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AAU WEST COAST VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

All Under One Roof!

**Las Vegas Convention Center
May 23-25, 2015**

**No Qualifying Required!
Any Team Can Enter!**



WHY PLAY IN THE WEST COAST CHAMPIONSHIPS?

- Held in the Las Vegas Convention Center.
- All Under One Roof!
- **Low entry fee – register by March 1 and save \$50.**
- Open to any team.
- Play teams from throughout the country! *Teams from Alabama, Arizona, California, Utah, Hawaii, Idaho, Ohio, New York, Nevada, Wyoming and Texas participated in the past.*
- Spend your holiday weekend in Las Vegas!
- Special room rates available for teams.



ENTER EARLY AND SAVE \$50! The entry fee is only \$400 per team for entries received by 11:59 pm EST on March 1, 2015. For entries received between March 2, 2015 and April 24, 2015 at 11:59 pm EST, the entry fee is \$450 per team. **All teams will be accepted into the Championships on a first-come, first-served basis, until divisions are full.**

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DATES

Team Check-In: Friday, May 22 (6:00 pm to 9:00 pm)
Competition: Saturday, May 23 to Monday, May 25



VENUES

All competition will take place at the Las Vegas Convention Center located at 3150 Paradise Road, Las Vegas, NV.

DIVISIONS

Ages 12 to 18 (Open and Club for 14 and up). Divisions may be combined if necessary.

FORMAT

Teams will have 3 days of competition. Pool play will be held on Saturday and Sunday in AM and PM waves. All teams will advance to bracket play on Monday.

TEAM ELIGIBILITY

This is an **OPEN** event. 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.

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.

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 on-line 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.

ENTRY FEE AND ENTRY DEADLINES

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Register online at www.aauvolleyball.org. Entry fees can be paid online at 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. Mail to AAU Volleyball, 1910 Hotel Plaza Blvd, Lake Buena Vista, FL 32830. 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 by **April 24, 2015** will receive a 50% refund. Any team withdrawing after **April 24, 2015** may 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.

AGE DIVISIONS

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.**

- 12 and Under - Must be born on or after September 1, 2002
 - 13 and Under - Must be born on or after September 1, 2001
 - 14 and Under - Must be born on or after September 1, 2000
 - 15 and Under - Must be born on or after September 1, 1999
 - 16 and Under - Must be born on or after September 1, 1998
 - 17 and Under - Must be born on or after September 1, 1997
 - 18 and Under - Must be born on or after September 1, 1996
- OR Players who were born on or after September 1, 1995 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 April 24. Online changes will be accepted up until May 19. After May 19, any changes must be made onsite at Team Check-In.

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. BE PREPARED and register your coaches early!***

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.

CHAPERONES

Chaperones are not required. 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 \$16, and must be listed on your online tournament roster. 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 on Friday, May 22 from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Athletes, coaches and chaperones are not required to attend check-in, but it is the responsibility of the team representative to distribute credentials to all participants. Credentials are required for admittance to all competition 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.

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.**

TEAM OFFICIATING DUTIES

First referees will be provided. Teams will be given working assignments within their pools. Each team **MUST** provide qualified persons as follows: one (1) down referee, 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 when your team is scheduled to work.

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.

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(s):

- **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.

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.
- **Updated 3/25/15:** 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 contrast in color from the predominant color(s) of the other members of the team. Predominant color(s) is the color(s) appearing on approximately half of the uniform. Color combinations including but not limited to purple/black, dark green/black, navy/black, navy/maroon, white/light yellow are not distinctive enough to comply with the rules.
 - 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 exceed 2 ¼ 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.
- For any questions regarding your team's uniform, contact volleyball@aausports.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.
- Ages 13 to 18 will play with the Tachikara SV5W Gold ball. Age 12 will play with the Tachikara SVMNC Volley-Lite ball.



Net Height:

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

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 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 copy of a valid driver's license or government issued passport.
- A copy of birth record from the STATE, COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS from the place of birth.
- 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.

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 level per year. Level 1 is for those new to PCA training. Level 2 is for those who completed the Level 1 course last year. Level 3 is for those who completed the Level 2 course last year. Membership may be revoked from non-athletes who do not complete course prior to competition.



NON-US TEAMS

Teams from outside the United States are welcome to participant. Please contact the AAU at 407-934-7200 or volleyball@aausports.org for eligibility requirements.

COLLEGE RECRUITERS

College coaches are invited to attend the event. 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.

AWARDS

Each of the participants of the top four (4) teams per age division in the Championship bracket will be awarded AAU medals and each team will receive a team trophy.

SPECTATOR TICKETS

Tickets may be purchased upon arrival. Daily tickets and 3-day passes will be available.

Daily tickets will be available for \$15 for adults and \$10 for children and seniors (ages 7-17 and 60+). A 3-day pass will also be available for \$30 for adults and \$20 for children and seniors (ages 7-17 and 60+). Children 6 and under and military with IDs are free.



HOTEL INFORMATION

Discounts on select hotels will be available. Visit www.aauvolleyball.org for information.

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.