entries to USAV (Nat, American, & Reallocation.)	March 21 st
Deadline for Results – At-Large Entries	March 14 th
Deadline for Results – National, USA, Liberty, American, Freedom & Patriot Entries	March 21 st
Refund Deadline for Patriot Division	March 25 th

DETAILS OF ENTRY REQUIREMENTS (page 48)

TOURNAMENT TEAM CHECK – IN

On-site team check-in is **REQUIRED** and located in the Team Registration room at the Salt Palace Convention Center based on the schedule below. Teams that fail to check in by 9PM on their designated check-in day will be subject to forfeiture of their first match of the tournament. Teams are NOT allowed to check in the morning or afternoon of their first competition day. We encourage teams to complete online roster check-in prior to arrival at the event. If you are experiencing roster errors, please email membership@usav.org.

On-Site Team check-In Date	Hours of Registration*	Division
April 24, 2025	2:00 PM – 9:00 PM	All Divisions

The **online check-in deadline is April 24th at 4pm. Online check-in is a required step to complete registration and to initiate your coaches QR codes for entry to GJNC 18s.

**Reminder that both online and in-person check-in are mandatory and penalties will be assessed by the Tournament Director if either of these steps are missed. If you have any questions or concerns regarding check in or rosters, please reach out to membership@usav.org.

- Only one (1) representative or coach should go to the designated Team registration place, located at the Salt Palace Convention Center in front of Championship Desk 1 in Hall 1.
- The team representative or coach will receive rosters, credentials and other important team information.
- Staff will be available to assist you with any emergency roster issues. It is requested that these roster issues be sent to membership@usav.org prior to arrival.
- **Schedules will be available online in AES.**

More information on team check-in will be distributed via the team letter (coming soon).

PRACTICE OPPORTUNITIES

There will be practice times available in the Convention Center. There will be court time available in the venue prior to the beginning of competition on April 24th from 4pm-7pm on a First Come First Serve Basis.

ROSTER ADDITIONS & CHANGE DEADLINES

The roster may be changed online for free prior to April 24th, 2025, at 11:59 am EST and prior to online check in closing. Between this deadline and the team's first match, the following fees will apply. No additions may be made after the first match has started.

Action	Fee
Addition of participants to the roster after the deadline	\$50
Jersey number change	Free

1. All player and staff roster additions at the GJNC must show a current Sports Engine USAV membership
 - a. Staff additions must also show a current, cleared background screening and SafeSport certification.

Team Representatives

- **Prior to the April 21st** – you may edit and make changes to your roster through the AES system <https://www.advancedeventsystems.com/events/37914>
- **Between April 21st at 12pm MST and April 24th Before 12pm EST**, all roster changes will need to be made and each team will need to complete online check in. Please email events@usav.org for any roster changes if you have already checked in and need to reset the roster access.

GIFT EXCHANGE

Historically, the exchanging of gifts between teams was a gesture of good sportsmanship. The exchanging of gifts will be at all teams' discretion.

2025 18S PROM

USA Volleyball will be hosting a free event on Thursday, April 24th from 7-10pm in Ballroom F through I at the Salt Lake Marriott Downtown at City Creek for athletes who have qualified for 18s. The event will include a DJ, dancing, and light refreshments. This is an opportunity for athletes missing their school prom to have something special while they are competing for a Junior National Championship title. The theme is Glitz, Glam, and Giddy-Up!

Note: Prom is only open to athletes that have qualified for 18s GJNC. No coaches, parents, or dates will be allowed.

THEME DAYS

The theme days during the tournament are listed below:

- Friday, April 25th: Tourist Day
- Saturday, April 26th: Rep Your College Team Day

QUALIFICATION PROCEDURES

BIDS AT REGIONS AND QUALIFIERS

There are seven (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, Freedom or American 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, and 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.

2025 18S JUNIOR NATIONAL QUALIFIER TOURNAMENTS

Sixteen (16) Junior National Qualifier tournaments have been scheduled for 2025 for the 18s age division.

Those tournaments and age classifications are available on our website under the event calendar:

<https://usavolleyball.org/events/?state=&type=119&country=&team=&zip=&start-date=&end-date=>

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, Freedom, 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). However, if a division drops 2 thresholds by the time of play, the number of bids will be dropped by 1. If a division drops 3 thresholds by the time of play, the number of bids will be dropped by 2.

OPEN 18's		USA 18's		Liberty 18's		American 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 – 11	1	8 – 15	1	8 - 15	1	8 - 128	1
12 - 15	2	16-23	2	16 - 128	2		
16 - 48	3	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.

Bids awarded at NQs must be accepted in writing at or prior to the time of the Bid award (see [Rules for Priority of Bid Use](#) and [GJNC Bids Awarded Through a Region Process](#)). NQs will determine the timing of written declaration of a bid, this may occur as early as team registration.

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. (See [Penalties for Not Using a Bid](#)).

Teams that earn and accept a Bid at a NQ will receive an email from the USAV Events Department by Thursday following their qualification. This email will detail the requirements for entry into the GJNCs.

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 2025 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 18s 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.

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If a Team previously or subsequently earns a National, USA, Liberty, American Bid, 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 or American Bid.

AT LARGE SELECTION SELECTION PROCESS

The USAV Events Department, with the assistance of its Seeding Committee, awards some GJNC Open Bids as At-Large Bids. Teams will automatically be considered for an At-Large Bid provided that the Team:

- Has played in at least one NQ in the same GJNC Open Division age group for which the Team is applying; and,
- Teams must have at least one finish in the top 50% of an Open Event; and,
- Is registered for GJNCs in the GJNCs Event registration system; and,
- Team must fill out the At-Large Application posted on the GJNC website [2025 Girls 18s Junior National Championship – At-Large Application](#); 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. **ALL TEAM RESULTS NEED TO BE ENTERED.** Please review the [Results Reporting](#).

The USAV Events Department will announce the Teams being awarded the GJNCs Open At-Large Bids no later than the second Tuesday 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 13's – 18'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 ALOOCATION (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 18s 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 13 's-18 's age groups & up to two (2) Bids in the 12'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 18s Junior National Volleyball USA 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 ALLOCATION (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 ALLOCATION (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) Regions with the largest membership growth based on Girls Junior 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 18s Junior National Championship. Bids will be based upon the averages of 2023 and 2024 Girls 18s 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 96 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 Division), number of growth of junior girls members (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 (see Rules for Priority of Bid Use).

RULES FOR PRIORITY OF BID USE

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. (This is only applicable to the 11-12 age divisions)
- If a Team previously accepted a USA or Liberty Bid, the Team must use the National 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 USA or 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

To ensure the integrity of GJNCs and to promote fair play, it may be necessary for USAV to impose penalties. USAV will convene an Event committee to review each case and impose a proper penalty(ies) if warranted.

FACTORS THAT WILL BE CONSIDERED FOR ESTABLISHING PENALTIES:

- Compliance 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 or American Bid which it has earned and accepted, may be subject to the following penalties:

FINANCIAL PENALTIES

- 2 months prior to the start of GJNCs– payment of entry fee and \$1,000 fine. Penalties may vary at the discretion of USA Volleyball.
- 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 team suspended from participation in all NQs 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 team suspended from participation in all NQs 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

- 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 THROUGH THEIR USAV APPROVAL APPLICATION.

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 electronically sign the roster upon online check in.
- 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.
- **Chaperones are no longer required to be listed on the official roster for the 18 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 must provide a travel policy if requested. (See the [Team Travel Policy](#) section of this chapter for more information and the default policy.)

ROSTERED ATHLETE REQUIREMENTS

PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

- Shall be registered with the USAV RVA in the geographical area in which they reside or in which their club/team is registered; or a citizen of one of the US territories in good standing with their respective FIVB

Federation; or a citizen of their respective foreign country in good standing with their respective FIVB Federation.

- Can play with only one USAV junior team at the 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

For all Events, each player is required to wear the same jersey number as listed on the official roster throughout the entire Event, with limited exceptions as required by emergency or blood rule applications.

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. Additional penalties may be assessed on a case-by-case basis.

Penalties for an **incorrect number** are listed below:

- If the error is discovered **prior** to or during the match, the player may not compete for the remainder of the match and the roster may not be adjusted until the conclusion of the match.
- If the error is discovered **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 2023-2025 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 to the team by the tournament. For the player to be eligible for play, the penalty must be paid in full. Teams found with the wrong jersey number should recognize that additional penalties may be imposed.

No penalty is assessed on previous rounds or matches where the player may have played in the wrong numbered jersey.

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 as listed in the 2024-2025 Indoor Rule Book:

- If the missing player is discovered **prior** to the team's first match of the tournament, the player may be added to the roster and may play once the roster change fee is paid to the tournament, and the corrected roster is presented to the referees.
- If the missing player is discovered **during** the match, the following will occur:
- Player may not compete for the remainder of the match and Rule 7.3.5.4 as listed in the 20232025

Indoor Rules Book is applied: 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.

- The team may add the player to the roster after the conclusion of the match, but before the next match, but only after paying a \$250 penalty as well as any additional roster change fees imposed by the tournament.
- Note: the player must be an eligible member within the Club and available to be added to the roster. Please reference the USA Volleyball Age and Identity Falsification Policy for further review.
- If the missing player is discovered after the **completion** of the match, the following will occur:
- The team will forfeit the most recent match within the round where the illegal player was found to have played.
- The player may only be added to the roster after confirming the player is eligible, and the team pays a \$250 penalty as well as any additional roster change fees imposed by the tournament.
- Note: the player must be an eligible member within the Club and available to be added to the roster. Please reference the USA Volleyball Age and Identity Falsification Policy for further review.

After teams have advanced to the next round of play, no forfeits will be assessed on the previous round where the non-rostered player may have played.

AGE DEFINITIONS

For use during the 2024-2025 Season:

Once a player has:

1. Been enrolled at a university, college, community college, or junior college AND
2. Has participated in an official practice for the above program while enrolled

The player 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 [AGE CLASSIFICATION \(usavolleyball.org\)](https://www.usavolleyball.org/age-classification) for the current age definition policy.

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

FROZEN PLAYER TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Once a female junior player has participated in a 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 Team at a national qualifier in a qualifying division. The team does not qualify at that event. The player is frozen to the club at that point, and may not transfer to a different club that is planning to play at another qualifier or National Championship.

Earning and accepting an Open Bid, submitting an Open At-Large Bid application or accepting any National, USA, or American 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. 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 GJNCs.**
 - 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.
 - 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. (See [Penalties for Illegal Use of Bid](#))

AGE EXCEPTION FOR 2025

Players who were born on or after July 1, 2006, (who are defined as 18 & under by the USAV Age Definition) and are in the 11th grade for the current academic year are eligible to compete in 17 & under.

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 at a NQ and at GJNC.

Please note: *This is a National Age Waiver approved by the National Office.* The frozen player rule would still be enforced. A player can play on both 17s & 18s teams during the season but would become frozen to a roster with whichever team they qualify with and would no longer be eligible to play for both teams in qualification.

With region approval only, teams with waived players may be eligible to participate in the non-qualifying Patriot Division of the GJNC. USAV will fully support the region’s decision on whether or not to allow waived players in this division. Waivered players must be waived the entire season in order to participate in the

Patriot Division of GJNC. Players **MAY NOT** transfer clubs prior to the GJNC to participate in the Patriot Division.

ROSTERED ATHLETE REQUIREMENTS

COACH ELIGIBILITY

All rostered personnel (non-players) must:

- Be FULL MEMBERS of a Region of USA Volleyball
- Be SafeSport trained, and
- Have a current, cleared background screening if applicable.

Junior level members under the age of 18 do not need to be background screened and can only serve as a Team Manager on the roster.

Junior members 18 years old and above, serving in non-player capacity on a junior Team, must have submitted, and cleared a background screening within 30 days of their 18th Birthday and must be SafeSport trained.

In order to be listed as a coach, serve in a coaching capacity, one must possess a minimum coaching certification level of IMPACT (Entry Level).

An IMPACT certified person, listed on the roster, must be present and on the bench at all times. It is strongly recommended that Teams have more than one IMPACT certified person on their roster. In the event an IMPACT certified person is not present (late, sick, ejected or disqualified), the Team must have another IMPACT certified person on their roster and on the Team bench for play to begin or continue without forfeit. No additional time will be allowed to comply with the IMPACT certified person requirement to continue play except for unused time outs and/or time allowed between sets.

The Head Coach listed on the Official competition roster must have no other head coach designation with any other Team concurrently within the same Event, **with the exception** being a single NQ taking place over two weekends.

IMPACT certification rating may be met by successfully completing one of the following programs:

- USA Coaching Accreditation Program (CAP), Levels I, II or III
- RVA IMPACT course (Region or National Office verification required)
- Canadian Volleyball Associations Levels 1-4
- FIVB International Courses Levels 1-3
- ACEP "Principles of Coaching" course with proof of purchase of the USAV IMPACT Manual
- USA Volleyball IMPACT In Person
- USA Volleyball IMPACT On Demand
- USA Volleyball CAP or BCAP I, II, or III
- NFHS Fundamentals of Volleyball
- NFHS Fundamentals of Coaching
- ASEP Coaching Principles
- NCCP Level 1 Community Coach Workshop (minimum)
- FIVB Level 1 Course (minimum)
- University of college approved "Introduction to Coaching" course

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, the Event arbitrators, and the NQ designee reserve the right to conduct random ID checks on any staff person listed on the roster at any time.

Individual participation eligibility requirements (membership, background screening, IMPACT, minimum age, SafeSport trained etc.) are subject to verification by USAV, including use of random ID checks by the Event Arbitrator and/or the NQ or GJNCs designee.

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:

- The Illegal Participant will be asked to leave the bench, and the team will receive a fine that is at the Tournament Director's discretion. All events must post the 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 staff to an official roster is not allowed once a Team has begun Match play in the Event.**

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. The Safe Sport Training requirement is associated with each member's USA Volleyball membership. If there are questions or issues completing Safe Sport training, please email: membership@usav.org.

Adults who have frequent contact with or authority over Minor Athletes must read over and adhere to the Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy, otherwise known as the MAAPP. A shortened version of the MAAPP can be found here: [2025 SafeSport MAAPP Policy](#).

All adult participants of USA Volleyball are mandatory reporters of abuse.

The U.S. Center for SafeSport has exclusive jurisdiction over allegations of Sexual Misconduct. To report sexual misconduct, please click on the following link to report directly to the U.S. Center for SafeSport: [Report a Concern | U.S. Center for SafeSport \(uscenterforsafesport.org\)](#).

To report any other form of Misconduct, including Physical and Emotional misconduct (such as bullying, hazing, harassment), retaliation, violations of the MAAPP, or any other violations of the SafeSport Code, you may file a concern with USA Volleyball at the following link: [USAV Incident Reporting Form \(formsite.com\)](#)

In addition, the U.S. Center for SafeSport offers SafeSport training for parents and minor athletes free of charge. These courses can be taken at the following link: [U.S. Center for SafeSport \(safesporttrained.org\)](#)

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

* 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

Any member in question must provide proof of identity and age eligibility if requested by an Event staff member or a USAV Arbitrator.

The following constitutes as proof of identity and age:

- Current Driver's License or Identification Card
- Birth Certificate – Junior Members Only
- Military Identification Card
- Current Passport

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:

- 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 registration with USAV and barred from further participation in the Event; and barred from participation in any USAV Events, in any capacity, for a minimum of two (2) years; and
 - Placed on a minimum probation of one (1) additional year, to run consecutively with the suspension.
- Any Team Representative, Coach, Club Director or responsible adult found to be a party to such action shall be subject to the same penalties.

When age or identity falsification is 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. Additional penalties will be imposed to include forfeitures.

The Event Arbitrator shall file a report detailing the incident of any age or identity violation, to USA Volleyball. USA Volleyball shall notify the Region of the penalty and further actions required.

GENDER COMPEITION 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 SafeSport Code. [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.

Adult Participants, not including athletes that meet the Close-in-Age exception, traveling overnight with Minor Athletes are assumed to have Authority and must comply with the Center's Education and Training Policy.

- Written consent must be obtained annually by the Organization or the Adult Participant for all In-Program lodging. This consent can be withdrawn at any time.
- Lodging arrangements covered under this policy include, but are not limited to, hotel stays, rentals (i.e., Airbnb, VRBO, HomeToGo, etc.), and long-term residential environments, including lodging at training sites and billeting.
- 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.
- All In-Program Contact during lodging must be observable and interruptible unless an exception exists.
- 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 **and** advance written consent is provided to the Organization or Adult Participant for each **specific** lodging arrangement).
- 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.

Transportation

- All In-Program Contact during transportation must be observable and interruptible unless an exception exists, or the Adult Participant has advance written consent from the Minor Athlete's parent/guardian. This consent can be withdrawn at any time.
- In-Program transportation requirements are met if the Adult Participant is accompanied by another Adult Participant or at least two minors who are 8 years of age or older.
- Written parent/guardian consent is required annually for all transportation authorized or funded by an NGB, LAO, or USOPC. This consent can be withdrawn at any time.

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

Code of Conduct / Honor Code

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

Recommended:

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

For Consideration:

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

POLICY ON FOREIGN PLAYER AND FOREIGN TEAM PARTICIPATION

Only U.S. Territories (American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands) and their associated Federations are eligible to participate in qualification divisions of the NQs and the GJNC.

Definitions:

- I. **Foreign Junior Team.** A team of Non-Resident Foreign Participants seeking to participate in a USAV or Region-sanctioned event.
- II. **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.
- III. **Non-Resident Junior Foreign Player.** A Non-Resident Foreign Participant is an individual who does not meet the requirements of legal residence in the United States. 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):

Policy Statement for Foreign Teams:

- I. 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.
 - 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.
 - b. Foreign Teams must purchase SECONDARY foreign participant insurance for \$100 per team, which will be provided by USA Volleyball.
 - c. Each player listed on the Roster will fit USA Volleyball Age Definitions.
 - d. Foreign Teams must complete ALL steps in the USA Volleyball Foreign Team Approval Process to be considered eligible to participate in any USA Volleyball Sanctioned Event.
 - e. 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

Policy Statement for Foreign PLAYERS:

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

- I. She/He is a duly registered member of a USAV RVA; and,
- II. 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 Junior Foreign

Player 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.

Prohibited Actions:

- I. A Non-Resident Foreign Player shall not be eligible to participate in domestic USAV or RVA events.
- II. Concurrent registration with more than one National Volleyball Federation is prohibited.

COMPETITION RULES AND REGULATIONS

OFFICIALS & OFFICIATING

USA Volleyball 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 (BJNCs will provide R2's as available)
- Must be a rostered adult (non-players) 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)
- If tournament provides the R2, a rostered adult must be court side for the entire match.
- Certified Scorer via VolleyStation (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.

VOLLEystation

USA Volleyball is excited to announce that we have partnered with VolleyStation to implement digital scorekeeping. We will be utilizing this method of scorekeeping during the Girls 18s Junior National Championship.

It is particularly IMPORTANT for ALL coaches and players to review the material below before the event begins.

Step by step guide:

1. Download the VolleyStation app:
 - a. [VolleyStation Score on the App Store](#)
 - b. [VolleyStation Score – Apps on Google Play](#)
2. Review the Digital Scorekeeping Slideshow and Instructional Video:
 - a. [VolleyStation Score US Simplified – Google Slides](#)
 - b. [VS Score – User Guide.mp4 – Google Drive](#)

Additional Resources to Utilize:

FAQ/Handouts (Will also be provided onsite at the score tables):

- [VolleyStation Score – Tabe FAQs at Tournament – Google Slides](#)

Live Training Meetings:

Every Wednesday starting January 8th – End of May 2025, 6:00 – 6:30pm CT

- Video call link: [Meet](#)

Please note: We will have a VolleyStation representative onsite for any questions, concerns or technical difficulties.

We appreciate your willingness to try implementing this new system for us and if you have any feedback it will be greatly appreciated! We look forward to seeing how we can use this opportunity to better serve our athletes, teams and officials.

Please reach out to vsscore@volleystation.com or events@usav.org with any questions.

MISSED OFFICIATING DUTIES

A Teams 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 penalties against the Team.

- 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 official timed 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 2025 USA Volleyball GJNC 18s National Championship (see: <https://usavolleyball.org/resources-for-officials/rulebooks-and-interpretations/> to download the Domestic Competition Regulations USA Volleyball Indoor Rules Book). Participants, coaches and team representatives in the USA Volleyball GJNC 18s National Championships are subject to and must obey ALL rules, regulations and policies of USA Volleyball herein or otherwise written.

Please review the 2024-2025 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 2024-25 season.

- USAV 4.3.3.1a: Uniform numbers must be clearly visible and centered side to side on the front and back of the jersey
- USAV 5.1.2.1: Judgment decisions are not subject to protest. A protest related to a judgment decision may result in a penalty (red card) being assessed to the coach.
- USAV 12.4.4 and USAV 12.4.4a: For 14-and-under age groups, the server must hit the ball within 8 seconds after the 1st referee whistles for service. If the server tosses the ball and then catches it or allows it to fall to the floor, this is considered a service tossing error, including a ball that touches the server as it falls.
- Rule 14.3: In blocking, the player may place his/her hands and arms beyond the net, provided that this action does not interfere with the opponent's play. Thus, it is not permitted to touch the ball beyond the net before an opponent has executed an attack hit.
- USAV 18.2.1: The default protocol is for each team to remain on their respective side of the court throughout the match, including the deciding set unless the event organizer determines there is a clear disadvantage on only one side of the court.
- USAV Rule 20.1.2: Coaches and players must accept the decisions of the referees with sportsmanlike conduct.
- USAV Rule 20.2: Coaches and players must be respectful and courteous to referees, other officials, opponents, teammates, and spectators.

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

- Rally Score to 25 points, all sets must be won by a margin of two (2) points.
- Deciding sets of best 2-of-3 matches will be rally scoring to 15 points, 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

ARTIFICIAL NOISE MAKERS AND PORTABLE MUSIC DEVICES

Due to their disruptive nature, artificial noise makers are prohibited at NQs and GJNCs. In addition, teams may not use portable music devices courtside, including during warmups.

TEAM UNIFORMS

Team players shall wear uniforms that are in full compliance with the United States Volleyball 2023-2025 USA Volleyball Indoor Rules Book (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 2023-2025 USA Volleyball Indoor Rules Book. 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 2024-25 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 BREAKER 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 Bid Tournaments 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. If 3 or more tied teams are tied in point percentage, they will be ranked for a playoff based on their initial ranking in 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. If 3 or more tied teams are tied in point percentage, they will be ranked for a playoff based on their initial ranking in 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.

TEAMS NOT PRESENT FOR TIE BREAKER

If one or more of the tied Teams are not present at the court at the beginning of the timed warm-ups for a tiebreaker match (including the officiating team, which may only have officiating responsibilities), the following scenarios should be followed:

- If one of the tied teams is not present, the missing team will be eliminated from the tiebreaker and assigned the lowest position available within the tie. This is the only penalty that will be enforced on this team.
- If two of the tied teams are not present, the missing teams will be eliminated from the tiebreaker and the one team present will be awarded the highest position available. The other two teams will be placed based on head-to-head results in the pool.
- If all three of the tied teams are not present, the teams will be placed based on point percentage. If teams are tied in point percentage, they will be placed in the pool based on their initial seed.

TEAM FORFEITURES

A Team that intentionally forfeits a Match at an Event will be excluded from further participation in 18s GJNC.

- The forfeit is intentional unless the Team shows good cause for the forfeit, such as illness and emergency circumstances.
- 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.

WITHDRAWAL PROCEDURE & RULES

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

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

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

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

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

LAST DAY FORFEITS

Teams that enter a National Championship 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.

PROVACATIVE BEHAVIOR

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

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

ETHICS AND ELIGIBILITY

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

EVENT ARBITRATORS

Event Arbitrators are appointed by USAV and are present for BNQs 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 Arbitrator(s) for resolution.

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

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

EVENT APPEALS COMMITTEE DUTIES

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

- **Uphold the decision** of the arbitrator(s).
- **Rescind the decision** of the arbitrator(s).
- **Modify or amend the decision** of the arbitrator(s). The amendment can be restrictive than the arbitrator's decision.
- Rescind the decision of the arbitrator(s) **and render a new judgment.**
 - The decisions of the Event Appeals Committee are final with respect to eligibility or privileges at the event; no further appeal is available at the event.

EVENT APPEALS COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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

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

- A person appointed by the Event Director.
- A person who is or has been an elected or appointed USAV layleader.
- A person who meets the definition of a domestic athlete.

For all qualifier and bid events, the committee consists of three members (age 21 or older), as follows:

- A committee chair appointed by the Event Director.
- Two other persons (one a domestic athlete) who have no connection to the persons involved in the incident. All coaches on the event roster are ineligible to serve on this committee.

GENERAL TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

CONVENTION CENTER RULES & REGULATIONS

- Coolers and chairs are not permitted to be brought into the Convention Center playing area or hallways. Spectator seating and food concessions are available within the center. Any coolers and/or chairs brought into the convention center will be confiscated.
- Ball handling is NOT permitted outside of the playing areas (i.e. permitted on Sport Court only unless an area has been designated).
- No 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 18s**. 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 18s Junior National Volleyball Championship. Merchandisers will include the official event merchandiser, Lucky Dog, Mizuno and more!

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 18s 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	1 st Place
Runners-Up	
3 rd Place	

ALL-TOURNAMENT SELECTION

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

- playing effectiveness and court leadership in the tournament
- demonstration of good sportsmanship, leadership, general attitude and conduct both on and off the court
- the best individual players with some regard for position
- advanced skills and all-around ability
- 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
- 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: 18 Open, National, USA, Liberty, American, and Freedom divisions (Patriot Division does not receive All Tournament Team honors).

- 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.
- The committee makes selections with input from coaches, college scouts, and referees.
- 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.
- 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

EXHIBITOR 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 merchandise and other items in all areas of the playing venue.

USA Volleyball also has regulations specific to the sales of event-specific merchandise. 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, 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.

TRAVEL INFORMATION

HOTELS

Team Travel Source is the official housing company for the 2025 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

Salt Lake City International Airport (SLC) is located at **W Terminal Dr. Salt Lake City, UT 84122** and approximately 8.0 miles from the Salt Palace Convention Center.

Web address is: [Fly Salt Lake City - Salt Lake City International Airport](#)

Domestic Airlines

The following airlines serve the Salt Lake City International Airport:

Airline Carriers			
	855-728-3555		1-800-401-9000
	1-800-433-7300		1-800-252-7522
	1-800-538-2583		1-800-864-8331
	1-800-221-1212		1-800-435-9792

WEBSITES

Salt Palace Convention Center: [Home - The Salt Palace Convention Center](#)

ATTRACTIONS & SIGHTSEEING: [Visit Salt Lake | Official Travel Website for Salt Lake City, Utah](#)

GROUND TRANSPORTATION

RENTAL CARS

Located at Salt Lake City International Airport:

[Rental Cars \(slairport.com\)](http://slairport.com)

Departing Passengers: Return your car to our Rental Center

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

TAXIS & LIGHT RAIL

Taxi Service is available on the Ground Transportation level of the terminal. Please visit the Taxi &

Rideshare information on the airport website

[Taxis & Rideshare \(slairport.com\)](http://slairport.com)

[TRAX Light Rail | SLC Airport](#)

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 the 18s GJNC:

1. Register each team in **ADVANCED EVENT SYSTEMS** (AES) for the 18s 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/37914>
You **MUST** submit a roster for each team in AES at time of event registration
 - a. The roster must identify the following: Head Coach and a minimum of six (6) players
 - i. 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.
 - b. The roster must be 100% verified via the USAV Import (Non-USA teams exempt)
 - i. Regional verifications will only be accepted on a limited case-by-case basis.
2. Submit the Official Entry Form from AES along with the entry **fee to 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 18s Junior National Qualifier will mail their entries directly to USA Volleyball by the date specified in an email sent to them following qualification.

- Make check payable to: **USA Volleyball**
- See note under Entry Fee for USAV check cashing procedures
- PRINT team name and division on the memo line of your check
- 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 18s 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.

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

- Submit your roster in AES in the Open Division of the Girls 18s Junior National Championship
- 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 2024-2025 USA 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 the 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.
- **GUARANTEED 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 volleyball@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: volleyball@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.

Import Team Results

Notes

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

Upload File

Select File

Choose File

No file chosen

Download Example File

Match Import file format

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

Import

Export

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 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 2025 USA Volleyball Girls 18s Junior National Volleyball Championship in Advanced Event Systems (AES): <https://www.advancedeventsystems.com/events/37914>
 - 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 & USA At-Large, print the “Official Entry Form” from AES.
 - Teams that would like to be considered for Open and USA At-Large if applicable must register in AES by March 10th and have their results submitted in AES by March 14th.
- ☐ PAYMENT: there are 2 options for payment for the 18s 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.
- ☐ 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 participants must fully complete the USAV Foreign Team Approval Applications by the posted deadline (see Chapter 1). Please reach out to membership@usav.org for more information.
- ☐ USA Volleyball has implemented a [Stay & Play Policy](#) for the Boys Junior National Volleyball Championships. Please contact Team Travel Source to make housing arrangements: https://www.teamtravelsource.com/usavolleyball_lander/usav-championships/
- ☐ Enter complete results into AES by March 14th for Open & Open At-Large teams and March 21st for National, USA, Liberty, American & 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 must be available for each member of the team if asked by tournament staff
- ☐ Any roster additions on the day of registration will be accompanied with a \$50.00. 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 2023-2025 Indoor Rules Book. 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).