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SCSN

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Junior Girls

Manual



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# I. GETTING STARTED

## A. Registration

All members (coaches, players, chaperones, team representatives, and club directors) MUST register with the USAV in order to participate in any SCSN activity. All adults involved in the club (Including club directors, coaches, team representatives, and chaperones) must pass a USA Volleyball Background Screening test prior to the registration process. The background clearance is valid for one year. The background screening process can take a week to process. In addition, any adult requiring an international background can take up to 4 weeks depending on the country of origin. International backgrounds also vary in price depending on the country. All registration will be submitted through the SportsEngine platform. Each club will have a SportsEngine account through which you will add your staff, coaches, and athletes. If you have any questions regarding registration, please contact Annie at [annie.griggs@usav.org](mailto:annie.griggs@usav.org).

DUE TO THE USA VOLLEYBALL INSURANCE REGULATIONS, REGISTRATION FOR ALL CLUBS IS DUE FOUR WEEKS PRIOR TO THE FIRST TOURNAMENT IN WHICH THEY ARE ENTERED INCLUDING THE COMPLETED BACKGROUND SCREENING PROCESS.

A 2025/2026 Individual Membership Form for each player, coach, and team representative will be submitted online through SportsEngine. Only members within the geographical boundaries of the SCSN will be allowed to register with the SCSN region. Along with the 2025/2026 Individual Membership Form, a completed Letter of Commitment is to be submitted for each player. All clubs should collect a medical release form from their players. Please reach out to [annie.griggs@usav.org](mailto:annie.griggs@usav.org) for a copy of this form. **Do not** submit these forms to the SCSN office. They are to remain on file with your club.

Club registration is \$250 which includes registration for both girls and boys clubs using the same name as well as for facility insurance. Note: No club with an outstanding balance will be eligible to register with the SCSN until the balance is paid in full.

For the 2025/2026 season, no athlete will be eligible to transfer between clubs. The SCSN will be enforcing the signed SCSN Letter of Commitment. If a club and/or team opts not to participate in a year end event, the players are still committed to the original club. In addition, a club and/or team that does not complete the entire season may not release the

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players to play for another club. If a club and/or team does not complete the season, that is an issue between the club and the parent; not the SCSN.

As part of registration, it will be mandatory for every coach to submit a Code of Ethics online through SportsEngine. In addition, each coach will need to be Background Screened, SafeSport certified, and Impact Certified. All steps of the registration process must be completed in order to be eligible to coach in any SCSN event. Each coach must have a photo ID available courtside for possible roster verification.

The registration fees for the season are as follows: \$78.00 for each junior player, \$78.00 for each adult staff member (director, coach, and chaperone). All membership is done at the individual level through [SportsEngine](#). Guidelines for creating rosters and verifying participant membership were sent through emails when the club registered.

For older players still in the 12th grade a Birth Certificate and proof of grade status will need to be submitted upon request. All membership for players is done through SportsEngine and all required waivers must be agreed to in order for membership to be listed as eligible. **\*\*Important:** All 18 and under players and players who will become 18 any time prior to 8/31/2026 need to complete SafeSport certification. Those players not yet 18 will need parental consent which will be a provided waiver within the SportsEngine Registration.

Background Screening is now required every season. A link is provided to each individual upon purchase of their membership to which they will be required to submit BG Screening.

You may register new members throughout the season as long as: 1) the player is registered online, and 2) all eligibility requirements are met. Note: Each player must have a photo ID present courtside, added to their SportsEngine membership or state or school issued, in case of possible roster verification.

## B. New Club Sanctioning Requirements

To be considered for SCSN new club sanctioning, all the following criteria must be met:

### 1. Legal Incorporation

The club must operate as a recognized legal entity. Acceptable forms of incorporation include:

- Corporation
- Limited Liability Company (LLC)
- Nonprofit Organization
- Other legally recognized business entities

**Required:** Submit valid documentation as proof of legal incorporation and verifiable at the time of submission.

### 2. Proof of Facility Access

The Club shall submit valid and verifiable documentation evidencing secured access to an appropriate facility suitable for practices and training, for the full duration of the competitive season and verifiable at the time of submission.

#### **Examples of acceptable documentation:**

- Facility rental agreement
- Facility use contract
- Letter of commitment from facility management

### 3. Club Director Certification & Compliance

The designated Club Director must complete the following:

- SafeSport Certification
- IMPACT Training
- Pass a Background Screening

All certifications and screenings must be current and verifiable at the time of submission.

### 4. Timely Submission

The club must submit the **New Club Sanctioning Request by the stated deadline of May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026 for the 2026/2027 club season.**

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**Important:**

- Requests **submitted after the deadline** will **not be considered for the current season**.
- Late submissions will only be reviewed for the **following season**.

## C. Insurance

### 1. Individual Coverage

Once registered with the SCSN, members are covered by the USA Volleyball's sport accident policy. Please note that the liability insurance as provided by the SCSN will not cover the club and/or its administrators during practice, tournaments, or tryouts unless all participating members have completed the entire registration process. If an injury occurs during a tournament an Incident Report Form must be completed (see Supplements) and returned to the SCSN office.

### 2. Certificates of Insurance

Certificates of Insurance, naming facilities as additional insured, are available upon request from USAV. The certificates will be issued within a three to four week period upon request. Requests should be made in writing listing the club, specific facilities required along with their addresses and sent by email [amber.scott@usav.org](mailto:amber.scott@usav.org).

### 3. Non-SCSN Events

**USAV insurance only applies to USAV-sanctioned activities and is not in force for non-sanctioned activities, including independent camps and clinics.**

### 4. Insurance Guidelines During the Tryouts

Please require the players trying out for your club to have proof of membership from the 2024-2025 season, should tryouts take place prior to September 1st. If an athlete does not have a current membership, they can take out a tryout membership, which can later be upgraded to a full membership.

## D. Entries

The 2025/2026 schedule is available on our SCSN website. The entries will be online through your SportWrench and an appropriate entry fee must be paid online by the indicated deadline date before acceptance into any tournament. Full participation is required to play in any one or multiple day events. We will not allow teams to play just one day in a multiple day tournament. The entry deadline will be **FRIDAY, eight days PRIOR to the tournament date**. The entry fee will be \$375.00 per team for each day of each tournament, unless otherwise specified. **There will be a \$50 late fee for any team that wants to be added after the deadline**. No teams will be added after Tuesday at 8pm, four days before the tournament date. **NO EXCEPTIONS**.

**If a team is unable to participate, the SCSN office must be notified by 8:00 PM of Tuesday preceding the tournament date. If issues arise after 8:00 PM on Tuesday preceding the event, contact the SCSN Girls Director / event coordinator, Ki Yi. There will be a 50% refund for any team that drops after the deadline and before the event is posted on sportwrench.com. No refunds issued if a team drops from a tournament once the event has been posted on [sportwrench.com](https://sportwrench.com) which is always on the Tuesday the week of the event.**

Confirmation of the site and time will be posted on Sportwrench.com during the week of the tournament date. Please double check the playing sites on the Friday before the tournament date to make sure there were no last-minute changes. Please take the time to inform your coaches and parents of the site locations for your teams, as it is your responsibility.

## E. Age Divisions

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

The only exceptions given are the ones stated below the 2025-2026 Age Definition Chart. There will be no additional age waivers.

**[2025-2026 AGE CHART HERE](#)**

**18 and Under Division:** Players who were born on or after July 1, 2007 (who are defined as 18 & Under by the USAV Age Definition) and are in the 11th grade for the current academic year are waived to compete in 17 & Under. (This age waiver is based on recruiting concerns for 11th grade girls previously required to participate in girls 18s qualifiers and the 18's GJNC.

- **18 and Under Division:** Players who were born on or after July 1, 2006 and a high school student in the twelfth (12th) grade or below during some part of the current academic year are eligible to compete on 18 and under teams.

**17 and Under Division:** Players who were born on or after July 1, 2008

- **Girls 17 and Under Division:** Players who were born on or after July 1, 2007 (18 years or younger) who shall neither have completed nor are in a grade higher than the eleventh grade (11th) during the current academic year will be allowed to participate in the 17 and under age division. This age waiver is still subject to frozen roster rules. (This age waiver is based on recruiting concerns for girls in the 11th grade who would otherwise be required to participate in girls 18's qualifiers and the Girls 18's GJNC.)

**16 and Under Division:** Players who were born on or after July 1, 2009

**15 and Under Division:** Players who were born on or after July 1, 2010

**14 and Under Division:** Players who were born on or after July 1, 2011

**13 and Under Division:** Players who were born on or after July 1, 2012

**12 and Under Division:** Players who were born on or after July 1, 2013

**11 and Under Division:** Players who were born on or after July 1, 2014

**Note:** These age definitions are used by domestic club programs and are NOT the same as the age definitions for the International and Domestic National Team Development Programs.

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

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## II. SafeSport

A. As a member of a National Governing Body of the United States Olympic Committee, USA Volleyball is required to adhere to the safe sport rules and regulations of the USOC. Additionally, the USOC provides that as a condition of membership in the USOC, each national governing body (USAV) shall comply with the policies and procedures of the independent safe sport organization designated by the USOC to investigate and resolve safe sport violations. The USOC has designated the US Center for SafeSport as that organization. The current safe sport rules are available online at <https://safesport.org>

As a condition of membership in USA Volleyball and a condition for participation in any competition or event sanctioned by USA Volleyball or the SCSN, each athlete, coach, athlete support personnel, medical personnel, team staff, official, and any other person who participates in or at events (whether or not a member of the SCSN or USAV) agrees to comply with and be bound by the safe sport rules of the US Center for SafeSport and to submit to the jurisdiction and rules of the US Center for SafeSport for the investigation and resolution of any alleged violation of those rules.

**Thus all adult members of a club including but not limited to club directors, staff, coaches (head, assistants, floaters), trainers (medical, lifting, plyometric), and chaperones must be SafeSport Certified.**

Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies (MAAPP): [MAAP Handbook](#)

The Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies are new required aspects of SafeSport. There are two main sections of the MAAPP: education and training, and the required prevention policies. Non-compliance with MAAPP is a violation of the US Center for SafeSport Code. USAV may suspend membership for non-compliance. **All adults have a mandatory duty to report, per federal law and USAV policy.** Violations are to be reported at: <https://www.teamusa.org/usa-volleyball/about-us/safesport/make-a-report>.

- Education and Training Policies which specifically applies to all adults (anyone age 18 or older). **This means that upon the date of a member turning 18, he/she must comply with this policy and take the Core Center for SafeSport Training.** In order to avoid a temporary suspension of membership, 17 year old athletes are allowed to take Core training with parental consent.
- Required Prevention Policies which refer to one-on-one interactions, massages, locker rooms, social media, and travel. All applicable adults who interact with and have direct and frequent contact with minor athletes are required to complete **training annually**, which consists of “Core” SafeSport training followed by the US Center for SafeSport Refresher course.

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### III. ELIGIBILITY

#### A. Beginning of Season

Junior athletes are eligible to play for any club or team up until the beginning of the sanctioned season. At the time of her first court appearance during the sanctioned season, the athlete is to remain a registered member of that specific club throughout the season. Please note that for a club to be eligible to participate in regional events the club must abide by the tryout and commitment dates set forth by the SCSN. However, abiding by the tryout and commitment dates does not guarantee entry into these events.

#### B. Tryouts and Commitment Date

For the 2025/2026 season, all junior girls clubs are eligible to host tryouts for the various age divisions on the following dates:

- Tryouts for **15 and older age** divisions:
  - Open on **July 26, 2025**
  - **July 27, 8:00AM 2025, is** the first day a player can sign a letter of commitment
  - **July 27, 8:00AM 2025, is** the first day players may be sized for uniforms
  - First time a team can practice is November 29th
- Tryouts for **14 and under age** divisions:
  - Open on **October 4th, 2025**
  - **October 5th, 8:00AM 2025, is** the first day a player can sign a letter of commitment
  - **October 5th, 8:00AM 2025, is** the first day players may be sized for uniforms
  - First time a team can practice is November 1st

Once the letter of commitment is signed and turned into ONE club, the player is then committed to that club. If a player does not follow the tryout procedures and commitment

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date, she may be suspended for the 2025/2026 season.

SCSN Tryout Procedures should be posted at all club tryouts.

### C. Coaches Impact Certification

It is a requirement for all coaches to be Impact Certified. Each Club Director has signed the **Junior Club Agreement Form**, and it is their responsibility to have all coaching and staff for their club in compliance

There are webinars available through the USA Volleyball website:

<http://www.teamusa.org/USA-Volleyball/Education/Coaching-Education-Programs/Indoor-Courses/IMPACT/IMPACT-On-Demand>

### D. SafeSport Certification

The safety of its participants is of paramount importance to USA Volleyball. USA Volleyball and SCSN have ZERO TOLERANCE for abuse and misconduct. This includes not only on-court safety, but also off-court safety in any part of USA Volleyball's programs. USA Volleyball and SCSN are committed to creating safe and fun environments for youth. This includes, but not limited to, providing training, educational materials and resources for our regions, clubs, coaches, parents and athletes.

It is required beginning the 2025/2026 season for all club staff to be Safe Sport certified. Each Club Director has signed the **Junior Club Agreement Form**, and it is their responsibility to have all coaching and staff for their club in compliance

### E. Transfers

**Starting the 2019-Present SCSN season, no athlete will be eligible to transfer between clubs. The SCSN will be enforcing the signed SCSN letter of commitment. All transfer policies are subject to USAV's National Transfer & Eligibility Guidelines and any applicable appeal or hardship processes.**

### F. Inter-Regional Transfers

A player shall represent no more than one region, club, or team in sanctioned competition during the same season. A family relocation due to a job or military transfer may receive special consideration.

## G. New Players

Players may be registered at any time throughout the year as long as the proper paperwork and monies is received one week prior to participation.

## H. Team Changes Within Clubs

During the season, an athlete may change teams within her age division within her respective club, although rosters must remain the same for the Qualifying tournaments. After Qualifying, at the club's discretion, players may be moved to other teams within their club within the same age division; however, once moved, the player must remain on that team throughout the season. As the online rosters are frozen, you will need to email the SCSN office to request roster changes before the end of the business week before a weekend event. Please note that it is your responsibility as coaches to make sure that the players as well as the parents are well informed of these eligibility rules. There is a section that the parents must sign on the registration form which acknowledges that they have been informed of these rules. They are to consult their coach or Club Director for further details. For all questions regarding eligibility, please reach out to Ki Yi at the SCSN office. Please take the time to inform the parents of the athletes involved prior to the beginning of the season as this will help alleviate misunderstandings.

On a case by case basis, movement up to a different age group will be considered when circumstances are necessary due to injured or vacationing players as long as you have 8 or less players and you cannot go past 9 players or exceed the number of players on your roster that are able to play in the upcoming tournament. A one-time movement can be made up and back down to the original team when the approval process is granted. Permanent move to an older age group can occur after the entry tournament if a player has not played on a team that has qualified for the USAV Girls National Championships or if the club has applied for an at-large bid for that team.

## I. Student Athletes

The NCAA Eligibility Center is the arm of the NCAA responsible for determining the academic eligibility and amateurism status for all D1 and D2 student-athletes. Previously, this part of the NCAA was called the NCAA Clearinghouse, but now, the NCAA Clearinghouse and NCAA Eligibility Center have the same process. The most important thing to understand as a prospective student-athlete is that the NCAA is there to determine your eligibility, not to provide guidance on how to get or maintain your college eligibility. It is the responsibility of the student-athlete to understand the academic and amateurism requirements and make sure they are on track to meet those requirements with the help of their high school guidance counselor and school administrators.

## IV. NON-SANCTIONED COMPETITION

Any team or club desiring to conduct a volleyball event or local, regional, or zone competition must receive sanction/approval from the SCSN. Please email [annie.griggs@usav.org](mailto:annie.griggs@usav.org) to inquire about your club becoming sanctioned with the SCSN.

SCSN-registered players and teams competing in non-sanctioned competition may jeopardize their eligibility.

**AT THIS TIME, the SCSN will only sanction the following events: tryouts, scrimmages, or friendship tournaments (where no entry fees are charged).**

**Only events sanctioned by USAV and its regional partners carry insurance, SafeSport coverage, and athlete protection.**

USAV/SCSN insurance is not in force during non-sanctioned events. Please refer to the USAV Official Rulebook and/or Guidebook for specific policies.

## V. RECRUITING POLICY

The SCSN strongly follows USAV's national recruiting policy. We are asking for the cooperation of all coaches and directors in this matter. The following are guidelines that we ask all clubs to abide by:

- Refrain from making negative comments concerning other clubs and/or their coaches.

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- The recruiting period begins the day after the final day of USAV JNC and runs until the player signing date.
- Once a player becomes a committed athlete to a club by signing a LOC, recruiters from other SCSN sanctioned clubs must respect their commitment and cease all recruiting efforts.
- Clubs can only recruit **non-committed players**.
- **Allow no coach or club representative to make initial contact with an athlete or her parents.**

We ask that these guidelines be followed in order to foster a positive experience for the players in the pursuit of their volleyball goals.

## VI. FORMAT

The tournament format is designed to give maximum competition to each athlete in our program and to allow them to achieve a healthy and satisfactory attitude toward themselves, their teammates and the sport of volleyball. Following the entry tournaments, each team will be placed into their level of competition (Divisions). There will be movement of teams following each Mandatory Tournament. Points will be awarded to teams based on their order of finish in their respective divisions. No points will be given for optional or special event tournaments.

**\*\*Note: New policy for 2019-Present SCSN season:** Teams will be REQUIRED to play in their appropriate age divisions, i.e., 15 and under teams playing in the 15 and under division and not up into the 16 and under division. The SCSN region has come to the realization that teams playing up into a higher age division do not provide head-to-head results for seeding purposes. Teams playing in their appropriate age divisions do not have recorded wins and losses against these teams playing up. With teams playing in their appropriate divisions, the division, both within the region and at the National Championships, should be strengthened. If tournament entry forms are received with teams submitted as playing up, the SCSN will move them to the appropriate division.

### A. Seeding

The only information available for seeding teams is what is submitted by the club with their Seeding Request Form. Please include the following information:

- Team Name
- Expected Division—what seed you expect; Ex: Seed 3 or 4.

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- Last year's finish for the team
- Strength comparison to last year's team.
- Comments helpful to understanding the team's strength and weakness.
- Last year's finish at an end of the year event. (please name the event and division)

## B. Entry Tournaments

Requests for morning and afternoon playing times for Day 1 will be considered only if emailed to Ki Yi **and received by the entry deadline**. The Entry Tournaments will determine the starting Division (and position within that Division) for each participating team in the SCSN Mandatory Tournaments. Any non-participating team that wishes to enter future tournaments will be placed in the lowest division. **Please make every effort to participate in the entry tournaments.** All tournaments must be registered and paid on SportWrench. A complete and detailed description for all the age divisions will be issued when the number of teams in each division is known. Please refer to the accompanied description. Remember, this is to be used as an example only; the exact format will be issued later. Any non-qualifying teams wishing to enter future tournaments will be seeded at the Program Director's discretion.

### **18 & Under Division—2 Days (Estimated 140 teams)**

Teams will be expected to identify themselves as Gold Division (top 48), Silver Division (next 64), Bronze Division (next 64), Copper Division and so on (all remaining teams) on the Qualifying entry. **All teams wanting consideration for the Gold Division must submit a separate, written statement to justify this consideration. Without this statement, seeding will be done at the discretion of the Program Director.** Teams will then be placed into the divisions based on their own rankings and the number of total entries. All teams will compete on Day 1 and Day 2 in pool play and the final starting positions for the first Mandatory Tournament will be determined.

**NO POINTS WILL BE GIVEN FOR THE ENTRY TOURNAMENTS.**

### **17 & Under Division—2 Days (Estimated 175 teams)**

Teams will be expected to identify themselves as Gold Division (top 48), Silver Division (next 64), Bronze Division (next 64), Copper Division and so on (all remaining teams) on the Qualifying entry. **All teams wanting consideration for the Gold Division must submit a separate, written statement to justify this consideration. Without this statement, seeding will be done at the discretion of the Program Director.** Teams will then be placed into the divisions based on their own rankings and the number of total entries. All

teams will compete on Day 1 and Day 2 in pool play and the final starting positions for the first Mandatory Tournament will be determined.

**NO POINTS WILL BE GIVEN FOR THE ENTRY TOURNAMENTS.**

**16 & Under Division—2 Days (Estimated 290 teams)**

Teams will be expected to identify themselves as Gold Division (top 48), Silver Division (next 64), Bronze Division (next 64), Copper Division and so on (all remaining teams) on the Qualifying entry. **All teams wanting consideration for the Gold Division must submit a separate, written statement to justify this consideration. Without this statement, seeding will be done at the discretion of the Program Director.** Teams will then be placed into the divisions based on their own rankings and the number of total entries. All teams will compete on Day 1 and Day 2 in pool play and the final starting positions for the first Mandatory Tournament will be determined.

**NO POINTS WILL BE GIVEN FOR THE ENTRY TOURNAMENTS.**

**15 & Under Division—2 Days (Estimated 300 teams)**

Teams will be expected to identify themselves as Gold Division (top 48), Silver Division (next 64), Bronze Division (next 64), Copper Division and so on (all remaining teams) on the Qualifying entry. **All teams wanting consideration for the Gold Division must submit a separate, written statement to justify this consideration. Without this statement, seeding will be done at the discretion of the Program Director.** Teams will then be placed into the divisions based on their own rankings and

the number of total entries. All teams will compete on Day 1 and Day 2 in pool play and the final starting positions for the first Mandatory Tournament will be determined.

**NO POINTS WILL BE GIVEN FOR THE ENTRY TOURNAMENTS.**

**14 & Under Division—2 Days (Estimated 320 teams)**

Teams will be expected to identify themselves as Gold Division (top 48), Silver Division (next 64), Bronze Division (next 64), Copper Division and so on (all remaining teams) on the Qualifying entry. **All teams wanting consideration for the Gold Division must submit a separate, written statement to justify this consideration. Without this statement, seeding will be done at the discretion of the Program Director.** Teams will then be

placed into the divisions based on their own rankings and the number of total entries. All teams will compete on Day 1 and Day 2 in pool play and the final starting positions for the first Mandatory Tournament will be determined.

**NO POINTS WILL BE GIVEN FOR THE ENTRY TOURNAMENTS.**

**13 & Under Division—2 Days (Estimated 220 teams)**

Teams will be expected to identify themselves as Gold Division (top 48), Silver Division (next 64), Bronze Division (next 64), Copper Division and so on (all remaining teams) on the Qualifying entry. **All teams wanting consideration for the Gold Division must submit a separate, written statement to justify this consideration. Without this statement, seeding will be done at the discretion of the Program Director.** Teams will then be placed into the divisions based on their own rankings and the number of total entries. All teams will compete on Day 1 and Day 2 in pool play and the final starting positions for the first Mandatory Tournament will be determined.

**NO POINTS WILL BE GIVEN FOR THE ENTRY TOURNAMENTS.**

**12 & Under Division—2 Days (Estimated 160 teams)**

Teams will be expected to identify themselves as Gold Division (top 48), Silver Division (next 64), Bronze Division (next 64), and Copper Division (all remaining teams) on the Qualifying entry. **All teams wanting consideration for the Gold Division must submit a separate, written statement to justify this consideration. Without this statement, seeding will be done at the discretion of the Program Director.** Teams will then be placed into the divisions based on their own rankings and the number of total entries. All teams will compete on Day 1 and Day 2 in pool play and the final starting positions for the first Mandatory Tournament will be determined.

**NO POINTS WILL BE GIVEN FOR THE ENTRY TOURNAMENTS.**

**11 & Under Division—2 days (Estimated 60 teams)**

Teams will be expected to identify themselves as Gold Division, Silver Division, and Bronze Division on the Qualifying entry. Teams will then be placed into the divisions based on their own rankings and the number of total entries. All teams will compete on Day 1 and Day 2 in pool play and the final starting positions for the first Mandatory Tournament will be determined.

## **NO POINTS WILL BE GIVEN FOR THE ENTRY TOURNAMENTS.**

### C. Mandatory Tournaments

Each team positioned in all Divisions **must** play in each Mandatory Tournament. If a team does not participate, the team will automatically drop a Division, **but points will be given for last place of that Division**. If a team chooses not to participate in a SCSN Mandatory Tournament in order to attend another tournament elsewhere, that team will automatically drop a Division. All Divisions will consist of 12 to 16 teams. Points will be given to each team participating in the Mandatory Tournaments.

**Divisions:** After the entry tournaments for every age group, each team will be placed in a division based on their entry performance. The divisions are ranked from 1-20 based on the number of teams in the age group. Division 1 is the highest. If you are in divisions 1-4 you will be placed in 3 team pools with playoffs. If you are in division 5 or lower you will be placed in pools of 4 with no playoffs. All formats are subject to change.

Movement can happen between all divisions and 4 teams will move up and 4 teams will move down every tournament after the entry tournament. Points are awarded for every team based on their finish starting at 1000 points for the winner of division 1. For teams in divisions 5-20, the lowest scoring event will be dropped. Please refer to the final standings on the SCSN website to see the point distributions.

**League:** The teams will be seeded into pools of three or four with match play. The winner of each pool will move up one Division, and the 4<sup>th</sup> place team in each pool will move down one Division for the next Mandatory Tournament. Unless your team is in a playoff division. If you take 1<sup>st</sup> in a playoff division you move up. If you take 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> you will crossover with another team. If you win that match you will stay in that division, and if you lose that match you will drop a division. Play will be divided into Am and PM sessions. Starting times will alternate each Mandatory to ensure fairness.

Please note: If it becomes necessary to have a three team pool, the match format will be **3 sets to 25**.

### D. SCSN Championships

The SCSN Championships will be a two-day event with the format to be determined.

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You must play both days to participate in the SCSN Championships. Your team must participate in at least four (4) sanctioned regional events to participate in the Championships.

#### E. Regional Bids and Bid Tournaments

In order to be eligible for the bid events, you must play in at least 4 sanctioned SCSN events. You must have a point accumulation that puts you in the Top 48 of each age group to be eligible to play in the bid event.

Points will be earned in the SCSN regional tournaments. The SCSN will distribute the following bids based on the highest point totals:

11u- 1 National bid , 1 American

12u- 1 National bid, 2 American bids

13u- 2 National bids, 3 American bids

14u-17u- 2 National bids, 3 American bids, 2 Freedom bids (2 Freedom bids to bid tournament)

18u- 2 National bids, 3 American bids, 2 Freedom bids

32 teams per age group; pool play followed by 4-team brackets for 1<sup>st</sup> place winners.

The bid tournament will be a ONE day tournament with the format to be determined. It is for those teams that believe they will earn the bid. You must play in at least four (4) sanctioned Regional tournaments to participate in the tournament. Should a team earn a bid and not accept the bid, the club may not participate the following year in the bid tournament. Should a team receive a higher bid, through reallocation or at-large bid, we will offer the bid to the next team in line for a bid up to 4th place. After that it will be awarded by regional point standings. Bid events are capped at 32 teams. Bid events do NOT have a guaranteed number of matches.

#### F. Inter-Regional and Post Season Competition

1. 2026 Junior Girls' 18s National Championships: in Reno, Nevada - **May 1st - May 3rd 2026**
2. 2026 Junior Girls' Ages 14s through 17s National Championships: in Indianapolis, Indiana - **June 25th - July 3rd 2026**
3. 2026 Junior Girls' Ages 10s through 13s National Championships: in Minneapolis, Minnesota - **June 19th - June 22nd 2026**

A team must qualify for all Junior National Divisions. In order to qualify a team must enter and play in one of the Junior National Qualifiers. For the inter-regional qualifier schedule,

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check at [Usa Qualifiers](#). Each of the Junior National Qualifiers has a guaranteed number of slots into the Junior National Tournament. The Girls' Junior National Championships also offers seven divisions: Open, National, USA, Liberty, American, Freedom, and Patriot divisions. For the National division, the SCSN regional bids will be awarded to teams based on the current regional rankings. The Patriot division is a division for which anyone can apply for entry. It is filled on a "first come first serve basis." The SCSN highly recommends that if a club and/or team is interested in the Junior National Volleyball Championships to send all necessary paperwork and monies by the stated USA Volleyball deadlines. For further information regarding the Junior National Championships, Junior National Qualifiers, and/or regional bids please email Ki Yi at [ki.yi@usav.org](mailto:ki.yi@usav.org).

**Once a team plays in any Junior National Qualifier event, all players on that team are frozen to the club for the remainder of the season. Once a team earns and accepts a bid in a Qualifier the roster of that team is frozen. All players listed on the roster of a team qualified for the Junior National Championships may not transfer to any other team.**

## VII. TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

### A. General Rules

1. A **maximum of 15 players** and **5 coach/staff** personnel are allowed. **NOTE: Will be enforced this season.**
2. Net Serve – If the ball hits the net on a serve, the ball is alive (playable).
3. Substitutions – In addition to the unlimited Libero substitutions, each team will have 15 team substitutions.
4. All matches are 2 out of 3 games, rally scoring to 25 points in games 1 and 2 with no cap. Game 3 will be rally scoring to 15 points with no cap. Because of the rally point scoring method, teams have three options at the coin toss: to serve, to receive serve, or choice of side. All matches will always be best of 3 in all playoffs.
5. The service zone has been extended to the entire width of the end lines.
6. Ceilings and/or obstructions are now in play.
7. The ball can be played with any part of the body.
8. Each player receives only one toss per service attempt. Two tosses are allowed for 14 and younger divisions only.
9. If a back row player plays the ball above the height of the net while on or in front of the 3-meter line, the next player to touch the ball must be a teammate. If the ball enters the vertical plane of the net and is blocked by the opposing team, it is an illegal attack by the back row player.
10. All players and staff of the team must have a valid state or school issued photo ID at any event in case of roster verification.
11. 20.1.1 Participants must know the “Official Volleyball Rules” and abide by them. (USAV 20.1.1: Participants must also know the “Domestic Competition Regulations: and abide by them).
12. 20.1.2 Participants must accept referees’ decisions with sportsmanlike conduct, without disputing them. In case of doubt, clarification may be requested only through the game captain.
13. For other significant rule changes see the **Official USA Volleyball Rulebook**. This is available at :[http://www.volleyballreftraining.com/rules\\_interpretations\\_indoor.php](http://www.volleyballreftraining.com/rules_interpretations_indoor.php)

**B. Rules specific to the 12 and 11 and Under Divisions:**

1. Net height will be 7 feet
2. Ultra-Lite Volleyball will be used (8 ounces)
3. Two serving tosses will be allowed
4. All other USA Volleyball rules will prevail.

**12U Serving Rules -**

5. For Divisions 1-4: All Players must serve from behind the end line. All Service Faults will be called.
6. For Divisions 5-20: Overhand Serve: Must start behind the end line and may step into the court, no more than two steps from the end line, on the first three (3) serves per term of service. If they make a serve from behind the endline before or after the 3 attempts, they must continue to serve from behind the endline for the remainder of the match. No foot faults are permitted for jump servers and jump floaters at any division. Underhand Serve: May start at a maximum of ten (10) feet onto the court (midpoint between the end line and attack line). For each service, the players must step back toward the end line. On the fourth attempt to serve for the term of service, ALL servers must be behind the end line whether it's an underhand or overhand serve. Foot Faults will now be called.

**11U Serving Rules -**

7. For Division 1: All Players must serve from behind the end line. All Service Faults will be called.

8. For Divisions 2-6: Overhand Serve: Must start behind the end line and may step into the court, no more than two steps from the end line, on the first three (3) serves per term of service. If they make a serve from behind the endline before or after the 3 attempts, they must continue to serve from behind the endline for the remainder of the match. No foot faults are permitted for jump servers and jump floaters at any division. Underhand Serve: May start at a maximum of ten (10) feet onto the court (midpoint between the end line and attack line). For each service, the players must step back toward the end line. On the fourth attempt to serve for the term of service, ALL servers must be behind the end line whether it's an underhand or overhand serve. Foot Faults will now be called.

C. Tie-Breaking Procedure (for Qualifying, Mandatory, and Regional)

In the case of a tie, pool position will be determined by the following formula:

2 way tie: 1) match record, 2) head to head

3 way tie: 1) match record 2) set record 3) head to head 4) point %

**Playoff seeding (Playoff Divisions):** Seeding will be based on 1) pool finish 2) match record 3) set record 4) point ratio. The Tournament Director will make the final decision if there are any complications.

D. Pool Play Schedule

Listed below is the schedule for three, four and five team pools (please note that there are certain circumstances, which may change the listed order of the matches).

Three Team Pool

<u>Playing teams</u>	<u>Officiating Teams</u>
1 vs 3	2
2 vs 3	1
1 vs 2	3

FOUR TEAM POOLS

<u>Playing teams</u>	<u>Officiating teams</u>
1 vs. 3	2
2 vs. 4	1
1 vs. 4	3
2 vs. 3	1
3 vs. 4	2
1 vs. 2	4

FIVE TEAM POOLS

<u>Playing teams</u>	<u>Officiating teams</u>
1 vs. 5	3
2 vs. 4	3
1 vs. 3	4
2 vs. 5	4
3 vs. 4	2
1 vs. 2	2
3 vs. 5	5
1 vs. 4	5
2 vs. 3	1
4 vs. 5	1

In any SCSN region format utilizing a **three-team pool**, all teams will be required to observe a mandatory rest period of thirty (30) minutes immediately following the completion of their third match within the pool. No team may be scheduled to start another match until this rest period has been fully satisfied. This requirement applies regardless of match duration or scheduling constraints. Only approval from both opposing coaches who are scheduled to play, may minimize or cancel the 30 minute break.

## E. Uniforms (Rule 5, Article 1-Official USA Volleyball Rules)

1. The playing uniform shall consist of a jersey, shorts, socks, and light shoes (rubber or leather soles without heels).
2. It is permitted for Junior National age players to wear jewelry, including rope bracelets.
3. It is now required that all uniform numbers be centered on the chest and back. It will also be required that all the numbers be 6" in height on the chest and 8" in height on the back. Numbers must be in a color contrasting to that of the jersey and must be visibly located. Shirts may be numbered from 1 through 99 inclusive. **(0 or 00 is not allowed.)**
4. Uniforms (jerseys and shorts) must be of the same color, style, and trim. If T-shirts, boxer shorts, tights, leotards, bodysuits, bicycle shorts, etc. are worn in such a manner that they are exposed, they will be considered part of the uniform and must be identical, if worn by multiple team members. For the purpose of identical uniforms, shoes, socks, and kneepads are not considered part of the uniform and are not required to be identical for team members. During cold weather, it is permissible for teams to wear identical training suits provided they are numbered in accordance with the specifications of #3 above and are of the same color, style, cut, and trim.
5. Libero Uniform requirements:  
The Libero(s) must wear a uniform which clearly contrasts with the rest of the team.  
The new rule replaces the "Solid Color Jersey" rule.
6. Uniform regulations will be strictly enforced. The Tournament Director will be responsible for determining infractions and may make exceptions to this rule if circumstances warrant

## F. Officiating

Each team must provide a complete officiating team when scheduled. If the officiating team is late for their assignment, that team will be responsible for officiating the remainder of that match and will be assessed a point a minute to the teams next opponent in the first set of the next match. Failure to officiate for an entire assigned match will result in the forfeit of a game win from that team's overall record. A game win will become a game loss. If a team is late for the last match of the day or misses the assignment, the penalty as described above will carry over to the next tournament.

The officiating team will consist of **SIX** people:

1. 1 2<sup>nd</sup> Official
  2. 2 Linepersons
  3. 1 Official Scorekeeper
  4. 1 Official Libero Scorekeeper
  5. 1 Visible Scoreboard Keeper
- A team that fails to have a complete officiating crew available for an officiating assignment - including a rostered adult (preferably a team coach) for that team - at the time the court official is ready to proceed can be penalized by losing points in the first set of its next match.
  - For every minute an officiating team is late to fulfill its assignment, one point will be awarded to that team's next opponent in the first set of the next match, up to a maximum of 25 points.
  - Penalty points begin to accumulate at the start of the receiving team's warm-up.
  - An adult listed on the event roster must be present at the scorer's table and easily identifiable while any members of the team are officiating. Performing duties as the R2 on the match the team is assigned to officiate fulfills this requirement and must be a coach or qualified adult in 14 and younger age groups.
  - A team may forfeit its entire next match for failing, a second time, to have an officiating crew available on time for an officiating assignment.
  - Cell phones will not be used at the scoring table. If there is an emergency, at the next stop in play notify the official and be replaced by another teammate or coach.
  - Guidelines for scoring, performing as an R2, tracking the Libero control sheet and serving as a Lines judge can be found at the following link:  
[http://www.volleyballreftraining.com/training\\_materials\\_junior.php](http://www.volleyballreftraining.com/training_materials_junior.php)

If you have any problems with an official or need a rule clarification, please reach out to Bryan Speer, Lead Officials Programming.

G. Supervision: A registered member of USA Volleyball is **REQUIRED** to supervise **ALL** team members during any SCSN competition. This person, or another registered adult, is required to remain on site until all team members have left the campus. This pertains to ALL age levels.

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## H. Warm-ups

A 10-minute warm-up (including ball-handling, hitting, and serving) will be allowed before your first match of the day ONLY--2 minutes shared ball handling and 4 minutes per team for hitting and serving.

10-minute warm up for the 2nd seeds first match of the day.

A 4-minute per team warm-up will be enforced throughout the remainder of pool play.

## I. Protest Procedure

A protest must be filed at the time of the incident—not later. Only the floor captain may file the protest (the coach may intervene in 14, 13, 12, and 11 and under competition). The protest must be written on the score sheet by the scorer or official and must be signed by both the floor captain and the referee. “If an explanation of an application or interpretation of a rule is not satisfactory to the game captain, he/she must immediately indicate his/her disagreement and file an official protest prior to the authorization of the next service. If the disagreement with the referees’ explanation involves the last point of the set, the official protest must be recorded within the first 60 seconds of the timed interval between sets. If the final point of the match is disputed, the protest must be recorded within the first 60 seconds after the final point of the match is scored. The Head/Lead Official and/or Site Director will have the final ruling in all protests. **JUDGMENT CALLS MAY NOT BE PROTESTED.**

## VIII. FACILITY REGULATIONS

Please refer to the “2025-26 SCSN Tournament Facilities” on the SCSN website.

## IX. NATURAL DISASTERS

In the event of a natural disaster, global pandemic, or any other catastrophic event, the SCSN reserves the right to determine any necessary changes to event formatting, point distribution, and scheduling.

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