



39th AAU Girls Junior National Volleyball Championships

June 19-27, 2012

ESPN Wide World of Sports and the Orange County Convention Center
Orlando, FL





39th AAU GIRLS' JUNIOR NATIONAL VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS



ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex at Walt Disney World® Resort and the Orange County Convention Center, Orlando, Florida

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REGISTRATION INFORMATION AND DEADLINES

ENTER EARLY AND SAVE! The entry fee is \$695 per team for entries received by 11:59 pm EST on March 1, 2012. For entries received between March 2, 2012 and May 15, 2012 at 11:59 pm EST, the entry fee is \$795 per team. All teams will be accepted into the Championships on a first-come, first-served basis, until divisions are full. It is possible for divisions to fill prior to the deadline, so get your entry in early!

March 1, 2012

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| (1) <u>Early Entry Discount of \$695 per team</u> | Must be completed online by 11:59 pm EST or received by mail on or by March 1, 2012 |
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May 15, 2012

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| (1) Entry Fee of \$795 per team | Must be completed online by 11:59 pm EST or received by mail on or by May 15, 2012 |
| (2) Team Roster | Must be completed online |
| (3) Chaperone Information | Must be completed online |
| (4) Seeding Information | Must be completed online |
| (5) Tournament Results | Must be completed online or by mail/fax/email |

June 1, 2012

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| (1) Scorekeepers Clinic Registration (optional) | Can be completed online |
| (2) Team Photos Due (optional) | Can be completed online or received by mail |

June 14, 2012

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| (1) Hotel and Onsite Contact Information | Must be completed online |
| (2) Last Day for Online Roster Changes | Must be completed online. <i>Any changes after this date must be made at Team Check-In.</i> |





39th AAU JUNIOR NATIONAL GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

2012 EVENT SCHEDULE

VENUES: Competition will be held at the ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex and the Orange County Convention Center (North Hall). Additional sites may be added if needed.

CHECK-IN: Teams may check-in during registration hours on an earlier day, but must be checked in by the close of registration the day prior to their competition.

Competition format and schedule are subject to change.

AGES 10, 11, 12 (Open & Club), 13 (Open & Club), 14 (Open, Club, Classic), 15 (Club & Classic)

Tuesday, June 19:	Team Check-In (ESPN Wide World of Sports - Jostens Center)	8:00 am – 12:00 pm; 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm
	Opening Ceremony (ESPN Wide World of Sports - Baseball Stadium)	7:00 pm
	Coaches Meeting (ESPN Wide World of Sports - HP Field House)	8:00 pm (or after the Opening Ceremony)
Wednesday, June 20	Competition – Pool Play	AM or PM wave
Thursday, June 21	Competition – Pool Play	AM or PM wave
Friday, June 22	Competition – Pool Play	AM or PM wave
Saturday, June 23	Competition – Brackets & Finals	Single Elimination

AGES 15 Open and 18 Open

Friday, June 22:	Team Check-In (Orange County Convention Center - North N210-D)	2:00 pm – 7:00 pm
	Coaches Meeting (Orange County Convention Center - North N210-A)	7:00 pm
Saturday, June 23	Competition – Pool Play	AM or PM wave
Sunday, June 24	Competition – Pool Play	AM or PM wave
Monday, June 25	Competition – Pool Play	AM or PM wave
Tuesday, June 26	Competition – Brackets & Finals	Single Elimination

AGES 16 (Open, Club & Classic), 17 (Open, Club & Classic), 18 (Club)

Saturday, June 23	Team Check-In (Orange County Convention Center - North N210-D)	10:00 am – 6:00 pm
	Coaches Meeting (Orange County Convention Center - North N210-A)	7:00 pm
Sunday, June 24	Competition – Pool Play	AM or PM wave
Monday, June 25	Competition – Pool Play	AM or PM wave
Tuesday, June 26	Competition – Pool Play	AM or PM wave
Wednesday, June 27	Competition – Brackets & Finals	Single Elimination

SPECIAL EVENTS

Tuesday, June 19	Opening Ceremony (7:00 pm)	Champion® Stadium, ESPN Wide World of Sports <i>All divisions welcome to attend. The event is held outdoors. Team line-up will begin at 6:00 pm.</i>
Saturday, June 23	Championship Finals (Ages 10-15)	ESPN Wide World of Sports
Sunday, June 24	AAU Beach Volleyball Tournament (12-15)	Orlando Sports Center (register online at www.aubeach.org)
Monday, June 25	Recruiting Seminar (10:00 am & 2:00 pm)	Orange County Convention Center Open to all coaches, parents and athletes. No charge to attend.
Tuesday, June 26	Championship Finals (15 Open/18 Open)	ESPN Wide World of Sports
Wednesday, June 27	Championship Finals (16-18)	ESPN Wide World of Sports
Thursday, June 28	AAU Beach Volleyball Tournament (16-18)	Cocoa Beach Pier (register online at www.aubeach.org)

TEAM CHECK-IN

A team representative must check-in their team during the hours listed below. **Teams may check-in during registration hours on an earlier day, but must be checked in by the close of registration the day prior to their competition.**

10, 11, 12 (Open & Club), 13 (Open & Club), 14 (Open, Club & Classic), 15 (Club & Classic)

Tuesday, June 19: ESPN Wide World of Sports (Jostens Center)
8:00 am - 12:00 pm, 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm

15 Open, 18 Open

Friday, June 22: Orange County Convention Center (North N210-D)
2:00 pm - 7:00 pm

16 (Open, Club, Classic), 17 (Open, Club & Classic), 18 (Club)

Saturday, June 23: Orange County Convention Center (North N210-D)
10:00 am - 6:00 pm

Please make your travel arrangements to ensure that a team representative attends the check-in. Check-in will not be permitted on the day of competition.

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(s).** 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.**

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)

OPENING CEREMONY

The Opening Ceremony will take place outdoors at Champion® Stadium, home for Atlanta Braves Spring Training, located at the ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex. The Ceremony will be held on Tuesday, June 19 at 7:00 p.m. Teams should arrive by 6:00 p.m. to check-in and assemble for team introductions. Time and location are subject to change.

COACHES' MEETING

A team representative must be present. Championship rules, schedule updates, and other important information will be discussed. **All coaches will be responsible for knowing and understanding the information discussed in the meeting.**

10, 11, 12 (Open & Club), 13 (Open & Club), 14 (Open, Club, Classic), 15 (Club & Classic):

Tuesday, June 19 ESPN Wide World of Sports (HP Field House)
8:00 pm (Immediately following Opening Ceremony)

15 Open, 18 Open:

Friday, June 22 Orange County Convention Center (North N210-A)
7:00 pm

16 (Open, Club, Classic), 17 (Open, Club, Classic), 18 (Club):

Saturday, June 23 Orange County Convention Center (North N210-A)
7:00 pm

Chaperones are welcome to attend the Coaches Meeting. A separate Chaperones' Meeting will not be held.



39th AAU JUNIOR NATIONAL GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2012 EVENT INFORMATION

CHAMPIONSHIPS VENUES

Competition will take place in the HP Field House and the Jostens® Center at the ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex (18 courts) and at the Orange County Convention Center North Hall (over 80 courts). Check www.aauvolleyball.org for directions. Additional facilities may be added as needed.

At the ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex, general parking is free and valet parking is available on select event dates for a fee. At the Orange County Convention Center, parking is \$8.00 per day and includes re-entry in the same day with your receipt. Be sure to save your receipt. All fees are subject to change.

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.

TEAM ELIGIBILITY

This is an **OPEN** Girls' 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 female 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.

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 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.

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 AND ENTRY DEADLINES

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Entry fees can be paid online with a credit or debit card (Visa, MasterCard, Discover and American Express) or by mail. For entries received by mail, the date of receipt will be used to determine entry, not the postmark date. 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. 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.

TEAM CANCELLATION

Withdrawals made in writing prior to **March 1, 2012** will be refunded the entry fee. Withdrawals made in writing between **March 2, 2012** and **May 15, 2012** will receive a 50 percent refund. Any team withdrawing after **May 15, 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. Withdrawal requests must be made in writing to volleyball@aausports.org.

OPEN, CLUB AND CLASSIC DIVISIONS

Ages 12 to 18 will have Open and Club divisions. Ages 14 to 17 will have a Classic division in addition to the Open and Club divisions. Ages 10 and 11 will have only one division. The tournament committee reserves the right to make changes in divisions at their discretion. **Seeding information must be submitted. To change a division after a team has registered and prior to the deadline, contact volleyball@aausports.org. Changes may not be made after the deadline.**

There may be limits on the number of teams for all divisions.

Open: **This division is the most competitive and highest level of competition.**

Club: This division is the middle level of competition.

Classic: This division is a lower level of competition.

Teams registering after the division is closed will be placed on a waiting list. It is possible for a division to close prior to the entry deadline.

AGE DIVISIONS

The National Championship offers divisions in the age groups listed below. All athletes must be born within the following age determination dates and meet all the requirements below. **NO AGE WAIVERS WILL BE ACCEPTED. It is the responsibly of the coach to enter the team in the correct age category.**

- 10 and Under - Must be born on or after September 1, 2001
- 11 and Under - Must be born on or after September 1, 2000
- 12 and Under - Must be born on or after September 1, 1999
- 13 and Under - Must be born on or after September 1, 1998
- 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, she 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 May 15. Changes can be made after May 15, but may not appear in the event program. Online changes will be accepted up until June 14. After June 14, 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 OFFICIATING DUTIES AND SCOREKEEPERS CLINIC

First and second referees will be provided.

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 they will be removed and the team will be required to hire an official scorekeeper through the event staff. If the scorekeepers are removed, the team will be charged. 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.

A **SCOREKEEPERS CLINIC** will be held on June 19 and June 23 for coaches and athletes needing instruction on the scorekeeping responsibilities. To register for the clinic, visit www.aauvolleyball.org. To review the USAV Power Point Scorekeeping Presentation, visit www.aauvolleyball.org or <http://usavolleyball.org/pages/2776>. There will not be a Spanish-only clinic conducted in Orlando; however, there will be a clinic available in Puerto Rico prior to the event. Contact volleyball@ausports.org for more information.

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.
- No age waivers will be allowed. It is the responsibility of the coach to enter the team in the correct age category. Failure to do so could result in disqualification from the event.
- 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 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.

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.

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 2011-2013 USA Volleyball Domestic Competition Regulations available at 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.**

Balls:

- Game balls will be provided. Teams are responsible to provide their own balls for warm-ups.
- The 10 & Under, 11 & Under and 12 & Under division will play with the Tachikara SVMNC "Volley-Lite" ball. All other ages will play with the Tachikara SV5W Gold ball.

Serving Step-In:

- The 10 & Under division will be allowed to step into the court when serving. The step-in line will be 6'6" from the serving line.
- No step-in will be allowed for the 11 & Under and 12 & Under division.

Net Height:

- Ages 13-18 net height is 7'4^{1/8}"
- Ages 11-12 net height 7'0"
- Age 10 net height 6'6"

Additional Rules:

- 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 May 15. 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@aausports.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 no longer be uploaded in the online system. If you have questions regarding previously submitted information, please contact volleyball@aausports.org.

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 (optional)

Team photos must be RECEIVED by June 1 to appear in the event program. The event program will only be available online.

Photos can be submitted online through the Event Registration System. JPEG images provide the best quality. 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 Gladys Nazario at 787-753-0593). Teams must comply and receive approval by the entry deadline of May 15. If approval is not received by May 15, the team is subject to disqualification.

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

PRACTICE

Limited practice times will be available on the day prior to the first day of competition for that age division only. Practice space will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis to teams that have entered the Championships and submitted a written request for practice. Teams will be notified after May 15 of practice times. Requests for practice time should be made in writing to volleyball@aausports.org. Teams must supply their own balls for practice.

COLLEGE RECRUITERS

Over 350 college coaches were in attendance last year. Team rosters with athlete addresses may be made available to college coaches for ages 15 to 18. It is very important for all teams to comply with the entry deadline for submitting rosters **(including uniform numbers)**. At Team Check-In, coaches or club directors can also submit additional information or player profiles to be made available to college coaches. Teams submitting incomplete roster information will be delayed at Team Check-In and requested to fully complete the roster before being able to check-in. **If you have unsigned seniors on your team, please email names to volleyball@aausports.org by May 15.**

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, All-Star Awards and Most Valuable All-American Awards will be distributed for Ages 12 to 18. 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. In other brackets (i.e. Consolation, Red, White, Blue, etc.), the first (1st) place team will receive a team award at the conclusion of that bracket's final match.

PLAYER GIFT EXCHANGE

Exchanging gifts prior to your first match is not required; however some teams will have gifts available. This is up to your club whether to exchange or offer gifts to your opponents.

SPECTATOR TICKETS

Tickets may be purchased upon arrival at the ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex Box Office or the Orange County Convention Center. Daily tickets are \$15.50 per adult and \$10.50 per child (age 3 to 9). A 4-day length of event pass is will also be available. All Walt Disney World® ticket prices are subject to change without notice.

HOTEL AND THEME PARK INFORMATION

The AAU makes every effort to provide the best quality experience for athletes, coaches and families that participate in AAU events. Hotels have been carefully selected for teams. There are a variety of housing options in several locations to meet your team's needs. These properties are ready to work with you providing the best accommodations at a great price.

Choose from a variety of options including Walt Disney World® Resorts, Good Neighbor® Hotels, Convention Center/International Drive Hotels and approved vacation homes, townhouses and villas. Teams will receive special rates that you won't get anywhere else! Visit www.aauvolleyball.org for complete information.

Specially-priced Walt Disney World® Theme Parks tickets are also available for purchase by calling 866-537-7648 or online at 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 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. Any event information is subject to change without notice.