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### **NEW FOR 2016 – 18 Open Pilot Program**

As a pilot program for this year, the format of the 18 Open division for the 43<sup>rd</sup> AAU Girls' Junior National Volleyball Championships will alter slightly by featuring power pools. This new format is being tested for this year in an effort to make the 18 Open division as competitive as possible. The power pools will include the top 16 teams (number of teams subject to change based on entries). While the power pools will extend over the first two days of competition, all teams participating in the 18 Open division will still have the opportunity to advance to the championship bracket based on pool play finishes.

In an effort to reward the top teams for their finishes throughout the season, teams will be selected for these power pools through the US Club Rankings system, with consideration given to AES rankings and seeding committee input. US Club Rankings weighs tournaments based on competition level, historical strength of the tournament, and volume of teams. Rankings are based on the points received for the team's top 3 tournaments. This ranking system takes into account top tournaments regardless of organization affiliation. US Club Rankings will be updated monthly for the 2016 season starting in March.

US Club Rankings website: <http://www.usclubrankings.com/vb/rankings/>

AES Rankings website: <https://www.advancedeventsystems.com/#rankings>

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