2026-2027

SCSN

JUNIOR GIRLS MANUAL



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Getting Started

A. Registration

All members, including athletes, coaches, chaperones, team representatives, and club directors, must register with USA Volleyball to participate in any SCSN activity.

All adults affiliated with a club, including club directors, coaches, team representatives, chaperones, and other adult staff members, must successfully complete a USA Volleyball background screening before the registration process is considered complete. Background clearances are valid for one season. Standard background screenings may take up to one week or longer to process. International background screenings may take up to four weeks or longer, depending on the country of origin, and fees may vary by country.

All registrations will be completed through SportsEngine. Each club will maintain a SportsEngine account to manage staff, coaches, and athletes. Questions regarding registration should be directed to scsnsupport@usav.org.

Important Registration Deadline
Due to USA Volleyball insurance regulations, all club registration requirements, including completed background screenings, must be finalized at least four weeks prior to the first tournament in which the club is entered.

A 2026–2027 individual membership must be completed online through SportsEngine for each athlete, coach, and team representative. Only members within the geographic boundaries of SCSN may register with the SCSN region.

In addition to individual membership, each athlete should submit a completed Letter of Commitment. Clubs are also responsible for collecting and maintaining medical release forms for all athletes. Medical release forms should remain on file with the club and should not be submitted to the SCSN office. To request a medical release form, please contact scsnsupport@usav.org.

Club registration is $250. This fee includes registration for both girls and boys clubs operating under the same club name, as well as facility insurance. Clubs with outstanding balances will not be eligible to register with SCSN until the balance is paid in full.

Every coach must submit a Code of Ethics through SportsEngine. Each coach must also complete background screening, SafeSport certification, and IMPACT certification. All registration and certification requirements must be completed before a coach is eligible to participate in any

SCSN or USAV event including tryouts, clinics, camps, practices, and any other coach/player type of participation. Coaches must have a valid photo ID available courtside for possible roster verification.

Membership Type	Fee
Junior Athlete	$78
Adult Staff Member, Director, Coach, or Chaperone	$78
Club Registration	250

For older athletes still in 12th grade, a birth certificate and proof of grade status must be submitted upon request. All required waivers must be accepted in SportsEngine before a membership will show as eligible.

SafeSport Requirement for 18U Athletes
All 18-and-under athletes, as well as any athlete who will turn 18 on or before August 31, 2027, must complete SafeSport certification. Athletes who are not yet 18 must have parental consent through the waiver provided in SportsEngine.

Each athlete must have a photo ID available courtside for possible roster verification. The ID may be uploaded to the athlete's SportsEngine membership or may be a state-issued or school-issued ID.

B. Club Sanctioning and Participation Requirements

SCSN club sanctioning is granted on a season-by-season basis and does not create any continuing right, expectation, or entitlement to future sanctioning.

Any club that does not maintain continuous annual sanctioning with SCSN and skips one or more seasons must reapply as a new club. Such applicants will be subject to all requirements, procedures, deadlines, and review criteria applicable to new club applications.

Submission of an application, whether by a new club or a returning club, does not guarantee approval or sanctioning. SCSN reserves the sole and absolute discretion to approve, deny, suspend, revoke, decline to renew, or condition any club sanctioning application based on its review of the application, the applicant's compliance with all stated requirements and deadlines, the needs of the region, the applicant's stated purpose and intent to operate a club,

prior history of compliance, and any other factors SCSN determines are relevant to its mission, policies, the integrity of regional competition, and the best interests of the region.

Applicants are solely responsible for meeting all published requirements and deadlines. SCSN may require additional information, documentation, interviews, or other materials as part of its review process and reserves the right to determine whether an applicant's organizational structure, leadership, operations, financial responsibility, and intent to establish or continue a club are consistent with SCSN's standards, objectives, and policies.

As a condition of obtaining and maintaining SCSN club sanctioning, all sanctioned clubs, their directors, coaches, teams, athletes, and affiliated personnel must comply with all applicable USA Volleyball and SCSN bylaws, policies, rules, regulations, procedures, and administrative requirements.

To be eligible for consideration as a returning club for the subsequent season, a sanctioned club must enter and compete in a minimum of six (6) SCSN/USA Volleyball-sanctioned events during the current season, unless otherwise approved in writing by SCSN. Any sanctioned club that fails to satisfy this minimum participation requirement shall not be considered a returning club and must apply as a new club for any subsequent season. Satisfaction of the minimum participation requirement does not guarantee future sanctioning, and all applications remain subject to SCSN's review and sole discretion.

SCSN reserves the sole and absolute discretion to interpret, administer, and enforce these requirements, determine whether a violation has occurred, and impose any disciplinary action it deems appropriate, consistent with applicable USA Volleyball governing documents. Nothing in these policies shall be construed as creating a contractual right, property interest, or entitlement to club sanctioning or continued participation within SCSN. SCSN further reserves the right to modify, suspend, or amend its sanctioning requirements, policies, procedures, deadlines, eligibility criteria, and participation requirements at any time, to the extent permitted by applicable USA Volleyball governing documents.

C. New Club Sanctioning Requirements

Please email scsnsupport@usav.org to apply to be a new club in the SCSN region. To be considered for new club sanctioning by SCSN, a club must meet all requirements below:

1. Legal Incorporation

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The club must operate as a recognized legal entity. Acceptable forms include a corporation, LLC, nonprofit organization, or other legally recognized business entity. Valid documentation proving legal incorporation must be submitted and verifiable at the time of submission.

2. Proof of Facility Access

The club must submit valid documentation showing secured access to an appropriate practice and training facility for the full duration of the competitive season. Acceptable documentation may include a facility rental agreement, facility use contract, or letter of commitment from facility management.

3. Club Director Certification and Compliance

The designated Club Director must complete and maintain SafeSport certification, IMPACT training, and pass a current background screening. All certifications and screenings must be current and verifiable at the time of submission.

4. Timely Submission

New Club Sanctioning Requests for the 2026-2027 club season must be submitted by **June 15, 2026**.

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

D. Insurance

1. Individual Coverage

Once registered with SCSN, members are covered by USA Volleyball's sport accident policy. Liability insurance provided through SCSN does not cover a club or its administrators during practices, tournaments, or tryouts unless all participating members have completed the full registration process.

If an injury occurs during a tournament, an Incident Report Form must be completed and returned to the SCSN office.

2. Certificates of Insurance

Certificates of Insurance naming facilities as additional insureds are available upon request from USA Volleyball. Certificates are typically issued within three to four weeks. Requests must be

submitted in writing and include the club name, facility names, and facility address. **Insurance requests should be emailed to amber.scott@usav.org.**

3. Non-SCSN Events

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

4. Insurance During Tryouts

Athletes at tryouts should provide proof of membership from the 2025–2026 season. Athletes without a current membership may purchase a tryout membership, which may later be upgraded to a full membership.

E. Tournament Entries

The 2026–2027 schedule will be posted on the SCSN website. Tournament entries must be completed through SportWrench, and all applicable entry fees must be paid online by the published deadline before a team will be accepted into any tournament.

Full participation is required for all single-day and multi-day events. **Teams may not participate in only one day of a multi-day tournament.**

Tournament entry deadlines are **Friday, eight days prior to the tournament date**. The entry fee is **$375 per team, per day**, unless otherwise specified. A $50 late fee will be assessed for any team requesting to be added after the deadline. No teams will be added after **Tuesday at 8:00 PM**, four days before the tournament date. No exceptions will be made.

If a team is unable to participate, the SCSN office must be notified by **8:00 PM on the Tuesday preceding the tournament**. If an issue arises after that deadline, the club must contact the SCSN Girls Director/Event Coordinator, Ki Yi.

Refund policy:

- A 50% refund will be issued for teams that drop after the entry deadline but before the event is posted on SportWrench.
- No refunds will be issued once the event has been posted on SportWrench. Events are posted on the Tuesday of event week.

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Site and time confirmations will be posted on SportWrench during the week of the tournament. Clubs are responsible for checking playing sites on the Friday before the tournament and for communicating schedule and location information to coaches and families.

F. Age Divisions

Once an athlete participates in any university, college, community college, junior college, or college club/varsity program, including practicing, training, attending workouts, or competing, the athlete is ineligible to participate in regional or national junior programming, including Junior National Championship qualifying and championship events.

The only exceptions are those listed below the 2026–2027 USA Volleyball Age Definition Chart. No additional age waivers will be granted.

2026–2027 Age Definition Chart here.

2026–2027 Age Division Reference

Division	Birthdate Requirement
18 and Under	Born on or after July 1, 2008, subject to USAV grade-based exceptions
17 and Under	Born on or after July 1, 2009
16 and Under	Born on or after July 1, 2010
15 and Under	Born on or after July 1, 2011
14 and Under	Born on or after July 1, 2012
13 and Under	Born on or after July 1, 2013
12 and Under	Born on or after July 1, 2014
11 and Under	Born on or after July 1, 2015

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

II. SafeSport

SCSN operates as a USA Volleyball Regional Association and is subject to USA Volleyball national policies and oversight.

As a member of a National Governing Body of the United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee, USA Volleyball is required to follow SafeSport rules and regulations. USA Volleyball must also comply with the policies and procedures of the U.S. Center for SafeSport, which is the independent organization designated to investigate and resolve SafeSport violations.

As a condition of USA Volleyball membership and participation in any USA Volleyball or SCSN sanctioned competition or event, each athlete, coach, athlete support personnel member, medical personnel member, team staff member, official, and any other participant agrees to comply with and be bound by the SafeSport rules of the U.S. Center for SafeSport.

All adult members of a club, including club directors, staff, head coaches, assistant coaches, float coaches, trainers, medical personnel, strength and conditioning personnel, and chaperones, must be SafeSport certified.

Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies, MAAPP

The Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies are required components of SafeSport compliance. MAAPP includes education and training requirements, as well as prevention policies governing one-on-one interactions, massages, locker rooms, social media, and travel.

Non-compliance with MAAPP is a violation of the U.S. Center for SafeSport Code. USA Volleyball may suspend membership for non-compliance.

All adults have a mandatory duty to report under federal law and USA Volleyball policy. Violations should be reported through the appropriate USA Volleyball SafeSport reporting process.

Adults who interact with, or have direct and frequent contact with, minor athletes must complete SafeSport training annually. Training begins with the Core SafeSport course and continues with the required refresher courses.

Athletes who turn 18 during the season must complete SafeSport training upon turning 18. To avoid a temporary suspension of membership, 17-year-old athletes may complete Core SafeSport training with parental consent.

III. Eligibility

A. Beginning of Season

SCSN operates as a USA Volleyball Regional Association and is subject to USA Volleyball national policies and oversight.

Junior athletes are eligible to participate with any club or team until the beginning of the sanctioned season. Once an athlete selects her club through USAV membership and signs the letter of commitment after tryouts, she must remain a registered member of that club for the remainder of the season.

To participate in regional events, clubs must follow the tryout and commitment dates established by SCSN. Compliance with tryout and commitment dates does not guarantee entry into regional events.

B. Tryouts and Commitment Dates

For the 2026–2027 season, junior girls clubs may host tryouts according to the dates established by SCSN.

15u-18u Age Divisions

- Tryouts open: **July 25, 2026**
- First day athletes may sign a Letter of Commitment: **July 26, 2026 at 8:00 AM**
- First day athletes may be sized for uniforms: **July 26, 2026 at 8:00 AM**
- First date 15u teams may practice: **November 9, 2026**
- First date 16u-18u teams may practice: **November 28, 2026**

11u-14u Age Divisions

- Tryouts open: **October 3, 2026**
- First day athletes may sign a Letter of Commitment: **October 4, 2026 at 8:00 AM**
- First day athletes may be sized for uniforms: **October 4, 2026 at 8:00 AM**
- First date 11u-14u teams may practice: **October 17, 2026**

Once a Letter of Commitment is signed and submitted to one club, the athlete is committed to that club. Athletes who do not follow tryout procedures and commitment dates may be suspended for the 2026–2027 season.

SCSN tryout procedures should be posted at all club tryouts.

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C. Coach Certification Requirements

All coaches must be IMPACT certified. Each Club Director is responsible for ensuring that all coaches and staff are compliant with USA Volleyball and SCSN requirements.

D. SafeSport Certification

USA Volleyball and SCSN have zero tolerance for abuse and misconduct. This includes both on-court and off-court conduct in any part of USA Volleyball programming. SCSN is committed to providing a safe and positive environment for athletes, coaches, parents, officials, and clubs.

All club staff must be SafeSport certified for the 2026–2027 season. Club Directors are responsible for ensuring that all coaches and staff remain compliant.

E. Transfers

SCSN does not intervene in transfer disputes between clubs. A player may transfer only with the written approval of the club to which they are committed, must be in good financial standing, and must meet all applicable USA Volleyball eligibility requirements. Players who have participated in a USA Volleyball National or Regional Qualifier may be subject to USA Volleyball Frozen Player restrictions. Clubs and families should review the current USA Volleyball Championship Manual for complete Frozen Player rules.

A player who participates in a USA Volleyball National or Regional Qualifier is frozen to that club for the remainder of the qualifying season and may not transfer to another club to participate in additional qualifying events. Once a team earns and accepts a bid to the Girls Junior National Championship, the players on that team's official roster become frozen to that roster and may not assist another team in qualifying or compete for another qualified team. All frozen player provisions are governed by USA Volleyball and the applicable GJNC Championship Manual.

F. Inter-Regional Transfers

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

G. New Athletes

New athletes may be registered at any time during the season provided all required registration, documentation, and fees are received before participation.

H. Team Changes Within Clubs

During the season, an athlete may change teams within her age division and within her club, subject to roster rules. Rosters must remain the same for qualifying tournaments.

After qualifying, clubs may move athletes to other teams within the same age division at the club's discretion. Once moved, the athlete must remain on that team for the remainder of the season. Because online rosters are frozen, clubs must email the SCSN office to request roster changes before the end of the business week preceding a weekend event.

Coaches and Club Directors are responsible for ensuring that athletes and parents understand eligibility rules before the season begins.

Movement to an older age division may be considered on a case-by-case basis when necessary due to injuries, vacations, or roster shortages. Temporary movement may be approved if a team has eight or fewer available players, provided the team does not exceed nine available players after the move. A one-time move up and return to the original team may be approved through the proper process.

A permanent move to an older age division may occur after the entry tournament if the athlete has not played on a team that has qualified for the USA Volleyball Girls Junior National Championships and if the club has not applied for an at-large bid for that team.

Questions regarding eligibility should be directed to Ki Yi at Ki.yi@usav.org.

I. Student-Athletes

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The NCAA Eligibility Center determines academic eligibility and amateurism status for Division I and Division II student-athletes. Prospective student-athletes are responsible for understanding NCAA academic and amateurism requirements and for working with their high school counselor and school administrators to remain on track.

IV. Non-Sanctioned Competition

Any team or club wishing to conduct a volleyball event, local competition, regional competition, or zone competition must receive sanctioning or approval from SCSN. Clubs should contact scsnsupport@usav.org to inquire about sanctioning.

SCSN-registered athletes and teams that compete in non-sanctioned events may jeopardize their eligibility.

Only events sanctioned by USA Volleyball and its regional partners carry USA Volleyball insurance, SafeSport coverage, and athlete protection. USA Volleyball and SCSN insurance is not in force during non-sanctioned events.

V. Recruiting Policy

SCSN follows USA Volleyball's national recruiting policy and asks for the cooperation of all coaches, directors, and club representatives.

Clubs are expected to follow these guidelines:

- Refrain from making negative comments about other clubs, coaches, athletes, or families.
- The recruiting period begins the day after the final day of the USA Volleyball Girls Junior National Championship and continues until the player signing date.
- Once an athlete signs a Letter of Commitment with a club, all recruiters from other SCSN-sanctioned clubs must respect that commitment and cease recruiting efforts.
- Clubs may recruit only non-committed athletes.
- Coaches and club representatives may not make initial contact with an athlete or her parents.

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These guidelines are intended to support a positive experience for athletes and families as they pursue their volleyball goals.

VI. Format

The tournament format is designed to provide meaningful competition for athletes while supporting a positive and developmentally appropriate experience for teams.

Following the entry tournaments, teams will be placed into divisions based on level of competition. Team movement may occur after each mandatory tournament. Points will be awarded based on order of finish within each division. No points will be awarded for optional or special-event tournaments.

Teams are required to play in their appropriate age divisions. Teams may not play up into an older age division for regional seeding purposes. If a tournament entry is submitted with a team entered in an older age division, SCSN will move the team to the appropriate age division.

A. Seeding

The primary information available for seeding is the information submitted by the club through the Seeding Request Form. Clubs should include:

- Team name
- Expected division or seed
- Prior season finish
- Strength comparison to the prior season's team
- Notes regarding team strengths and weaknesses
- Prior season year-end event finish, including event name and division

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B. Entry Tournaments

Requests for AM or PM playing times on Day 1 will be considered only if emailed to Ki Yi at Ki.yi@usav.org and received by the entry deadline.

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Entry tournaments determine each team's starting division and position for the first SCSN mandatory tournament. Teams that do not participate in the entry tournament and later enter future events will be placed in the lowest division or seeded at the Program Director's discretion.

All tournaments must be registered and paid through SportWrench. Detailed formats for each age division will be released once the number of teams in each division is known.

No points will be awarded for entry tournaments.

Entry Tournament Division Structure

For 12U through 18U, teams will be expected to identify their appropriate starting level, such as Gold, Silver, Bronze, Copper, or lower divisions depending on total entries. Teams requesting consideration for the Gold Division must submit a written statement supporting that request. Without a written statement, seeding will be completed at the discretion of the Program Director.

For 11U, teams will be expected to identify themselves as Gold, Silver, or Bronze. Final placement will be based on club-provided rankings and total entries.

C. Mandatory Tournaments

Teams placed in divisions must participate in each mandatory tournament. If a team does not participate, the team will automatically drop one division but will receive points for last place in that division. Teams that skip a mandatory tournament to attend another event will also automatically drop one division.

Divisions will generally consist of 12 to 16 teams. Following entry tournaments, teams will be placed in divisions based on performance. Division 1 is the highest division.

General division format:

- Divisions 1 and 2: three-team pools with playoffs
- Divisions 3 and lower: four-team pools with no playoffs
- Four teams will generally move up and four teams will generally move down after each tournament
- Formats are subject to change

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Points are awarded based on finish, beginning with 1,000 points for the winner of Division 1.. Clubs should refer to the SCSN website for point distributions.

Play will be divided into AM and PM sessions. Starting times will alternate during the mandatory season when possible to support fairness.

If a three-team pool is necessary, the match format will be three sets to 25 if there are no crossovers with another 3 team pool.

D. SCSN Championships

The SCSN Championships will be a two-day event, with the format to be determined. Teams must participate on both days to be eligible.

To participate in the SCSN Championships, a team must participate in at least four sanctioned regional days of play.

E. Regional Bids and Bid Tournaments

To be eligible for bid events, teams must participate in at least four sanctioned SCSN days of play and must have a point accumulation that places them in the top 48 of their age group based on overall standings.

SCSN will distribute regional bids based on the highest point totals as follows with the exception of the Freedom bids which will be a Bid Event:

Age Division	Regional Bids
11U	1 National, 2 American
12U	1 National, 2 American
13U	2 National, 3 American
14U–17U	2 National, 3 American, 2 Freedom
18U	2 National, 3 American, 2 Freedom

Bid events are capped at 48 teams per age group. The bid tournament will be a two-day event, with the format to be determined. Bid events do not guarantee a specific number of matches.

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If a team earns a bid and does not accept it, the club may be ineligible to participate in the following year's bid tournament. If a team receives a higher bid through reallocation or an at-large bid, the original bid may be offered to the next eligible team from the bid event.

F. Inter-Regional and Postseason Competition

2027 Girls Junior National Championships:

- **11u-13u**: Chicago, June 18-21, 2027
- **14u-17u:** Las Vegas
    - **14u-15u**: June 27-30, 2027
    - **16u-17u:** July 2-5, 2027
- **18u:** Minneapolis, May 7-9, 2027

A team must qualify for all Junior National divisions. Teams qualify by entering and participating in a Junior National Qualifier or by earning a regional bid where applicable.

The Girls Junior National Championships may include Open, National, USA, Liberty, American, Freedom, and Patriot divisions. The Patriot division is typically available on a first-come, first-served basis. Clubs interested in the Girls Junior National Championships should submit all

required paperwork and fees by the USA Volleyball deadlines.

For questions regarding Junior National Championships, Junior National Qualifiers, or regional bids, please contact Ki Yi at ki.yi@usav.org.

Once a team participates in any Junior National Qualifier, all athletes on that team are frozen to the club for the remainder of the season. Once a team earns and accepts a bid, that team's roster is frozen. Athletes listed on the roster of a team qualified for the Girls Junior National Championships may not transfer to another team.

VII. Tournament Regulations

A. General Rules

1. A maximum of 15 athletes and five coach/staff personnel are allowed on a roster. This rule will be enforced.

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2. A served ball that contacts the net and crosses into the opponent's court remains live and playable.
3. In addition to unlimited libero substitutions, each team is allowed 15 team substitutions.
4. Matches are best two out of three sets. Sets 1 and 2 are played to 25 points with no cap. Set 3 is played to 15 points with no cap.
5. Teams may choose serve, receive, or side at the coin toss. Teams do not switch sides.
6. All playoff matches will be best two out of three.
7. The service zone extends the full width of the end line.
8. Ceilings and obstructions are in play according to facility rules.
9. The ball may be played with any part of the body.
10. Each athlete receives one toss per service attempt. Two tosses are allowed in 14U and younger divisions only.
11. All athletes and staff must have a valid state-issued or school-issued photo ID available at each event for possible roster verification.
12. Participants must know and follow the Official Volleyball Rules and Domestic Competition Regulations.
13. Participants must accept referees' decisions with sportsmanlike conduct. Clarification may be requested only through the game captain.
14. Significant rule changes should be reviewed in the official USA Volleyball rulebook.

B. Rules Specific to 12U and 11U Divisions

For 12U and 11U divisions:

- Net height will be 7 feet.
- An Ultra-Lite volleyball, 8 ounces, will be used.
- Two serving tosses are allowed.
- All other USA Volleyball rules apply.

12U Serving Rules

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For Divisions 1–5, all athletes must serve from behind the end line. All service faults will be called.

For Divisions 6–20, overhand servers must begin behind the end line and may step into the court no more than two steps from the end line on the first three serves of each term of service. Once an athlete successfully serves from behind the end line, she must continue serving from behind the end line for the remainder of the set. No foot faults are permitted for jump serves or jump float serves in any division.

Underhand servers may begin no more than 10 feet into the court, which is the midpoint between the end line and attack line. For each service, the athlete must step back toward the end line. On the fourth service attempt in a term of service, all servers must serve from behind the end line. Foot faults will be called.

11U Serving Rules

For Division 1, all athletes must serve from behind the end line. All service faults will be called.

For Divisions 2–6, overhand servers must begin behind the end line and may step into the court no more than two steps from the end line on the first three serves of each term of service. Once an athlete successfully serves from behind the end line, she must continue serving from behind the end line for the remainder of the match. No foot faults are permitted for jump serves or jump float serves in any division.

Underhand servers may begin no more than 10 feet into the court. For each service, the athlete must step back toward the end line. On the fourth service attempt in a term of service, all servers must serve from behind the end line. Foot faults will be called.

C. Tie-Breaking Procedure

For qualifying, mandatory, and regional events, pool position will be determined as follows:

Two-Way Tie

1. Match record
2. Head-to-head result

Three-Way Tie

1. Match record

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2. Set record
3. Head-to-head result
4. Point percentage

For playoff divisions, seeding will be based on pool finish, match record, set record, and point ratio. The Tournament Director will make the final decision if complications arise.

D. Pool Play Schedule

Three-Team Pool

Match	Playing Teams	Officiating Team
1	1 vs. 3	2
2	2 vs. 3	1
3	1 vs. 2	3

Four-Team Pool

Match	Playing Teams	Officiating Team
1	1 vs. 3	2
2	2 vs. 4	1
3	1 vs. 4	3
4	2 vs. 3	1
5	3 vs. 4	2
6	1 vs. 2	4

Five-Team Pool

Match	Playing Teams	Officiating Team
1	1 vs. 5	3

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2	2 vs. 4	3
3	1 vs. 3	4
4	2 vs. 5	4
5	3 vs. 4	2
6	1 vs. 2	2
7	3 vs. 5	5
8	1 vs. 4	5
9	2 vs. 3	1
10	4 vs. 5	1

In any SCSN format using a **three-team pool**, teams must observe a mandatory 30-minute rest period immediately following the completion of their third match in the pool. No team may begin another match until this rest period has been completed. This requirement applies regardless of match duration or scheduling constraints. The 30-minute break may be reduced or waived only with approval from both opposing coaches scheduled to play.

E. Uniforms

The playing uniform consists of a jersey, shorts, socks, and lightweight shoes with rubber or leather soles and no heels.

Junior National age athletes may wear jewelry, including rope bracelets.

Uniform numbers must be centered on the chest and back. Numbers must be at least 6 inches high on the chest and 8 inches high on the back. Numbers must contrast with the jersey and be clearly visible. Jerseys may be numbered 1 through 99. Numbers 0 and 00 are not permitted.

Uniforms, including jerseys and shorts, must be the same color, style, and trim. Exposed items worn under the uniform, including T-shirts, tights, leotards, bodysuits, or bicycle shorts, are considered part of the uniform and must be identical if worn by multiple team members. Shoes, socks, and kneepads are not required to be identical.

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During cold weather, teams may wear identical training suits, provided they are properly numbered and are the same color, style, cut, and trim.

The libero must wear a uniform that clearly contrasts with the rest of the team. Uniform regulations will be strictly enforced. The Tournament Director is responsible for determining infractions and may make exceptions when circumstances warrant.

F. Officiating

Each team must provide a complete officiating crew when scheduled. If the officiating team is late, the team will be responsible for officiating the remainder of the match and may be penalized one point per minute in the first set of its next match. Failure to officiate an entire assigned match may result in forfeiture of a set win from the team's overall record. If a team is late for, or misses, the final officiating assignment of the day, the penalty will carry over to the next tournament.

A complete officiating crew consists of six people:

1. Second official
2. Two line judges
3. Official scorekeeper
4. Libero tracker
5. Visible scoreboard operator

Additional officiating requirements:

- A rostered adult, preferably a coach, must be present when a team is assigned to officiate.
- Penalty points begin accumulating at the start of the receiving team's warm-up.
- One point per minute may be awarded to the team's next opponent, up to a maximum of 25 points.
- A team may forfeit its next match for a second failure to have an officiating crew available on time.
- Cell phones may not be used at the scoring table. In an emergency, the scorer must notify the official at the next stoppage and be replaced by another teammate or coach.

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Questions regarding officials or rule clarification should be directed to Bryan Speer, Lead Officials Programming.

G. Supervision

A registered USA Volleyball adult member is required to supervise all team members during any SCSN competition. This adult, or another registered adult, must remain on site until all team members have left the campus. This applies to all age levels.

H. Warm-Ups

A 10-minute warm-up will be allowed before a team's first match of the day only. This includes two minutes of shared ball handling, followed by four minutes per team for hitting and serving.

The second seed will also receive a 10-minute warm-up before its first match of the day.

A four-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. Protests may not be filed later.

Only the floor captain may file a protest. In 14U, 13U, 12U, and 11U competition, the coach may intervene. 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 the explanation or interpretation of a rule is not satisfactory to the game captain, the captain must immediately state the disagreement and file an official protest before the next service is authorized.

If the protest involves the final point of a set, the protest must be recorded within the first 60 seconds of the timed interval between sets. If the protest involves the final point of the match, it must be recorded within the first 60 seconds after the final point is scored.

The Head Official, Lead Official, and/or Site Director will make the final ruling on all protests. Judgment calls may not be protested.

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VIII. Facility Regulations

Clubs should refer to the 2026–2027 SCSN Tournament Facilities information posted on the SCSN website. Clubs are responsible for reviewing and following all facility-specific rules, including parking, food and drink restrictions, spectator policies, and site conduct expectations.

IX. Natural Disasters and Extraordinary Circumstances

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

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