



2020 AAU BOYS' JUNIOR NATIONAL VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

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Orange County Convention Center

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PRE-EVENT MANUAL







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REGISTRATION INFORMATION & DEADLINES

The following items are due on the deadline date. Those items to be submitted online must be completed by 11:59 pm EST on the deadline date. Those items to be mailed must be <u>received</u> by the deadline date.

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!

June 11, 2020 (REVISED)

(1) Entry Fee of \$495 per team Must be completed online or received by mail.

(2) Team Roster
 (3) Seeding Information
 Must be completed online.
 Must be completed online.

(4) Tournament Results
 Must be completed online or by mail/fax/email.
 (5) Team Photos Due (optional)
 Can be completed online or received by email.

July 7, 2020

(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 AND ENTRY DEADLINE

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 you have paid the entry fee, it will be refunded if you have submitted the request via email by July 1. All refund requests must be emailed to volleyball@aausports.org no later than July 1, 2020.

TEAM CANCELLATION (REVISED)

In light of recent events with the Covid-19 pandemic, withdrawals made in writing **no later than June 11, 2020** will now be refunded the full 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 worder-volley-ball@aausports.org.

EVENT SCHEDULE

All competition will be held at the Orange County Convention Center. At this time, competition is not being scheduled at ESPN Wide World of Sports, however this is subject to change. 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. Teams may be charged a late check-in fee of \$100 if they are not checked in the day prior to their first day of competition, even if they play in the afternoon.

There will be no coaches meeting held onsite; however, coaches must watch the online Coaches Meeting Video prior to competition. Tournament Staff will be available for questions at the Championship Desks at the Orange County Convention Center.

Competition format and schedule are subject to change.

Divisions: 13/14, 15, 16, 17, 18 (DIVISIONS MAY NEED TO BE COMBINED)

Saturday, July 18	Team Check-In (Orange County Convention Center)	TBD
Sunday, July 19	Competition – Pool Play	AM or PM wave
Monday, July 20	Competition – Pool Play	AM or PM wave
Tuesday, July 21	Competition – Brackets & Finals	Single Elimination

Competition will be held at the Orange County Convention Center.

TEAM CHECK-IN (REVISED)

For the safety of all participants, new Team Check-In procedures are being finalized and will be posted prior to the event.

A team representative <u>must</u> check-in their team during the hours listed below. <u>Teams may check-in during registration hours on an earlier day, but must be checked in by the close of registration on the day prior to their competition. <u>Teams may be charged a late check-in fee of \$100 if they are not checked in the day prior to their first day of competition, even if they play in the afternoon.</u></u>

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

13/14, 15, 16, 17, 18	Saturday, July 18	TBD	Orange County Convention Center

Rule and Uniform Questions: There will not be a coaches meeting this year. Coaches are required to watch the Coaches Video posted online prior to the start of play. Tournament Officials will be available at the Championship Desks during competition hours at the Orange County Convention Center.

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. Please note, during competition days, traffic can be heavy during the start of the morning and afternoon pool play.

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.

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Team Check-In Checklist (Subject to Change):

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. <u>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).</u> 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.
- 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.**

<u>At Team Check-In, the team representative will receive the following:</u>

- Athlete, Coach and Chaperone Credentials and Coach Wristbands.
 - It is the team representative's responsibility to distribute these to the correct rostered athletes and non-athletes prior to admittance into the venue. Each athlete, coach and chaperone will receive a credential and must have this credential to gain admittance to 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. Coaches must have their credential to gain admittance to the venue. Wristbands without credentials will not be valid. 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).

WATER PARK PARTY

Take time out away from the courts to celebrate! Players, parents, coaches and family members are invited to attend an AAU Volleyball party at a Disney Water Park! This year, AAU will offer TWO Water Park Parties! Activities include a giant wave pool, a relaxing lazy river, exhilarating attractions, live entertainment, and a special dinner! The Water Park Parties will take place on Saturday, June 20 and on Wednesday, June 24 at Typhoon Lagoon. Tickets will available online at www.aauvolleyball.org for \$59 per person.

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GENERAL EVENT INFORMATION

CHAMPIONSHIPS VENUE

All competition will be held at the Orange County Convention Center. At this time, competition is not being scheduled at ESPN Wide World of Sports, however this is subject to change. For specific directions, parking and traffic information, please visit www.aauvolleyball.org. Additional facilities may be added as needed.

At the Orange County Convention Center, a parking fee of \$10 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 will be 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 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 <u>one</u> division in the Championships. Athletes may only be on <u>one</u> 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 (up to three athletes are allowed from 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 or chaperone) 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.

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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 <u>www.aausports.org</u> to take the mandatory AAU/PCA coaches' education course. <u>There are THREE courses available this year</u> - 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 2 course last year.

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 (except in the 14U division). It is the responsibly of the coach to enter the team in the correct age category.

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14 and Under - Must be born on or after September 1, 2005
15 and Under - Must be born on or after September 1, 2004
16 and Under - Must be born on or after September 1, 2003
17 and Under - Must be born on or after September 1, 2002
18 and Under - Must be born on or after September 1, 2001

OR on or after September 1, 2000

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

14 & Under Division: Waived boys' teams in the 14 & under age group will be allowed to participate in the AAU Boys' Junior National Championships using the following age/grade definition should they have a waiver:

Players who were born on or after September 1, 2005 or

Players who were born on or after September 1, 2004 (15 years or younger) who shall neither have completed nor are in a grade higher than the eighth grade (8th) during the current academic year. (This exception is based on the net height difference of 7'4 1/8" to 7' 11 5/8" between the 14 and Under Division to the 15 and Under Division.).

Teams MUST reach out to volleyball@aausports.org to receive a waiver for a 15 year old 8th grader playing on a 14U team before the start of the event.

There are not separate Open and Club divisions. There is only one division per age group. Age divisions may need to be combined.

BIRTH RECORDS AND PROOF OF AGE

<u>Proof of age is required.</u> Birth certificates cannot be uploaded in the online system. <u>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!).</u>

- a) A copy of a valid driver's license, learner's permit, state photo identity card 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 <u>copy</u> 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.

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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 fifteen (15) 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 five (5) 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 five (5) 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 five (5) bench personnel.
- Bench personnel can be listed on multiple rosters, but will only receive one credential.

<u>Team rosters</u> (including uniform numbers) must be submitted ONLINE by June 11. Changes can be made after June 11, but may not appear in the event program. Online changes will be accepted up until July 7. After July 7, 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 (REVISED)

Chaperones are not required, but strongly recommended to assist club administrators and coaches with the supervision of the athletes. For 2020, a maximum of ten (10) chaperones will be provided an event credential allowing access into the venue. 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 must 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.

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COACHES' MEETING

A Coaches Meeting video will be available online prior to the Championships. Rules, guidelines, and other important information will be reviewed. All coaches and chaperones are expected to watch the video prior to the start of the event. Attention Club Directors: Please be sure that all of your coaches and chaperones watch this video and understand the rules. They are responsible to know the information that is reviewed in the video.

<u>There will not be any scheduled coaches' meetings.</u> Tournament Officials will be available during the tournament at the Championship Desks at the Orange County Convention Center and ESPN Wide World of Sports. Please watch the coaches meeting video online once it's available.

SEEDING INFORMATION/TOURNAMENT RESULTS (Due June 11)

The Seeding Information and Tournament Results are **REQUIRED** and must be submitted by June 11. 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 Systems, Sign-Up-To-Play, etc.

- a. Save the results as a PDF file and then upload into the Online Event Registration system.
- b. Email the results and to AAU Volleyball at 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.**

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. <u>Additional information may be made available or revised online or at Team Check-In.</u>

Key Rules of Play:

- AAU membership guidelines will be followed.
- No age waivers will be allowed (except in the 14U division). 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.



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• For an explanation of the Libero players, please refer to the 2018-2020 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 <u>centered</u> 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.

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 2019-2021 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.

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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. 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.
- All players must live within the AAU District of their team or in a bordering District (up to three athletes are allowed from a bordering district) and comply with the guidelines set forth in the AAU Code Book.

TEAM OFFICIATING DUTIES (REVISED)

For 2020 in an effort to limit the number of people in the facility, only first referees will be provided. Teams must supply a rostered coach to serve as the second referee. Teams will be given working assignments within their pools. Each team *MUST* provide qualified persons as follows: one (1) second referee, one (1) scorekeeper, one (1) scoreboard operator, two (2) line judges and one (1) Libero tracker. In addition, 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. To view the AAU Volleyball Scoring Clinic please visit www.aauvolleyball.org.

Officiating teams must report to the referee 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.

Spanish-speaking coaches and athletes needing instruction on the scorekeeping responsibilities, contact <u>volleyball@aausports.org</u> for more information.

TEAM PHOTOS (optional)

Team photos must be RECEIVED by June 30 to appear in the event program. The event program will only be available online. <u>JPEG images</u> provide the best quality. <u>Photos can be submitted by one of the following ways</u>:

- Submit online with the team entry in the AAU Nationals Event Registration System. <u>JPEG images</u> 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 (REVISED)

Teams from Puerto Rico and other US Territories must be AAU clubs in order to participate in the event and do <u>not</u> need a letter from their National Volleyball Federation. <u>Due to travel concerns, there will not be any international teams this year.</u> Please contact the AAU at 407-828-8304 or volleyball@aausports.org for additional information.

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PRACTICE

Limited practice space is available on the day prior to the division starting play. Practice space will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis to teams only after the team has entered the event. Requests for practice time must be made in writing to volleyball@aausports.org. Teams will be notified after the entry deadline of practice times and locations. Space is limited, so not all requests are guaranteed to receive practice time. Teams must supply their own balls for practice. Please note, all coaches, athletes, and chaperones will need a credential to attend practice.

COLLEGE RECRUITERS (REVISED)

We understand that having college coaches in attendance is a huge part of the event, which is why we will continue to allow them to attend on a limited basis this year if allowed by the NCAA. As the safety of our participants is our highest priority, all college coaches will need to follow the same screening and health protocols as the participants.

OFFICIALS

If you are interested in being an official for the 2020 AAU Boys' Junior National Volleyball Championships, please contact the Head of Officials, Sue Mailhot at suemvb@cox.net. You can also visit www.omnevb.net for more information. Officials must be AAU members.

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.

FACILITY RULES

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

GAMEDAY PHOTOS

To ensure you receive the best photos possible, Gameday Sports Photographers shoot teams and individual athletes who make a reservation in advance. To capture the memories of your big event, reserve a photographer and then let us focus on your athlete. CLICK HERE for more information.

SPECTATOR TICKETS (REVISED)

At this time, to limit the number of spectators in the facility, spectators will not be allowed. Each team can have up to 15 athletes, 5 bench personnel and 10 chaperones.

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.

Disney Sports Travel is your source for discounted Disney and non-Disney hotel reservations for you in the Orlando area. Disney hotel accommodations can be booked online by clicking here or by calling 1-800-743-9876.

Specially discounted theme park tickets are also available for purchase online. Disney theme park tickets can be purchased here.

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TRANSPORTATION

Transportation to the venue is not provided through the event. It is the responsibility of the team to arrange for transportation to the playing venue. 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 car options, please visit www.aauvolleyball.org or click here.

MEDIA CREDENTIAL REQUEST

Please contact kburns@aausports.org to request media credentials.

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.