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June 16-24, 2014

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Orlando, Florida

PRE-EVENT MANUAL

Official Volleyball of the AAU
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REGISTRATION DEADLINES AND INFORMATION

ENTER EARLY AND SAVE! The entry fee is $695 per team for entries received by 11:59 pm EST on March 1, 2014. For entries received between March 2, 2014 and May 8, 2014 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 according to date of receipt, until divisions are full. It is possible for divisions to fill prior to the deadline, so get your entry in early!

For complete registration information, please review the entire Pre-Event Manual and the Registration Checklist at www.aauvolleyball.org.

March 1, 2014
(1) Early Entry Discount of $695 per team
    Must be completed online by 11:59 pm EST or received by mail on or by March 1, 2014

YOU WILL NEED YOUR NON-ATHLETE MEMBERSHIP AND CLUB MEMBERSHIP BEFORE REGISTERING FOR THE EVENT. MEMBERSHIP IS NO LONGER INSTANT. PLAN AHEAD AND REGISTER FOR MEMBERSHIP EARLY!

May 8, 2014
(1) Entry Fee of $795 per team
    Must be completed online by 11:59 pm EST or received by mail on or by May 8, 2014
(2) Team Roster
    Must be completed online
(3) Seeding Information
    Must be completed online
(4) Tournament Results
    Must be completed online at AES and/or AAU

June 1, 2014
(1) Team Roster for College Recruiters
    The rosters for ages 14-18 as of this date will be submitted to college recruiters. Please be sure to have your rosters updated with uniform numbers, etc.
    Must be completed online
(2) Scorekeepers Clinic Registration (optional)
    Can be completed online
(3) Team Photos Due (optional)
    Can be completed online or received by mail

June 13, 2014
(1) Hotel and Onsite Contact Information
    Must be completed online
(2) Last Day for Online Roster Changes
    Must be completed online. Any changes after this date must be made at Team Check-In.

ENTRY FEE

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, 2014 will be refunded the entry fee. Withdrawals made in writing between March 2, 2014 and May 8, 2014 will receive a 50% refund. Any team withdrawing after May 8, 2014 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.
**EVENT SCHEDULE**

Competition will be held at the ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex and the Orange County Convention Center. Additional sites may be added if needed. Visit www.aauvolleyball.org for directions and facility information.

**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.**

**There will be no coaches meeting held onsite; however, coaches must watch the online Coaches Meeting Video prior to competition.** In addition, Tournament Staff will be available for questions at Team Check-In on June 16 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm and 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm. On other days, questions can be directed to the Championship Desk.

**Competition format and schedule are subject to change.**

**Divisions: 10, 11, 12 Open, 12 Club, 12 Classic, 13 Open, 13 Club, 13 Classic, 14 Open, 14 Premier, 14 Club, 14 Classic, 15 Club, 15 Classic, 18 Open, 18 Premier, 18 Club**

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<td>AAU Beach Volleyball Super Regional Championships 16U, 18U (register online at <a href="http://www.aaubeach.org">www.aaubeach.org</a>)</td>
<td>Cocoa Beach Pier</td>
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**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.**

Please make your travel arrangements to ensure that a team representative attends the check-in.

**NEW LOCATION:** All Team Check-In will take place at the Orange County Convention Center South Concourse. No check-in will be held at ESPN Wide World of Sports.

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<td>Mon, June 16</td>
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<td>16 Open, Premier, &amp; Club</td>
<td>Thu, June 19</td>
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*Early Check-In Hours: Teams that are scheduled to practice may check-in during the early check-in hours. In addition, clubs checking in 10 or more teams at one time may check-in during this time.*

**Rule and Uniform Questions:** There will not be a coaches meeting this year. Coaches are required to watch the online Coaches Meeting Video prior to the start of play. [CLICK HERE TO VIEW](http://www.aauvolleyball.org). Tournament Officials will be available during Team Check-in on June 16 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm and 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm for questions. On June 19 and 20, event questions can be directed to the Championship Desk at the Orange County Convention Center.

There are no parking fees for general parking at ESPN Wide World of Sports. Daily parking fees will be charged at the Orange County Convention Center. A drop-off zone is available at the front of the Convention Center.

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

**Team Check-In Checklist:**

**At Team Check-In, the team representative will be responsible for the following items.**

- Verify your team’s travel information, including hotel and emergency contact information.
• Present proof of age for each athlete such as copies of birth certificates, driver’s licenses or passports. For additional information, please refer to the Birth Records and Proof of Age section.

• Verify the Team Roster and complete any missing information, including uniform numbers. **Uniform numbers must be correctly submitted on the roster. 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 all the Coaches and Chaperones are listed correctly on the roster.

• Verify that the coaches understand the rules of the event and have watched the Coaches Meeting video. [CLICK HERE TO DOWNLOAD THE CHECK-IN AGREEMENT FORM.]

• Sign off on the final roster.

**ROSTER CHANGES:** Once the roster is verified and signed off by the representative at Team Check-In, the roster becomes final and will be in effect throughout the event. Any adjustments to the roster (including uniform number changes) after it has been signed off on must be made at the Championship Desk and will include a $25 fee per change. **NO ATHLETES MAY BE ADDED TO THE TEAM ROSTER AFTER THE TEAM’S FIRST MATCH BEGINS.**

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

- **Athlete, Coach and Chaperone Credentials and Coach Wristbands.** [UPDATED] It is the team representative’s responsibility to distribute these to the correct rostered athletes and non-athletes prior to admittance into the venues. Each athlete, coach and chaperone will receive a credential and must have this credential to gain admittance to both ESPN Wide World of Sports and the Orange County Convention Center. Coaches will also receive a wristband. Wristbands allow access to the team bench and must be worn on the wrist at all times for the duration of the event. **NEW THIS YEAR: Coaches must have their credential to gain admittance to both venues. Wristbands without credentials will not be valid at either venue. All credentials are non-transferable and may be confiscated if misused.**

- Complimentary Athlete and Coach National Championship T-Shirts for athletes and coaches (be sure to submit sizes when completing the roster online).

**OPENING CEREMONY & CELEBRATION**

**NEW FORMAT IN 2014!** The Opening Ceremony & Celebration will take place outdoors at ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex. The Celebration will be held in the evening on Monday, June 16. There will be a new format this year including a team parade, festival, music and entertainment. Large crowds are expected, so it is recommended to arrive early. More details regarding the start time, player line-ups, traffic and parking information will be posted online prior to the event. [CLICK HERE FOR NEW INFO.]

**SEMINARS**

A Recruiting Seminar and Beach Volleyball Seminar will take place at the Orange County Convention Center on June 22 at 10:00 am and 2:00 pm. Seminars are FREE and open to all participants, parents and spectators. Come hear viewpoints from top college coaches on playing college volleyball and the growth of collegiate sand volleyball.

**BEACH VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENTS**

The AAU Beach Volleyball Super Regional Championships will take place on June 21 at the Orlando Sports Center (Ages 12, 14) and June 25 at the Cocoa Beach Pier (Ages 16, 18). The top eight teams per division will qualify for the West Coast AAU Junior Olympic Games in Hermosa Beach, CA on July 26-27, 2014. For more information and to register, visit [www.aaubeach.org](http://www.aaubeach.org).
GENERAL 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 (over 150 courts). For specific directions, parking and traffic information, please visit www.aauvolleyball.org. 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, a $9.00 parking fee will be charged daily. Parking does include re-entry in the same day with your receipt. Be sure to save your receipt. All fees and policies are subject to change.

PARKING & TRAFFIC ADVISORY: Stay tuned to www.aauvolleyball.org for parking and traffic information. Large crowds are expected at the Orange County Convention Center, especially in the mornings. Detailed parking maps, shuttle info and driving directions are available online.

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. All teams play will have four days of competition.

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 and other bench personnel 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 $14 and regular non-athlete membership is $16. 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 online at www.aauvolleyball.org.

You can no longer register for non-athlete (coach) membership onsite. Background screens are conducted for all non-athletes. Membership is no longer instant. BE PREPARED and register your coaches, chaperones and administrators early! You can only add a coach or chaperone onsite with a valid AAU membership number. Applied status or pending memberships are not acceptable.

PCA COACHES’ EDUCATION

The AAU is happy to continue to offer FREE Coaches’ Education for all AAU non-athletes. This exciting program is MANDATORY for all AAU coaches 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 THREE courses available this year - Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3. Members are required to take one
LEVELS OF PLAY (OPEN, PREMIER, CLUB AND CLASSIC DIVISIONS)

New in 2014, ages 14 to 18 will have four divisions available – Open, Premier, Club and Classic. Ages 12 and 13 will have three divisions – Open, Club and Classic. Ages 10 and 11 will be in one division. The tournament committee reserves the right to make changes at their discretion. To change a division after a team has registered and prior to the entry deadline, contact volleyball@aausports.org. Changes may not be made after the deadline.

Open: This division is for elite teams and the most competitive and highest level of competition. Only the highest level of teams should enter this division.

Premier: This division is the next level of play designed for top teams that are in between the elite Open and Club divisions.

Club: This division is the middle level of competition.

Classic: This division is a lower level of competition.

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

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 responsibility of the coach to enter the team in the correct age category.

10 and Under - Must be born on or after September 1, 2003
11 and Under - Must be born on or after September 1, 2002
12 and Under - Must be born on or after September 1, 2001
13 and Under - Must be born on or after September 1, 2000
14 and Under - Must be born on or after September 1, 1999
15 and Under - Must be born on or after September 1, 1998
16 and Under - Must be born on or after September 1, 1997
17 and Under - Must be born on or after September 1, 1996
18 and Under - Must be born on or after September 1, 1995

OR

Players who were born on or after September 1, 1994 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.

BIRTH RECORDS AND PROOF OF AGE

Proof of age is required. Birth certificates cannot be uploaded in the online system. Proof of age must be presented at TEAM CHECK-IN and held by the team’s Head Coach to be available before and/or anytime during the event upon request of the event staff. The following are acceptable forms of proof of age (HOSPITAL RECORDS ARE NOT ACCEPTED!)

a) A copy of a valid driver’s license or government issued passport.

b) A copy of birth record from the STATE, COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS from the place of birth.

c) If either of the above is not available, the following

• 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.
Consular Service form FS 240, "Report on Birth" issued by the US Department of State.
Immigration and naturalization forms I-151 and I 25 and form No 43 R311 7 issued by U.S. Department of Justice.

Failure to provide this information may cause an athlete or team to be ruled ineligible, in which entry fees and any Championship play may be forfeited.

TEAM ROSTERS

Team rosters must be completed in the AAU Volleyball Nationals online registration system. Only the rosters completed in the account that has submitted the entry fee will be used. For information on completing the roster online, please review the instructions in online registration system.

Athletes:
- Team rosters may include up to fourteen (14) athletes.
-Athletes may only be on one team roster in the Championships.
-Uniform numbers are required to be on the roster.
-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.
-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.

Bench Personnel:
- Team rosters may include up to four (4) adult bench personnel.
- Bench personnel can consist of the following: Head Coach, Assistant Coach or Team Rep/Club Director. Additional staff such as team trainer, manager, etc. can be listed as assistant coaches.
- At a minimum, each team must have a Head Coach designated.
- 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.
- Please note, for the Team Rep/Club Director to sit on the bench, he or she must be listed on each team roster as one of the four (4) bench personnel.
- Bench personnel can be listed on multiple rosters, but will only receive one credential.

Team rosters (including uniform numbers) must be submitted ONLINE by May 8. Changes can be made after May 8, but may not appear in the event program. Online changes will be accepted up until June 13. After June 13, any changes must be made onsite at Team Check-In. Once the roster is verified and signed off by the representative at the onsite Team Check-In, the roster will be in effect throughout the event. Any adjustments to the roster (including uniform number changes) after it has been signed off on must include a $25 fee per change. NO ATHLETES MAY BE ADDED TO THE TEAM ROSTER AFTER THE TEAM’S FIRST MATCH BEGINS. Please refer the Team Check-In section regarding additional information.

Rosters for College Recruiters: The rosters submitted for ages 15 to 18 as of June 1 will be provided to college recruiters. Please be sure to have your rosters updated with uniform numbers, athlete names and information by this date. Changes after this date are not guaranteed to be provided to all the college recruiters. Do not miss this opportunity to fully expose your team members to the coaches in attendance.

COACHES: BE PREPARED! You can no longer register for non-athlete (coach, chaperone, club director) membership onsite due to the background screening. Membership is no longer instant for non-athletes and can take up to 10 days or more to be approved. To add a non-athlete onsite, you must have a copy of the approved membership card.

CHAPERONES

Chaperones are not required, but strongly recommended to assist club administrators and coaches with the supervision of the athletes. A maximum of two (2) chaperones will be provided an event credential allowing access into the venues at no charge. A coach may not be a chaperone for the team. Chaperones will not be permitted to sit on the team bench during competition or be allowed on the competition floor. Chaperones shall be non-athlete members of the AAU, which is $16.
Credentials for chaperones will be distributed at Team Check-In to the team representative. It is the responsibility of the chaperone to obtain their appropriate credentials from the team representative. **If it is found that credentials are misused or chaperones misrepresent themselves, credentials will be confiscated.**

**COACHES’ MEETING VIDEO**

A Coaches Meeting video will be available online prior to the Championships. Rules, guidelines and other important information will be reviewed. **All coaches are expected to watch the video prior to the start of the event.** Attention Club Directors: Please be sure all your coaches watch this video and understand the rules. They are responsible to know the information that is reviewed in the video. The video is available at [www.aauvolleyball.org](http://www.aauvolleyball.org) or CLICK HERE.

**There will not be any scheduled coaches meetings.** Tournament Officials will be available during Team Check-in on June 16 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm and 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm for questions on rules, uniforms, etc. On June 19 and 20, event questions can be directed to the Championship Desk as the Orange County Convention Center.

**SEEDING INFORMATION AND TOURNAMENT RESULTS (Due May 8)**

Seeding for the National Championships is determined by the seeding committee. The committee considers many factors when seeding teams including, but not limited to the following:

1. Team results throughout the year as submitted in AES
2. Team’s results against other teams in the field as submitted in AES
3. AES national ranking engine
4. Team’s final standing at previous year’s National Championships
5. Seeding information submitted to AAU

**Each team is REQUIRED to submit seeding information and their tournament results from the season by May 8.**

The written information you provide about your team as well as your competitive opponents, will allow the seeding 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.**

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 by May 8.**

**STEP 1:** Each team must submit general Seeding Information as part of the online event registration process. In the AAU Volleyball event system, click the **Seeding Information Part 1** to complete the information. Information includes overall team record, AES/USAV team code and additional questions about your team.

**STEP 2:** Tournament results from throughout your season are required. **Results in the AES system will be used, if you add your AES (or USAV) Team Code on Part 1.** It is strongly recommended that you provide results through AES as information from the AES ranking engine will also be used. Please be sure your results are updated and accurate. You may set up an AES account at no charge. For more information, please refer to the Seeding/Results section in the online registration system. You may also submit information on the AAU Results Form through the AAU online registration system; however, results that are submitted separate from AES are not be used in the AES ranking engine. For additional information, click on **Results – Part 2** in your online account.

**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. Please refer the Age Division section for more information.

• 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:
  - **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 2013-2015 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 following exceptions:**
    - The Libero must wear a uniform jersey that is immediately recognized from all angles as being in clear contrast to and distinct from the other members of the team. The Libero jersey must contract in color with that of the predominate colors of the other team member jerseys. Color combinations such as purple/black, dark green/black, navy/black, navy/maroon, white/light yellow are not distinctive enough to comply with the rules. *(Please note for the 2015 season new uniform requirements will be in effect. Visit [www.aauvolleyball.org](http://www.aauvolleyball.org) for more information).*
    - Different sleeve lengths are permitted.
    - If undergarments are worn in such a manner that they are exposed, they will be considered a part of the uniform, in which they must be similar and the same color for any team member (except Libero) who wears the undergarment. Socks and shoes are not considered part of the uniform.
    - Manufacturer’s logo or trademark can vary if it does not exceeding 2 ¾ inches.
  - **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 ¾”.
    - 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 2013-2015 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.

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.

TEAM OFFICIATING DUTIES AND SCOREKEEPERS CLINIC

First and second referees will be provided for all matches. 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 rostered coach must be present at the score table for the entire match 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 16 and June 20 for coaches and athletes needing instruction on the scorekeeping responsibilities. To register for the clinic, visit www.aauvolleyball.org. 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@aausports.org for more information.
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. JPEG images provide the best quality. Photos can be submitted by one of the following ways:

- Submit online with the team entry in the AAU Nationals Event Registration System. JPEG images provide the best quality. Once you are logged into your online account, click on your Team Name and then click on Add Team Photo.
- Email a file to volleyball@aausports.org. Please name the file with the team name and age division.
- Mail to AAU Volleyball, 1910 Hotel Plaza Blvd, Lake Buena Vista, FL 32830. The team name and age group must accompany the photo, but do not staple or write on the photo. No photocopies or color printouts are accepted as 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 8. If approval is not received by May 8, 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 space is available on the day prior to that division starting play. Practice space will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis to teams after the team has entered the event and submitted a written request for practice. Requests for practice time should be made in writing to sursch@aausports.org. Teams will be notified after the entry deadline of practice times and locations. Teams must supply their own balls for practice. Please note, there may be admission fees for spectators at practice.

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.

COLLEGE RECRUITERS

Over 400 college coaches were in attendance last year, making this one of the most recruited events in the country. Team rosters will be made available to college coaches for ages 15 to 18. The team rosters submitted online as of June 1 will be used for college recruiters. It is very important that your team’s roster is updated (including uniform numbers) by this date. Do not miss this opportunity to fully expose your team member to the coaches in attendance.

During the competition, player profiles or additional information may be submitted to the Championship Desk at the Orange County Convention Center. This information will be made available to college coaches. In addition at the Championship Desk, you may add athlete’s names to the list of unsigned seniors.

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 and team trophies for the top four (4) teams as well as the individual athlete awards will be presented during an 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. Teams shall report to the designated awards area at their competition venue.
FACILITY RULES

For updated information on facility rules and cooler policies, please refer to the Girls Nationals web page located on the AAU Volleyball website at www.aauvolleyball.org.

SPECTATOR TICKETS

(Updated 6/4/14) Tickets may be purchased online at https://disneytickets.disney.go.com/store/1po/welcome.html or upon arrival at the ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex Box Office or the Orange County Convention Center. Purchasing tickets online prior to June 10, 2014 ensures that you get to skip the lines! All tickets purchased prior to June 10 will be mailed. Tickets purchased June 6 or later must be picked up at the ESPN Wide World of Sports or Orange County Convention Center Will Call Window.

Daily tickets are available for $16.50 for adults and $11.50 for children (ages 3-9). A 4-day passes will also be available for $52.00 for adults and $40.00 for children (ages 3-9). Tickets are valid for all competition venues. For additional information and questions regarding Spectator Tickets, please contact disneysportstickets@disneysports.com.

All Walt Disney World® ticket prices are subject to change without notice.

HOTEL, TRAVEL 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. Visit www.aauvolleyball.org for information on a variety of housing properties.

Anthony Travel is your source for discounted hotels, vacation homes and group air options, as well as specially-priced Theme Park tickets. Anthony Travel can help streamline your travel management efforts and provide competitive hotel rates and amenities for you in the Orlando area. Hotel accommodations can be booked online, 24 hours a day, or by calling (866) 796-5222, Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 5 pm CT.

TRANSPORTATION

Transportation to venues is not provided through the event. 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. AAU does offer discounts with several rental car agencies in Orlando. For more information on rental cars options, please visit www.aauvolleyball.org or click here.

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 cannot 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.