



AAU VOLLEYBALL SUPER REGIONAL & GRAND PRIX TOURNAMENTS



TOURNAMENT GUIDELINES

Following are guidelines of hosting/participating in an AAU Super Regional or Grand Prix Tournament.

1. AAU License & Membership

- a. Hosts must submit the AAU Super Regional/Grand Prix Application Form to the AAU National Office. The National Committee will review applications for approval. A limited number of Super Regional and Grand Prix events will be approved.
- b. Once approved, the Host will be sent the AAU Event License Application from the AAU Volleyball Sport Manager. The application must be returned to the AAU National Office along with the appropriate license fee (\$50 per day). **These events CANNOT be licensed online.**
- c. All participants must be members of the AAU (club, athletes and non-athletes). It is the tournament Host's responsibility to ensure participants are AAU members. This can be done in the following ways:
 - i. Require teams to complete their roster online at www.aauvolleyball.org and submit a copy of the AAU generated team roster with their entry.
 - ii. Require teams to present proof of membership at check-in which includes an AAU generated team roster, AAU generated club listing or copies of AAU membership cards.
 - iii. If using AES for registration, require teams to import their AAU memberships for validation. If memberships have been imported the roster will mark them as verified.
- d. The tournament must be promoted as an AAU licensed event. Dual licensed events will not be approved. An event flyer will be required as part of the application process and must include the approved AAU language provided in your approval email. The AAU shield must be used in the event logo and/or must be clearly displayed on the event website.
- e. It is recommended that the tournament take place prior to the entry deadline to Nationals, which is typically the second week in May. Teams winning a Super Regional or Grand Prix event held after the entry deadline will be reimbursed the entry fee after the National Championships provided they contact volleyball@aausports.org by July 1st, 2020. **Refund requests will not be accepted after July 1st, 2020.** It is the responsibility of the Tournament Host to relay this information to winning teams. Winning teams **WILL NOT** automatically be refunded, nor will they be contacted by the National Office.
- f. Officials must have an AAU membership when working national level events including Super Regional and/or Grand Prix events. It is the tournament host's responsibility to require officials to provide their valid 2020 AAU membership number before the start of the event.

2. Entry Fee Waiver

- a. The winner in each girls' age division with **12 or more teams** will receive a free entry fee to the AAU National Championships, the West Coast Championships, or the AAU Volleyball Festival. The winner in each boys' age division with **8 or more teams** will receive a free entry fee to the AAU National Championships. If less teams participate, the entry fee will be adjusted on a percentage basis per the chart below based on the number of teams that participated in that division.

2020 Super Regional/Grand Prix	
Number of Girls' Teams in Division	Percent of Entry Fee to be Paid for Nationals, West Coast Championships, or Volleyball Festival
12	100%
11	90%
10	80%
9	70%
8	70%
7	60%
6	50%
5	40%
4	30%

2020 Super Regional/Grand Prix	
Number of Boys' Teams in Division	Percent of Entry Fee to be Paid for Nationals
8	100%
7	90%
6	80%
5	70%
4	60%

- b. All teams must still register for the AAU National Championships, West Coast Championships, or Volleyball Festival by the appropriate entry deadline and/or before the event has sold out. **Spots will not be automatically held for winning teams.** All teams must follow the entry requirements and policies as outlined in the event information packet.
- c. **Teams earning a free or discounted entry fee must contact the AAU National Office by July 1st, 2020.** If the entry fee has been previously paid, a refund will be issued in the same manner that the entry fee was paid. For example, if the team registered online with a credit card, the refund will be issued to that credit card. Please provide the order number or check number when inquiring about reimbursement. It is the winning team's responsibility to contact volleyball@aausports.org to receive their free or discounted entry fee. **Refund requests will not be accepted after July 1st, 2020.** Winning teams **WILL NOT** automatically be refunded, nor will they be contacted by the National Office.
- d. Teams can choose to use their free entry fee for the AAU National Championships, the West Coast Championships, or the Volleyball Festival.
- e. Teams participating in multiple events can only earn one entry fee for the National Championships, one entry fee for the West Coast Championships, and one entry fee for the Volleyball Festival. Teams cannot earn multiple entry fees for the same event.
- f. If the first place team has previously won a Super Regional or Grand Prix or is not attending either the National Championships, West Coast Championships, or the Volleyball Festival, the entry fee will drop down to the second place team. The entry fee will not drop to any teams below second place.
- g. The entry fee waiver applies only to the team that won the event. The club cannot apply it towards a different team within the same club.
- h. The National Championships, West Coast Championships and Volleyball Festival are open to all teams meeting the entry requirements, regardless of placement or participation in a Super Regional or Grand Prix tournament.

3. Tournament Structure

- a. The event can be one or multiple days, as approved by the AAU.
- b. Each Host can offer one or all age groups, as approved by the AAU.
- c. The AAU National Headquarters will assist each Host, but it is the Host's responsibility to organize the tournament. The Host may retain all proceeds from entry fees.
- d. Blast emails may be sent from the AAU National Office to assist in promoting the event. Contact the AAU Volleyball department to request a blast email. Hosts should not rely solely on these emails for promotion of the event. The blast email schedule is at the discretion of the AAU National Office.
- e. Each Host must submit a tournament recap to the National Headquarters including list of all participating teams and complete results. This must be submitted within 3 days of the conclusion of the tournament. The National Headquarters will verify the percentages of the entry fees to be awarded to the appropriate teams. Failure of Hosts to submit this recap will delay the issuing of refunds/free entries and Hosts may lose their right to run a Grand Prix or Super Regional event in the future.
- f. Each Host must communicate to the winning teams that they must contact the AAU National Office. Full or partial refunds will not be issued unless the winning team emails volleyball@ausports.org with their team name and the event that they won by July 1st, 2020. **Refund requests will not be accepted after July 1st, 2020.** It is the responsibility of the Tournament Host to relay this information to winning teams. Winning teams **WILL NOT** automatically be refunded, nor will they be contacted by the National Office.

4. Super Regional Guidelines

- a. Any team meeting the AAU membership requirements and rules can participate.
- b. The tournament is open to teams nationwide and not limited to teams within a District or Region. There will be a limited number of Super Regionals conducted, so teams from outside of your District should be invited.
- c. Rules of the AAU National Championships must be followed. This includes, but is not limited to:
 - i. All participants must meet the age requirements.
 - ii. 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.
 - iii. The Libero player may serve in one rotation in a set.
 - iv. Boys are not permitted on girls' teams.
 - v. For additional rules, please refer to the AAU Volleyball Handbook and National Championships Rules.

5. Grand Prix Guidelines

- a. Grand Prix events can have participation requirements or restrictions, as approved by the AAU National Volleyball Executive Committee. All participants must meet the AAU membership requirements.
- b. This tournament is intended for teams within a particular District or adjoining Districts to form a regional event.
- c. Rules of the AAU National Championships must be followed (see 4.c), unless approved by the AAU National Volleyball Executive Committee.

**For additional information, please contact AAU Volleyball
at 407-934-7200 or volleyball@ausports.org.**