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2026 GIRLS 11-13s CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT MANUAL

WELCOME TO MINNEAPOLIS – 2026

On behalf of USA Volleyball and the Events Department, it is our pleasure to join our hosts to welcome you to Minneapolis, Minnesota and the Minneapolis Convention Center for the 2026 USA Volleyball Girls 11-13 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 North Country Region of USA Volleyball for helping to host this event. They are already working hard preparing for this big competition.

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DATES OF COMPETITION

2026 USA Volleybal Girls Junior National Championship 11-13s
Minneapolis Convetion Center
Minneapolis, MN
Age Division Schedule

		Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
Division	# of Teams	18-Jun	19-Jun	20-Jun	21-Jun	22-Jun
13 Open	36	13s Registration	Pool Play	Pool Play	Pool Play	AM BRACKETS & FINALS
13 National	48		Pool Play	Pool Play	Pool Play	AM BRACKETS & FINALS
13 USA	48		Pool Play	Pool Play	Pool Play	AM BRACKETS & FINALS
13 Liberty	48		Pool Play	Pool Play	Pool Play	AM BRACKETS & FINALS
13 American	96		Pool Play	Pool Play	Pool Play	AM BRACKETS & FINALS
12 National	48	12s Registration	Pool Play	Pool Play	Pool Play	AM BRACKETS & FINALS
12 USA	32		Pool Play	Pool Play	Pool Play	AM BRACKETS & FINALS
12 American	64		Pool Play	Pool Play	Pool Play	AM BRACKETS & FINALS
11 National	24	11s Registration	Pool Play	Pool Play	AM BRACKETS & FINALS	
11 American	36		Pool Play	Pool Play	AM BRACKETS & FINALS	

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

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

ENTRY FEES

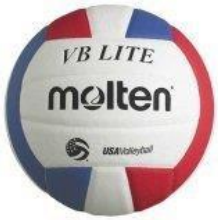
Division	Fee
11 & Under National Championships (3 Day Tournament)	$800.00 (U.S. Currency)
12 & Under National, USA, American Championships	$1000.00 (U.S. Currency)
13 & Under Open, National, USA, Liberty, and American Championships	$1000.00 (U.S. Currency)

* 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 11-13s 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 11-13s 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

11-12's: Molten "VBLite"	***13's: Molten "Super Touch" IV58L-3***
	

DEADLINES

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

DEADLINES	
Deadline to have Entry Fee to USAV	Upon instruction from USAV once awarded
AES entry deadline (At-Large)	April 15th
Deadline for Results – At-Large Entries	April 15th
AES entry deadline (Open, National, USA, Liberty, & American)	Within 10 business days after qualification and no later than May 7th, 2026 for late & reallocation bids
Deadline to have entries to USAV	Upon instruction from USAV once awarded
Deadline for Results – National, USA, Liberty, American, Freedom & Entries	April 28th

DETAILS OF ENTRY REQUIREMENTS (page 29)

TOURNAMENT TEAM CHECK – IN

On-site team check-in is **REQUIRED** and located in the Team Registration room at the Minneapolis 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
June 18, 2026	2:00 PM – 9:00 PM	All Divisions

The **online check-in deadline is June 18th at 2pm. Online check-in is a required step to complete registration and to initiate your coaches QR codes for entry to GJNC 11-13s.

****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 Minneapolis Convention Center.
- 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).

ROSTER ADDITIONS & CHANGE DEADLINES

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

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

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

Team Representatives

- **Prior to June 18th – you may edit and make changes to your roster through the AES system** https://www.advancedeventsystems.com/events/41958
- **Between June 14th at 12pm MST and June 18th 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 with be at all teams' discretion.

THEME DAYS

The theme days during the tournament are listed below:

- Saturday, June 20th: Tutu Day
- Sunday, June 21st: Superhero/Sidekick Day

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 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

Rules for this event follow the standards outlined in the Championship Manual found on the Girls Indoor webpage. For detailed information on this topic, refer to the "Player's Number on Official Roster" and "Player Missing from Official Roister" sections of the Championship Manual, (Pages 34-35).

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.

AGE DEFINITIONS

Please visit AGE CLASSIFICATION (usavolleyball.org) 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.

ROSTERED STAFF REQUIREMENTS

Rules for this event follow the standards outlined in the Championship Manual found on the Girls Indoor webpage. For detailed information on this topic, refer to the "Rostered Staff Requirements" and "Staff Missing from Official Roster" sections of the Championship Manual, (Pages 35-36).

THE "FROZEN PLAYER" RULE

Frozen Player policy for this event follows the standards outlined in the Championship Manual found on the Girls Indoor webpage. For detailed information on this topic, refer to the "Frozen Player Rule" section of the Championship Manual, (Pages 39-40).

AGE WAIVERED PLAYERS

Age Waivered policy for this event follows the standards outlined in the Championship Manual found on the Girls Indoor webpage. For detailed information on this topic, refer to the "Age Waivered Players" section of the Championship Manual, (Page 33).

SAFESPORT

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 the 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

The policy for this event follows the standards outlined in the Championship Manual found on the Girls Indoor webpage. For detailed information on this topic, refer to the "USA Volleyball Age and Identity Falsification Policy " section of the Championship Manual, (Page 37).

GENDER COMPETITION POLICY

The policy for this event follows the standards outlined in the Championship Manual found on the Girls Indoor webpage. For detailed information on this topic, refer to the "Gender Competition Policy " section of the Championship Manual, (Page 37).

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/guardians 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 people. Athletes 12 and under will be accompanied by a chaperone.
- Safety Policies
    - Additional guidelines to be established as needed by the coaches;
    - Supervised team room provided for relaxation and recreation;
    - Respect the privacy of each other; and
    - Only use hotel rooms with interior entrances.
- Behavior Policies
    - Be quiet and respect the rights of teammates and others in the hotel;
    - Be prompt and on time;
    - Develop cell phone usage guidelines;
    - Develop computer usage guidelines including social media;
    - Respect travel vehicles;
    - Establish travel dress code;
    - Use appropriate behavior in public facilities, including language;
    - Establish two different curfews – in own rooms and lights out;
    - Must stay in assigned hotel room; and
    - Needs and well-being of the team come first.
- Financial
    - No room service without permission
    - Players are responsible for all incidental charges
    - Players are responsible for any damages or thievery at hotel;
    - Players must participate in contracted group meals; and
    - Communicate travel reimbursement information and policies.
- General
    - Establish fair trip eligibility requirements;
    - Establish age guidelines for travel trips;

- Parent(s) responsible for getting player(s) to stated departure point; and
- 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, administrators, 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 INDIVIDUAL AND FOREIGN TEAM PARTICIPATION

Purpose:

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

The policy for this event follows the standards outlined in the Championship Manual found on the Girls Indoor webpage. For detailed information on this topic, refer to "Policy on Foreign Individual and Foreign Team Participation" section of the Championship Manual, (Pages 41-42).

COMPETITION RULES AND REGULATIONS

OFFICIALS & OFFICIATING

Officiating duties for this event follows the standards outlined in the Championship Manual found on the Girls Indoor webpage. For detailed information on this topic, refer to the "Team Officiating Duties" section of the Championship Manual, (Pages 32-33).

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 11-13s 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

Please note: VolleyStation representatives may be 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.

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

The protocol for this event follows the standards outlined in the Championship Manual found on the Girls Indoor webpage. For detailed information on this topic, refer to the "Warm-Up Protocol" section of the Championship Manual, (Pages 27-28).

RULES OF PLAY

The USAV Indoor Rules Book will be in effect throughout the season and for the 2026 USA Volleyball Girls 11-13s Junior 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 Girls Junior National Championship are subject to and must obey ALL rules, regulations and policies of USA Volleyball herein or otherwise written.

Please review the Critical Rules and Interpretations training material below: https://usavolleyball.org/resources-for-officials/rulebooks-and-interpretations/

The rules of play for this event follows the standards outlined in the Championship Manual found on the Girls Indoor webpage. For detailed information on this topic, refer to the "Rules of Play" section of the Championship Manual, (Page 23).

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 uniforms must comply with current USAV rules, including consistent numbering across all jersey sets, proper number sizing and placement, and clearly contrasting Libero jerseys. Please ensure all players are in proper uniform during warm-ups and competition.

For full details and requirements, please review the official guidelines: Uniform Requirements, Rules and Regulations

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 BREAKERS TO DETERMINE POOL FINISH

Policy for this event follows the standards outlined in the Championship Manual found on the Girls Indoor webpage. For detailed information on this topic, refer to "Tie Breakers to Determine Pool Finish" section of the Championship Manual, (Pages 28-30).

TEAM FORFEITURES

Policy for this event follows the standards outlined in the Championship Manual found on the Girls Indoor webpage. For detailed information on this topic, refer to "Team Forfeitures" section of the Championship Manual, (Pages 31-32).

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

DISCIPLINARY ACTION

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

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

PROVOCATIVE BEHAVIOR

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

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

ETHICS AND ELIGIBILITY

All Junior National Championship Events offer participants the ability to access normal due process channels should their eligibility to participate be in question.

Ethics and eligibility for this event follows the standards outlined in the Championship Manual found on the Girls Indoor webpage. For detailed information on this topic, refer to "Ethics and Eligibility" section of the Championship Manual, (Pages 44-45).

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 11-13s**. 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 11-13s Junior National Volleyball Championship. Merchandisers will include the official event merchandisers, Simpatico, Mizuno, Molten 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 GJNC 11-13s 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 medal. Players named to the All-Tournament Teams will receive an individual award. In divisions in which All-Tournament selections are made, a Most Valuable Player will be presented. Only USAV-approved awards will be presented at the Championship.

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

ALL-TOURNAMENT SELECTION

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

- 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.

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 GJNC 11-13s:

1. Register each team in ADVANCED EVENT SYSTEMS (AES) for the GJNC 11-13s 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/41958
   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 11-13s 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 Feed 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 11-13s 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.

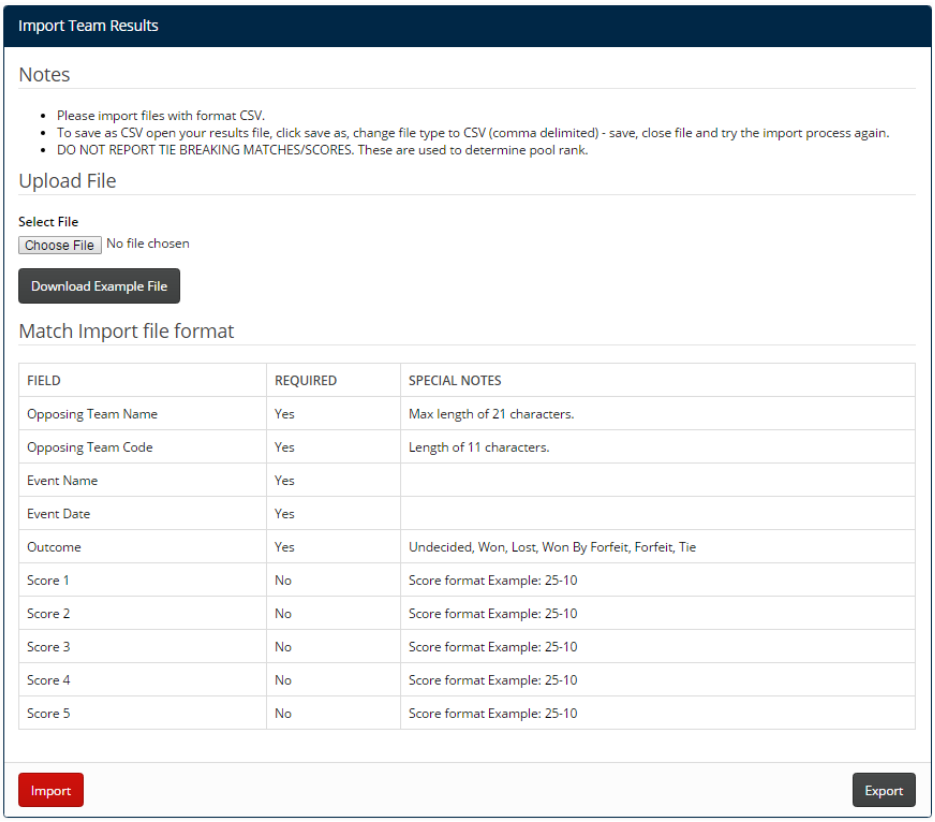
For Open At-Large consideration these additional requirements must be met:

- Submit your roster in AES in the Open Division of the Girls 11-13s Junior National Championship
- Select the Open At-Large consideration statement listed on the Official Entry form from AES

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.



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

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 2026 USA Volleyball Girls 11-13s Junior National Volleyball Championship in Advanced Event Systems (AES): https://www.advancedeventsystems.com/events/41958

- Roster includes Head Coach and at least 6 players
- Roster is 100% verified (U.S. teams only)

☐ PAYMENT: there are 2 options for payment for the GJNC 11-13s

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 all USAV 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 April 15th for Open & Open At-Large teams and April 15th for National, USA, Liberty, & American 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 or 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 2025-2027 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).