



# 2012 AAU BOYS' JUNIOR NATIONAL VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS



**June 21-24, 2012  
Orlando Sports Center  
Orlando, Florida**

**Ages 13/14, 15, 16, 17, 18**

**Check-In – June 21-22, 2012  
Competition – June 22-24, 2012**



## **REGISTRATION INFORMATION AND DEADLINES**

The following items are due on the deadline date. Those items to be submitted online must be completed by 11:59 p.m. EST on the deadline date. Those items to be mailed must be received by the deadline date.

### **June 1, 2012**

- (1) Entry Fee of \$495 per team
- (2) Team Roster
- (3) Chaperone Information
- (4) Seeding Information
- (5) Tournament Results
- (6) Team Photos Due (optional)

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### **June 15, 2012**

- (1) Hotel and Onsite Contact Information
- (2) Last Day for Online Roster Changes

Must be completed online.  
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## **CHAMPIONSHIPS VENUE**

Competition will take place at the Orlando Sports Center located at 6700 Kingspointe Parkway, Orlando, FL 32819. For additional venue information and directions, visit [www.aauvolleyball.org](http://www.aauvolleyball.org).

## **COMPETITION FORMAT**

The Championships will be conducted in a format that will determine National Champions in each age division, as well as providing the maximum amount of playing time for each team. Pool play preliminary rounds will determine placement and seeding of each team in the bracket rounds. Teams will have three days of competition.

## **TEAM ELIGIBILITY**

This is an **OPEN** Boys' National Championship. Any team meeting the requirements is eligible to enter. No qualifying required. All athletes, coaches and clubs must be current members of the AAU. This event is for male players only.

Teams may register for only one division in the Championships. Athletes may only be on one team roster in the Championships. Coaches may be on multiple rosters.

All players must live within the AAU District of their team or in a bordering District, and comply with the guidelines set forth in the AAU Code Book. Adult members are not bound by residence requirements. Hawaii, Alaska and US Territories, including Puerto Rico, do not have bordering Districts. For a list of AAU Districts, please visit [www.aauvolleyball.org](http://www.aauvolleyball.org).

Teams submitting false AAU registration information may be dropped from the event and forfeit the registration and entry fees, or other actions may be taken as approved by the Championship Committee.

## **AAU MEMBERSHIP**

All athletes and non-athletes (staff personnel, coaches, chaperones, etc.) must be current AAU members. Regular youth athlete membership is \$12 and regular non-athlete membership is \$14. All teams must also be part of a registered AAU Club. AAU club membership is available in 3 levels ranging from \$30, \$60 and \$300. Please visit the web site at [www.aauvolleyball.org](http://www.aauvolleyball.org) for descriptions of each category. There can be multiple teams under one club membership. To become an AAU member, register on-line at [www.aauvolleyball.org](http://www.aauvolleyball.org).

## **COACHES' EDUCATION**

The AAU National Office is happy to announce to its members, **FREE Coaches' Education** for all AAU non-athletes. This exciting program is **MANDATORY** for all AAU non-athletes and will be administered by Positive Coaching Alliance (PCA). Please visit <http://aausports.org/Partners/PositiveCoachesAlliance.aspx> to take the mandatory AAU/PCA coaches' education course. There are TWO courses available this year - one for those new to PCA training and one for those who completed the course last year. Membership may be revoked from non-athletes who do not complete course prior to competition.

## **ENTRY FEE**

The entry fee is \$495 per team. Credit and debit cards (Visa, MasterCard, Discover and American Express) are accepted online. Only a cashiers' check or money order payable to AAU will be accepted through the mail. No personal checks will be accepted. You must sign your team up online prior to mailing a check. A copy of the online registration must accompany the check or money order. See the Team Cancellation section for the refund policy.

If your team has won an approved AAU Super Regional, AAU Grand Prix or designated event that entitles your team to a reduced or free entry to Nationals, please contact [volleyball@aausports.org](mailto:volleyball@aausports.org). All teams must be registered online and paid by the entry deadline. If you win an AAU Super Regional or Grand Prix after the deadline, you will be refunded your entry fee.

## **ENTRY DEADLINE**

Entries **MUST be RECEIVED by June 1, 2012 by 11:59pm EST.** All teams will be accepted into the Championships on a ***first-come, first-served*** basis according to the date of receipt, until brackets are full.

## **TEAM CANCELLATION**

Withdrawals made in writing prior to **March 1, 2012** will be refunded the entry fee. Withdrawals made in writing between **March 1, 2012** and **June 1, 2012** will receive a 50 percent refund. Any team withdrawing after **June 1, 2012** will forfeit its entire entry fee. Any team not attending and failing to withdraw with the AAU National Office prior to the Championships may be subject to penalties for future participation in AAU competition.

## **AGE DIVISIONS**

The National Championship offers divisions in the age groups listed below. All athletes must be born within the following age determination dates. **It is the responsibly of the coach to enter the team in the correct age category.** Age division may be combined if necessary. There will not be separate Open and Club divisions.

- 14 and Under - Must be born on or after September 1, 1997
- 15 and Under - Must be born on or after September 1, 1996
- 16 and Under - Must be born on or after September 1, 1995
- 17 and Under - Must be born on or after September 1, 1994
- 18 and Under - Must be born on or after September 1, 1993 or players who were born on or after September 1, 1992 and are a high school student during some part of the current academic year.

**Once a player plays with a club or varsity program for any university, college, community college, or junior college, he is ineligible to play in the National Championships.**

## **TEAM ROSTERS**

Team rosters may include up to fourteen (14) players and four (4) adult bench personnel. Bench personnel can consist of the following: head coach, assistant coach, team trainer, etc. All bench personnel must be AAU members in the non-athlete category.

Only those four (4) individuals listed on the roster as bench personnel will be permitted to sit on the bench. Chaperones are not permitted on the bench.

Team rosters (including uniform numbers) must be submitted ONLINE by June 1. Changes can be made after June 1, but may not appear in the event program. Online changes will be accepted up until June 15. After June 15, any changes must be made onsite at Team Check-In.

**Each player is required to wear the same jersey number throughout the event** with limited exceptions as required by emergency or blood rule applications. This applies to all players in the Libero position. If players share the Libero position from match to match, a player shall wear the same jersey number whenever they play, whether they are or they are not, assigned to the Libero position.

The Team Roster must be verified at Team Check-In. Once the roster is verified and signed off by the representative, the roster will be in effect throughout the event. Any adjustments to the roster after it has been signed off on must include a \$25 fee per change. **NO CHANGES TO THE ROSTER ARE ALLOWED ONCE PLAY BEGINS.** Please refer the Team Check-In section regarding additional information.

## **CHAPERONES**

A minimum of one (1) adult chaperone is requested per team. A coach may not be a chaperone for the team. A maximum of two (2) chaperones will be provided an event credential allowing access into the venues at no charge. Chaperones will not be permitted to sit on the team bench during competition or be allowed on the main floor. Chaperones shall be non-athlete members of the AAU, which is \$14. Chaperones are welcome to attend the Coaches Meeting. A separate Chaperones' Meeting will not be held. Credentials for chaperones will be distributed at Team Check-In to the team representative. It is the responsibility of the chaperone to obtain their credentials from the team representative.

## **TEAM CHECK-IN**

A team representative must check-in their team at the Orlando Sports Center on **June 21 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. or on June 22 from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.**

Athletes, Coaches and Chaperones are not required to attend check-in, but it is the responsibility of the team representative to distribute credentials to coaches, athletes and chaperones. Credentials are required for admittance to the venues. All credentials are non-transferable and may be confiscated if misused.

### **At Team Check-In, the team representative will be required to do the following:**

- Verify your team's travel information, including hotel and emergency contact information.
- Verify the Team Roster including uniform numbers. **Uniform numbers must correctly be submitted. Each player is required to wear the same jersey number throughout the entire event, including the Libero.** Please refer to the "Rules of the Championships" section for complete uniform requirements.
- Verify the Coaches and Chaperones are listed correctly
- Complete any missing information
- Sign off on the final roster. Once the roster is verified and signed off by the representative, the roster will be in effect throughout the event. Any adjustments to the roster after it has been signed off on must include a \$25 fee per change. **NO CHANGES TO THE ROSTER ARE ALLOWED ONCE PLAY BEGINS.**
- **Show birth certificate, driver's license or passport for each player, unless copies have been uploaded to the online system.**

### **At Team Check-In, the team representative will receive the following:**

- Athlete, Coach/Bench Personnel and Chaperone Credentials. These passes are required in order to enter any competition facility. It is the team representative's responsibility to distribute these to the correct rostered athlete or non-athlete prior to admittance into the venues. **All credentials are non-transferable and may be confiscated if misused.**
- Complimentary Athlete and Coach National Championship T-Shirts (be sure to submit sizes when completing the roster online)

## **COACHES' MEETING**

A coaches meeting will take place on June 21 at 7:00 p.m. at the Orlando Sports Center. Attendance is not mandatory; however, all coaches are responsible for knowing the rules.

## **RULES OF THE CHAMPIONSHIPS**

The Championships will be conducted under the AAU Code, AAU Volleyball Handbook and the current playing rules of USA Volleyball, as modified by the AAU National Volleyball Committee. Additional information may be made available or revised at the mandatory Coaches' Meeting.

- AAU membership guidelines will be followed.
- Rally scoring will be used. Each non-deciding set will be won by the team that first scores 25 points with a minimum two-point advantage (no scoring cap). If there is a deciding set, it will be won by the team that first scores 15 points with a minimum two-point advantage (no scoring cap).
- 12 substitutions and a Libero player(s). Substitutions are only recognized when the sub enters the zone. There is no longer a request from the coach or captain.

### **Libero Player (Revised Feb. 2012):**

- **Each team may designate up to two Liberos. Libero(s) must be identified prior to each set.**
- **Only one Libero may be on the court at a time.**
- **The Libero player(s) may serve in one rotation in a set.**
- For uniform requirements, please see below.
- For an explanation of the Libero players, please refer to the 2011-2013 USA Volleyball Domestic Competition Regulations available at [www.usavolleyball.org](http://www.usavolleyball.org).

### Uniform Requirements:

- **Each player is required to wear the same jersey number throughout the event** with limited exceptions as required by emergency or blood rule applications. This applies to all players in the Libero position. If players share the Libero position from match to match, a player shall wear the same jersey number whenever they play, whether they are or they are not, assigned to the Libero position.
- **Identical uniforms are required, with the exception of the Libero. The Libero must wear a uniform shirt that is immediately recognized from all angles as being in clear contrast to and distinct from the other members of the team.**
- **Uniform Numbers:**
  - Jerseys must be numbered in a permanent manner from 1 and 99 and duplicate numbers are not allowed.
  - Uniform numbers must be clearly visible and centered on the chest and back.
  - The numbers must be minimum height of 4" on the chest and 6" on the back (recommended to be 6" on chest and 8" on the back). The stripe forming the numbers shall have a minimum width of 3/4".
  - Each jersey must use the same color and number height for all players except the Libero. The color and brightness of the numbers must contrast with the color and brightness of the jerseys. Color combinations such as purple/black, dark green/black, navy/black or navy/maroon are not distinctive enough to comply with the rules.
- USA Volleyball uniform requirements will be followed. For additional specifications, please refer to USAV rule 4.3.
- For any questions regarding your team's uniform, contact [volleyball@aausports.org](mailto:volleyball@aausports.org).

### Centerline and Net Touch Rules:

- To touch the opponent's court with any part of the body above the feet is permitted provided that it does not interfere with the opponent's play.
- Contact with the net by a player is not a fault unless it interferes with play.
- Players may touch the post, ropes or any other object outside the antenna, including the net itself, provided that it does not interfere with play.
- A player interferes with play by (amongst others) touching the top band of the net or the top 80 cm of the antenna during action of playing the ball, taking support from the net simultaneously with playing the ball, creating an advantage over the opponent or making actions which hinder an opponent's legitimate attempt to play the ball.
- For complete rules, please refer to the 2009-2011 USA Volleyball Domestic Competition Regulations available at [www.usavolleyball.org](http://www.usavolleyball.org).

### Team Warm-Ups:

- Coaches and athletes are responsible for proper warm-ups.
  - There will be no shared hitting during warm-ups.
  - Each team will have warm-up time of 2 minutes of shared ball handling, 4 minutes of solo court time for the serving team and 4 minutes of solo court time for the receiving team (2-4-4).
  - **When one team has exclusive use of the court, the other team must be either at its team bench or out of the playing area. Warming up with balls at the team bench or in the spectator walkways is not permitted. Ball handling is only allowed on the competition court during the appropriate warm-up time.**
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- The game ball will be the Tachikara SV5W Gold ball.
  - Teams may register for only one division in the Championships.
  - Athletes may only be on one team roster in the Championships. Coaches may be on multiple rosters.
  - Protest and tie-breaking procedures of USA Volleyball will govern.
  - Rules regarding the sanctioning of disruptive behavior by coaches and/or players will be strictly enforced.
  - No artificial noise makers will be allowed during play in any of the competition facilities.

## **SEEDING INFORMATION / TOURNAMENT RESULTS**

The Seeding Information and Tournament Results are **REQUIRED** and must be submitted by June 1. The written information you provide about your team as well as your competitive opponents, will allow the Championships Committee to make a more accurate seeding structure. Failure to provide complete and thorough information will jeopardize your team's chance of being seeded correctly.

**STEP 1:** Each team must submit general Seeding Information as part of the online event registration process. Once you have set-up your team online, click the **Seeding Information Part 1** to complete the information.

**STEP 2:** Each team must submit Tournament Results. Click **Upload Results Part 2** in the online system. Complete the AAU Results Form.

Results may be submitted in other formats such as from Advanced Event System, Sign-Up-To-Play, etc.

- a. Save the results as a PDF file and then upload into the Online Event Registration system.
- b. Print the results and mail/fax/email to the AAU National Office at AAU Volleyball 1910 Hotel Plaza Blvd, Lake Buena Vista, FL 32830, 407-934-7242 (Fax), or [volleyball@ausports.org](mailto:volleyball@ausports.org).

**All teams must submit information.** If your team has not competed together prior to the Championships, you must still submit information about your team. **This is required.**

## **BIRTH RECORDS AND PROOF OF AGE**

**Proof of age is required.** Birth certificates can be added to the Online Event Registration System. For your convenience, the birth certificates that are uploaded online will remain on file in the system. Next year, the information will carry over and you will not have to submit again for athletes that remain in the same club. Only jpeg and pdf images are accepted.

**If you do not submit your birth certificates online, proof of birth must be presented at TEAM CHECK-IN in one of the following manners:** HOSPITAL RECORDS ARE NOT ACCEPTED!

- a) A copy of birth record from the STATE, COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS from the place of birth.
- b) A copy of the delayed registration of birth if the athlete's birth was not recorded on her day of birth, issued by the same governing bodies.
- c) Consular Service form FS 240, "Report on Birth" Issued by the US Department of State.
- d) Immigration and naturalization forms I-151 and I 25 and form No 43 R311 7 issued by U.S. Department of Justice.
- e) A copy of a valid driver's license or government issued passport.

Photocopies of birth certificates, adoption papers or immigration papers of each player on the roster **MUST be held by the team's Head Coach and MUST be available upon request before or during the event.** Failure to provide this information may cause the team to forfeit the entry fee and any Championship play.

## **TEAM PHOTOS**

Team photos must be RECEIVED by June 1 to appear in the event program. Sending a team photo is not required, but we encourage all teams to submit a photo.

Photos can easily be submitted online through the Event Registration System. Only JPEG images are accepted. Once you are logged into your online account, click on your Team Name and then Team Photo.

Photos will also be accepted by mail. The team name and age group must accompany the photo, but do not staple or write on the photo. Please do not submit photocopies or color printouts as they do not reproduce in the event program.

## **PUERTO RICO, OTHER US TERRITORIES, NON-US TEAMS**

Teams from Puerto Rico must receive approval to participate from the Puerto Rico Volleyball Federation. Entries will not be accepted without the Federation's approval. Contact the Federation for more information (Jesus M. Prieto or Mrs. Gladys Nazario 787-753-0593). Teams must comply and receive approval by the entry deadline of June 1. If approval is not received by June 1, the team is subject to disqualification.

Teams from other US Territories and Non-US teams are welcome to participate. Please contact the AAU at 407-828-3561 or [volleyball@aausports.org](mailto:volleyball@aausports.org) for eligibility requirements.

## **AWARDS**

Each of the participants of the top four (4) teams per age division in the Championship bracket will be awarded AAU National Championship medals and each team will receive a team trophy. All-American Awards and Most Valuable All-American Awards will be distributed. The medals, team trophies and individual awards will be presented during the Awards Ceremony held immediately following the conclusion of the championship final per each age division.

## **TEAM OFFICIATING DUTIES AND SCOREKEEPERS CLINIC**

Teams will be given working assignments within their pools. Each team ***MUST*** provide qualified persons as follows: one (1) scorekeeper, one (1) scoreboard operator, two (2) line judges and one (1) Libero tracker. A coach must be present at the score table when your team is scheduled to work. **Scorekeepers must be competent or the team will be required to hire an official scorekeeper through the event staff. Competency will be determined by the Championship Committee.**

Officiating teams must report to the referees at the beginning of the warm-up time. Teams are considered late for their officiating assignment if all members of the officiating crew are not in attendance at the end of the warm-up period.

Failure to provide the officiating crew for your assigned match could result in the forfeit of the first game of your next match. For every minute the officiating team is late, one point will be given to the opponent in the next match, up to the 25-0 forfeit. The second offense will result in the loss of your next assigned match. It is the responsibility of the Head Coach to verify officiating duties at the Championships Desk.

To review and learn the scorekeeping procedures, please review the USAV Power Point Scorekeeping Presentation, visit [www.aauvolleyball.org](http://www.aauvolleyball.org) or [www.usavolleyball.org/pages/2777](http://www.usavolleyball.org/pages/2777).

## **SPECTATOR TICKETS**

A daily spectator admission fee will be charged. More information will be available at [www.aauvolleyball.org](http://www.aauvolleyball.org).

## **HOTEL AND THEME PARK INFORMATION**

Visit [www.aauvolleyball.org](http://www.aauvolleyball.org) for details on housing accommodations available during the event.

Specially-priced Walt Disney World® Theme Parks tickets are also available for purchase at [www.aauvolleyball.org](http://www.aauvolleyball.org).

## **TRANSPORTATION**

Transportation to venues is not provided. It is the responsibility of the team to arrange for transportation to the playing venues. Teams may not play at the same site each day, so transportation is needed to all competition sites.

**For questions regarding the Entry Information, Criteria and the Online Event Registration Process, contact [volleyball@aausports.org](mailto:volleyball@aausports.org) or call 407-828-3561.**

### **AAU POLICY**

The AAU can not and does not guarantee the appearance and/or participation of specific participant(s) and/or teams (as applicable) in this event. The AAU has sanctioned (approved) this Event as an official AAU Event (competition), but the AAU is not and shall not be responsible for any participant's or spectator's expenses related to this Event (nor reimbursements for same) in case of dissatisfaction of any participant, friend, family, or spectator, this includes, but is not limited to all travel, hotel (lodging), food, entry fees and/or any other expenses related to the event.