



2016 AAU BOYS' JUNIOR NATIONAL VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

**June 17-20, 2016
Orlando Sports Center
Orlando, Florida
Ages 13/14, 15, 16, 17, 18**

**Check-In – June 17, 2016
Competition – June 18-20, 2016**



REGISTRATION INFORMATION & DEADLINES

ENTER EARLY AND SAVE! The entry fee is \$395 per team for entries received by 11:59 pm EST on March 1, 2016. For entries received between March 2, 2016 and May 27, 2016 at 11:59 pm EST, the entry fee is \$495 per team.

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

March 1, 2016

- (1) **Early Entry Discount of \$395 per team**

Must be completed online by 11:59 pm EST or received by mail on or by March 1, 2016

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 27, 2016

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

Must be completed online or received by mail.
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Must be completed online or by mail/fax/email
Can be completed online or received by mail

June 10, 2016

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

Must be completed online.
Must be completed online. *Any changes after this date must be made at Team Check-In.*



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EVENT INFORMATION

CHAMPIONSHIPS VENUE

Competition will take place at the Orlando Sports Center located at 6700 Kingspointe Parkway, Orlando, FL 32819. Additional venues may be added as needed. For additional venue information and directions, visit www.aauvolleyball.org.



COMPETITION FORMAT

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

TEAM ELIGIBILITY

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

Teams may register for only one division in the Championships. Athletes may only be on one team roster in the Championships. Athletes may not play on two teams. 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 on-line at www.aauvolleyball.org.

You can no longer register for non-athlete (coach) membership onsite. New this year, 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.



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.

ENTRY FEE AND ENTRY DEADLINE

ENTER EARLY AND SAVE! The entry fee is \$395 per team for entries received by 11:59 pm EST on March 1, 2016. For entries received between March 2, 2016 and May 27, 2016 at 11:59 pm EST, the entry fee is \$495 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!

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.

TEAM CANCELLATION

Withdrawals made in writing prior to **March 1, 2016** will be refunded the entry fee. Withdrawals made in writing between **March 2, 2016** and **May 27, 2016** will receive a 50 percent refund. Any team withdrawing after **May 27, 2016** will forfeit its entire entry fee. Any team not attending and failing to withdraw with the AAU National Office prior to the Championships may be subject to penalties for future participation in AAU competition.

AGE DIVISIONS

The National Championship offers divisions in the age groups listed below. All athletes must be born within the following age determination dates 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.**

14 and Under - Must be born on or after September 1, 2001

15 and Under - Must be born on or after September 1, 2000

16 and Under - Must be born on or after September 1, 1999

17 and Under - Must be born on or after September 1, 1998

18 and Under - Must be born on or after September 1, 1997

OR on or after September 1, 1996

and be a high school student during some part of the current academic year.

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

There are not separate Open and Club divisions. There is only division per age group.

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 27. Changes can be made after May 27, but may not appear in the event program. Online changes will be accepted up until June 10. After June 10, 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.

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 and wristband 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 and wristbands 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.**

TEAM CHECK-IN

A team representative must check-in their team at the Orlando Sports Center on **June 17 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

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

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

- Verify your team's travel information, including hotel and emergency contact information.
- Verify the Team Roster including uniform numbers. **Uniform numbers must correctly be submitted. Each player is required to wear the same jersey number throughout the entire event, including the Libero.** Please refer to the "Rules of the Championships" section for complete uniform requirements.
- Verify the Coaches and Chaperones are listed correctly
- Complete any missing information
- Sign off on the final roster. Once the roster is verified and signed off by the representative, the roster will be in effect throughout the event. Any adjustments to the roster after it has been signed off on must include a \$25 fee per change. **NO ATHLETES MAY BE ADDED TO THE ROSTER AFTER THE TEAMS'S FIRST MATCH BEGINS.**
- 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.

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

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

COACHES' MEETING

A coaches meeting will take place on Friday, June 17 at 7:00 p.m. at the Orlando Sports Center. Attendance is not mandatory; however, all coaches are responsible for knowing the rules.

RULES OF THE CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Championships will be conducted under the AAU Code, AAU Volleyball Handbook and the current playing rules of USA Volleyball, as modified by the AAU National Volleyball Committee. Additional information may be made available or revised online or at Team Check-In.

- 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 a Libero player(s). Substitutions are only recognized when the sub enters the zone. There is no longer a request from the coach or captain.

Libero Player(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.**
- **The libero CAN be team captain, game captain or both.**
- For uniform requirements, please see below.
- For an explanation of the Libero players, please refer to the 2015-2017 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 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.
- As of September 1, 2016, the uniform rule that requires either a solid colored jersey for the Libero or the other team members will be enforced. Click here for more information.

NEW Centerline and Net Touch Rules:

- Encroachment into the opponent's court with any part(s) of the body is permitted, provided some part of the body remains either in contact with or directly above the centerline, and there is no interference with opponents. Completely crossing the centerline with the foot, feet, or hands, or encroachment with other body parts must not present a safety hazard to opponents.
- Contact with the net by a player between the antennae, during the action of playing the ball, is a fault. The action of playing the ball includes (among others) take-off, hit (or attempt) and landing.
- 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 net between the antennae or the antenna itself during action of playing the ball, using the net between the antennae as a support or stabilizing aid, creating an unfair advantage over the opponent by touching the net, making actions which hinder an opponent's legitimate attempt to play the ball, or catching/holding onto the net. Players close to the ball as it is played, or who are trying to play it, are considered in the action of playing the ball, even if no contact is made with the ball. However, touching the net outside the antenna is not to be considered a fault.
- For complete rules, please refer to the 2015-2017 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 Tachikara SV5W Gold ball is the official ball for the event.



Net Height:

- Boys Ages 15-18 net height is 7'11 5/8"
- Boys Ages 13-14 net height 7'4 1/8"

Additional Rules:

- Teams may register for only one division in the Championships.
- Athletes may only be on one team roster during the event, regardless of competition dates. Athletes may not play on two teams. Coaches may be on multiple rosters.
- 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 27. 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 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 PHOTOS

Team photos must be RECEIVED by May 27 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.

PUERTO RICO, OTHER US TERRITORIES, NON-US TEAMS

Teams from Puerto Rico must receive approval to participate from the Puerto Rico Volleyball Federation. Entries will not be accepted without the Federation's approval. Contact the Federation for more information (Jesus M. Prieto or Mrs. Gladys Nazario 787-753-0593). Teams must comply and receive approval by the entry deadline of May 27. If approval is not received by June 1, the team is subject to disqualification.

Teams from other US Territories and Non-US teams are welcome to participate. Please contact the AAU at 407-828-3836 or volleyball@aausports.org for eligibility requirements.

AWARDS

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

be distributed. The medals, team trophies and individual awards will be presented during the Awards Ceremony held immediately following the conclusion of the championship final per each age division.

TEAM OFFICIATING DUTIES AND SCOREKEEPERS CLINIC

Teams will be given working assignments within their pools. Each team ***MUST*** provide qualified persons as follows: one (1) scorekeeper, one (1) scoreboard operator, two (2) line judges and one (1) Libero tracker. A 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 the team will be required to hire an official scorekeeper through the event staff. Competency will be determined by the Championship Committee.**

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

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

To review and learn the scorekeeping procedures, please review the USAV Training Materials. Visit www.aauvolleyball.org or http://www.volleyballreftraining.com/training_materials_junior.php for information.

SPECTATOR TICKETS

Tickets may be purchased upon arrival at the Orlando Sports Center. Daily tickets will be available for \$10.00 for adults. Length-of-event passes will also be available for \$25.00 for adults. Children 9 and under will be free of charge.

HOTEL AND THEME PARK INFORMATION

For Room Blocks for your team, please call 407-833-8938 or email darcy@dfmeetings.com. For individual reservations, call 855-467-7245 Mon-Fri and ask for the "AAU Boys Volleyball National Championships" rate.

Specially-priced Walt Disney World® Theme Parks tickets are also available for purchase 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 407-934-7200.

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.