



# 50<sup>th</sup> AAU GIRLS' JUNIOR NATIONAL VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

**June 14-29, 2023**

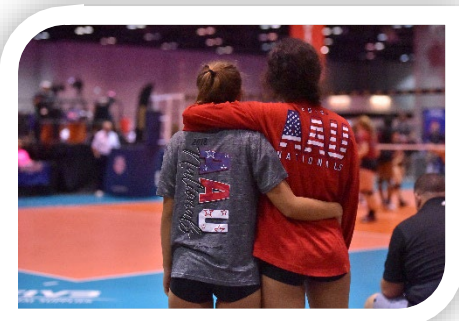
**Orange County Convention Center & ESPN World Wide of Sports**

**Orlando, Florida**

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## **PRE-EVENT MANUAL**

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## IMPORTANT NOTICE:

Information in this packet is subject to change. While we are aiming to hold this event as planned, please be advised that information including but not limited to format, waves, schedules, venues, and competition dates may need to be altered or adjusted in order to preserve the safety of all of our participants, coaches, spectators, officials, vendors, and staff. All registered teams will be notified of any relevant changes immediately, should they need to be made.

## REGISTRATION DEADLINES AND INFORMATION

### ENTER EARLY AND SAVE!

The entry fee is \$895 per team for entries received by 11:59 pm EST on March 1, 2023. **For entries received between March 2, 2023 and May 10, 2023 at 11:59 pm EST, the entry fee is \$995 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! If all of your desired divisions are full, you will be placed on a waitlist. Entry off the waitlist is NOT guaranteed.**

### **March 1, 2023**

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| (1) <u>Early Entry Discount of \$895 per GIRLS team</u> | Must be completed online or received in the mail by 11:59pm EST on March 1, 2023 |
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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 10, 2023**

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| (1) Entry Fee of \$995 per GIRLS team | Must be completed online or received in the mail by 11:59pm EST on May 9, 2023 |
| (2) Team Roster                       | Must be completed online   |
| (3) Seeding Information               | Must be completed online on AES  |
| (4) Tournament Results                | Must be completed online on AES  |

### **May 31, 2023**

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| (1) Team Roster for College Recruiters<br><i>The rosters for ages 14-18 as of this date will be submitted to college recruiters. Please be sure to have your rosters updated with uniform numbers, etc.</i> | Must be completed online |
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### **June 6, 2023**

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| (1) Hotel and Onsite Contact Information | Must be completed online  |
| (2) Last Day for Online Roster changes   | Must be completed online. <i>Any changes after this date must be made at Team Check-In.</i> |

### **ENTRY FEE**

Entry fees can be paid online with a credit or debit card (Visa, MasterCard, Discover,) 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 Volleyball will be accepted through the mail. No personal checks will be sold. If paying by check, you must sign your team up online AND send a copy of the online registration along with the payment. 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](mailto: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 after **July 1**. All refund requests must be emailed to [volleyball@aausports.org](mailto:volleyball@aausports.org) no later than June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

**TEAM CANCELLATION**

Withdrawals made in writing by **March 1, 2023** will be refunded the entry fee minus convenience fee. Withdrawals made in writing between **March 2, 2023** and **May 10, 2023** will receive a 50% refund. Any team withdrawing after **May 10, 2023** will forfeit its entire entry fee. Paid entry fees are not transferable to another team within or outside of your club. 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](mailto:volleyball@aausports.org). **Processing fee is non-refundable.**

**EVENT SCHEDULE**

Competition will be held at the Orange County Convention Center. Entry packet will be updated with more information as it becomes available. Additional sites may be added if needed. Visit [www.aauvolleyball.org](http://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.**

**Session 1 Divisions: 10, 12 Club, 12 Classic, 14 Open, 14 Premier, 14 Club, 14 Aspire, 14 Spirit, 14 Classic, 18 Open, 18 Premier**

Tuesday, June 13	<b>Team Check-In (Orange County Convention Center)</b>	10am-7pm
Wednesday, June 14	Competition – Pool Play	AM or PM wave
Thursday, June 15	Competition – Pool Play	AM or PM wave
Friday, June 16	Competition – Pool Play	AM or PM wave
Saturday, June 17	Competition – Brackets & Finals *Champ matches may start as late as 8 PM	Single Elimination

**Session 2 Divisions: 15 Open, 15 Premier, 15 Club, 15 Aspire, 15 Spirit, 15 Classic, 18 Club, 18 Classic**

Saturday, June 17	<b>Team Check-In (Orange County Convention Center)</b>	10am-7pm
Sunday, June 18	Competition – Pool Play	AM or PM wave
Monday, June 19	Competition – Pool Play	AM or PM wave
Tuesday, June 20	Competition – Pool Play	AM or PM wave
Wednesday, June 21	Competition – Brackets & Finals *Champ matches may start as late as 8 PM	Single Elimination

**Session 3 Divisions: 11 Open, 11 Club, 12 Open, 12 Premier, 13 Open, 13 Premier, 13 Club, 13 Aspire, 13 Classic, 17 Open, 17 Premier, 17 Club**

Wednesday, June 21	<b>Team Check-In (Orange County Convention Center)</b>	10am-7pm
Thursday, June 22	Competition – Pool Play	AM or PM wave
Friday, June 23	Competition – Pool Play	AM or PM wave
Saturday, June 24	Competition – Pool Play	AM or PM wave
Sunday, June 25	Competition – Brackets & Finals *Champ matches may start as late as 8 PM	Single Elimination

**Session 4 Divisions: 16 Open, 16 Premier, 16 Club, 16 Aspire, 16 Spirit, 16 Classic, 17 Aspire, 17 Classic**

Sunday, June 25	<b>Team Check-In (Orange County Convention Center)</b>	10am-7pm
Monday, June 26	Competition – Pool Play	AM or PM wave
Tuesday, June 27	Competition – Pool Play	AM or PM wave
Wednesday, June 28	Competition – Pool Play	AM or PM wave
Thursday, June 29	Competition – Brackets & Finals *Champ matches may start as late as 8 PM	Single Elimination

**TEAM CHECK-IN**

A team representative must check-in their team during the hours listed below. **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. 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.**

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

10, 12 Club, 12 Classic 14: All Divisions 18: Open, Premier	Tuesday, June 13	10am-7pm	Orange County Convention Center South Room 230
15: All Divisions 18: Club, Classic	Saturday, June 17	10m-7pm	Orange County Convention Center South Room 230
11: All Divisions 12: Open, Premier 13: All Divisions 17: Open, Premier, Club	Wednesday, June 21	10am-7pm	Orange County Convention Center South Room 230
16: All Divisions 17: Aspire, Classic	Sunday, June 25	10am-7pm	Orange County Convention Center South Room 230

**Rule and Uniform Questions: There will not be a coaches meeting. Coaches are required to watch the online Coaches Meeting Video 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 are not required to attend check-in. It is the responsibility of the team, coach or club director to ensure team rosters are correct and to distribute credentials/wristbands to coaches and athletes prior to admittance to the venues. **All credentials are non-transferable and may be confiscated if misused.**

**Team Check-In Checklist:**

**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.
- Proof of age must be present and held by the
- team’s Head Coach to be available before and/or anytime during the event upon request of the event staff.
- Verify the Team Roster and complete any missing information, including uniform numbers. **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).** Please refer to the “Rules of the Championships” section for complete uniform requirements.
- Verify all the Coaches and Assistants 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.**

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

- **Athlete and Coach.**  
It is the team representative's responsibility to distribute these to the correct rostered athletes and non-athletes prior to admittance into the venues. Each athlete and coach 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 WRIST at all times for the duration of the event. Coaches must have their credential to gain admittance to venue. Wristbands without credentials will not be valid at venues. 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).

**AAU CARES**

AAU Volleyball is excited to announce that we will be supporting the Side-Out Foundation by leading a **Dig Pink® campaign** to help give those living with metastatic breast cancer more time with their families. We are asking all teams participating in AAU Nationals to join us in supporting this incredible cause! For **every \$2,000 raised** through our AAU Volleyball Dig Pink campaign, we will be providing a breast cancer patient a special report which will help physicians treat them with medications that target their unique cancer.

The top AAU fundraising team will be rewarded with a free entry to next year's AAU Girls' Junior National Volleyball Championships. The winning team will be announced after the event.



AAU Volleyball will also have Dig Pink days at the 50th AAU Girls' Junior National Volleyball Championships on June 16<sup>th</sup>, June 20<sup>th</sup>, June 24<sup>rd</sup> and June 28<sup>th</sup>. All current uniform requirements must still be adhered to on these days. Don't forget to share your pictures online with #AAUDigsPink.

Your team can join the AAU Dig Pink campaign and help give a patient this report by visiting [SIDE-OUT.ORG/AAU](http://SIDE-OUT.ORG/AAU) and starting your special fundraising page. Simply click 'Fundraise for this Campaign' to get started.

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## GENERAL EVENT INFORMATION

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**CHAMPIONSHIPS VENUES**

All Pool play matches will take place in the North and South Halls of the Orange County Convention Center and at ESPN. On Finals Day, most matches will be played at the Orange County Convention Center. There will be select matches taking place at ESPN Wide World of Sports on finals day. Entry packet will be updated with more information as it becomes available. For specific directions, parking and traffic information, please visit [www.aauvolleyball.org](http://www.aauvolleyball.org). Additional facilities may be added as needed.

At the Orange County Convention Center, a parking fee will be charged daily. **Be sure to save your receipt.** (Parking does include re-entry in the same day with your receipt.) There is no parking fee at ESPN Wide World of Sports. All fees and policies are subject to change.

**PARKING & TRAFFIC ADVISORY:** Stay tuned to [www.aauvolleyball.org](http://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 play four days of competition.

**TEAM ELIGIBILITY**

This is an **OPEN** 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. **Athletes must be identified as female on their birth certificate.**

**Athletes may participate in more than one division as long as there is no overlap in competition dates.** Coaches and other bench personnel may be on multiple rosters regardless of competition dates.

**All athletes 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. A maximum of three (3) members may participate with a team from an adjoining District.** Adult members are not bound by residency 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](http://www.aauvolleyball.org).

Teams submitting false AAU registration information may be dropped from the event and entry fees may be forfeited. Other actions may be taken as approved by the Championship Committee.

**AAU MEMBERSHIP**

All athletes and non-athletes (staff personnel, coaches.) 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](http://www.aauvolleyball.org) for descriptions of each category. There can be multiple teams under one club membership. To become an AAU member, register online at [www.aauvolleyball.org](http://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. You can only add a coach onsite with a valid AAU membership number. Applied status or pending memberships are not acceptable.**



**LEVELS OF PLAY FOR GIRLS DIVISIONS (OPEN, PREMIER, CLUB, ASPIRE, SPIRIT, AND CLASSIC DIVISIONS)**

Age 10 will have one (1) division. Age 11 will have two (2) divisions – Open, Club. Ages 12 and 18 will have four (4) divisions available – Open, Premier, Club and Classic. Ages 13, and 17 will have five (5) divisions available – Open, Premier, Club, Aspire and Classic. Ages 14, 15, and 16 will have six (6) divisions available – Open, Premier, Club, Aspire, Spirit, Classic. The tournament committee reserves the right to make changes at their discretion. **To change a division after a team has registered and prior to the entry deadline, contact [volleyball@ausports.org](mailto:volleyball@ausports.org). Changes may not be made after the deadline and are not guaranteed.**

- Open:** **This division is for elite teams and the most competitive and highest level of competition. Only the highest level of teams should enter this division.**
- Premier:** This division is the next level of play designed for top teams that are in between the elite Open and Club divisions.
- Club:** This division is the middle level of competition.
- Aspire:** This division is the level of competition designed for teams right below club.
- Spirit:** This division is the level of competition designed for teams finishing in previous years in the upper part of the Classic division.
- Classic:** This division is the lowest level of competition.

**There may be limits on the number of teams for all divisions. Teams registering after the division is closed will be placed on a waiting list. It is possible for a division to close prior to the entry deadline. REGISTER EARLY!**

## **GIRLS' 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 responsibility of the coach to enter the team in the correct age category.**

**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.**

**10 & Under, Must be born on or after July 1, 2012 ----- Cannot turn 11 before July 1, 2023**

**11 & Under, Must be born on or after July 1, 2011 ----- Cannot turn 12 before July 1, 2023**

**12 & Under, Must be born on or after July 1, 2010 ----- Cannot turn 13 before July 1, 2023**

**13 & Under, Must be born on or after July 1, 2009 ----- Cannot turn 14 before July 1, 2023**

**14 & Under, Must be born on or after July 1, 2008 ----- Cannot turn 15 before July 1, 2023**

**15 & Under, Must be born on or after July 1, 2007 ----- Cannot turn 16 before July 1, 2023**

**16 & Under, Must be born on or after July 1, 2006 ----- Cannot turn 17 before July 1, 2023**

**17 & Under, Must be born on or after July 1, 2005 ----- Cannot turn 18 before July 1, 2023 OR born on or after July 1, 2004**

**AND are in the 11th grade during the current academic year.**

**18 & Under, Must be born on or after July 1, 2004 OR born on or after July 1, 2003 AND be a high school student (12th grade or below) during some part of the current academic year.**

## **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 present 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, 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 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 case entry fees and any Championship play may be forfeited.**

## **TEAM ROSTERS**

Team rosters must be completed in your AES account using the account that pays the entry fee. Rosters in other accounts will not be accepted. Online roster changes can be made until June 6<sup>th</sup>.

### **Athletes:**

- Team rosters may include up to fifteen (15) athletes.
- **Athletes may participate in more than one division as long as there is no overlap in competition dates.**
- Uniform numbers are required to be on the roster.
- **Each player is required to wear the same uniform number throughout the event (per division)** 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 uniform number whenever they play, whether they are or they are not, assigned to the Libero position.
- **All athletes 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. A maximum of three (3) members may participate with a team in an adjoining District.**



**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 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.
- **Please note, for the 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.

**Team rosters (including uniform numbers) must be submitted ONLINE by June 6.** Online changes will be accepted up until June 6. After June 6, any changes must be made onsite at Team Check-In. Once the roster is verified 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 verified 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 to the Team Check-In section regarding additional information.

**Rosters for College Recruiters:** The rosters submitted for ages 14 to 18 as of May 31 will be provided to college recruiters. Please be sure to have your rosters updated with uniform numbers, athlete names, and recruiting information by this date. Changes after this date are not guaranteed to be provided to all the college recruiters. Do not miss this opportunity to fully expose your athletes' athletic abilities to the college coaches in attendance.

***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.

**COACHES' MEETING VIDEO**

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

**There will not be any scheduled coaches meetings.** Tournament Officials will be available during the tournament at the Championship Desks at the Orange County Convention Center and ESPN. Please watch the coaches meeting video online once it's available. **This video is typically available online by June 1<sup>st</sup>. The coaches' video will be posted online at aauvolleyball.org.**

**SEEDING INFORMATION AND TOURNAMENT RESULTS (Due May 9)**

Seeding for the National Championships is determined by the seeding committee\*. The committee considers many factors when seeding teams including, but not limited to the following:

1. Team's results throughout the year as submitted in AES
2. Team's results against other teams in the field as submitted in AES
3. AES national ranking engine
4. Team's final standing at previous year's National Championships
5. Seeding information submitted to AAU on AES

**STEP 1:** Each team must submit results into AES. Information includes overall team record, AES/USAV team code, and additional questions about your team.

**STEP 2:** **Tournament results from throughout your season are required. Results in the AES system will be used if you add your AES (or USAV) Team Code on Part 1.** It is strongly recommended that you provide results through AES as information from the AES ranking engine will also be used. Please be sure your results are updated and accurate. You may set up an AES account at no charge. For more information, please refer to the Seeding/Results section in the online registration system. You may also submit information on the AAU Results Form through the AAU online registration system; however, results that are submitted separate from AES are not used in the AES ranking engine.

## **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.

### **Key Rules of Play:**

- AAU membership guidelines will be followed.
- **NO AGE WAIVORS 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 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 2021-2023 USA Volleyball Domestic Competition Regulations available at [www.usavolleyball.org](http://www.usavolleyball.org).

### **Uniform Requirements:**

- **Each player is required to wear the same jersey number throughout the event (per division)** with limited exceptions as required by emergency or blood rule applications. This applies to all players including 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.

- AAU Volleyball will also have Dig Pink days at the 2023 AAU Girls' Junior National Volleyball Championships on **June 16th, June 20th, June 24th and June 28th**. All current uniform requirements must still be adhered to on these days. Don't forget to share your pictures online with #AAUDigsPink.
- For any questions regarding your team's uniform, contact [volleyball@aausports.org](mailto: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 2021-2023 USA Volleyball Domestic Competition Regulations available at [www.usavolleyball.org](http://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:

- **Teams are responsible to provide their own balls for warm-ups.** Game balls will be provided.
- The 2023 National Championships will have Molten Super Touch or Molten Light Touch 12U as their game ball.

#### Serving Step-In:

- The 10 & Under division will be allowed to step into the court when serving. The step-in line will be 6'6" from the serving line.
- No step-in will be allowed for the 11 & Under and 12 & Under divisions.

#### Girls' Net Heights:

- Ages 13-18 net height is 7'4<sup>1/8</sup>"
- Ages 11-12 net height is 7'0"
- Age 10 net height is 6'6"

#### Additional Rules:

- **Athletes may participate in more than one division as long as there is no overlap in competition dates.**
- Rules regarding the sanctioning of disruptive behavior by coaches and/or players will be strictly enforced.
- **No artificial noisemakers** will be allowed during play in any of the competition facilities.
- **Teams will not switch sides between sets unless the Championship Staff deems it necessary due to a competitive advantage. A coin toss will occur at the start of any third set for serve/receive choice.**

## **TEAM OFFICIATING DUTIES**

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, and in some instances one (1) 2<sup>nd</sup> Referee. If needed, the 2<sup>nd</sup> referee must be a rostered adult. These requirements are subject to change. **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](http://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 [volleyball@aausports.org](mailto:volleyball@aausports.org) for more information.

## **PUERTO RICO, OTHER US TERRITORIES, NON-US TEAMS**

Teams from Puerto Rico must be AAU clubs in order to participate in the event and do not need a letter from their National Volleyball Federation. Participation from other US Territories and Non-US teams is subject to federal, state and local travel restrictions and CDC guidelines. Teams must meet all eligibility requirements. International teams must be AAU clubs, AND provide a letter from their National Volleyball Federation. Teams must comply and receive approval by the entry deadline of May 10. If approval is not received by May 9, the team is subject to disqualification. Please contact the AAU at 407-828-8304 or [volleyball@aausports.org](mailto:volleyball@aausports.org) for complete eligibility requirements for non-US teams.

## **PRACTICE**

Limited practice space may be available on the day prior to the division starting play. If practice space is available, it 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](mailto: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, there may be admission fees for spectators at practice.

## **PLAYER GIFT EXCHANGE**

Exchanging gifts prior to your first match is not required; however, some teams will have gifts available. This is up to your club whether to exchange or offer gifts to your opponents.

## **COLLEGE RECRUITERS**

Over 800 college coaches were in attendance in 2022, making this one of the most recruited events in the country. Team rosters will be made available to college coaches for ages 14 to 18. The team rosters submitted online as of **May 31<sup>st</sup>** will be used for college recruiters. **It is very important that your team's roster is updated by this date.** Do not miss this opportunity to fully expose your athletes' athletic abilities to the college coaches in attendance.

## **OFFICIALS**

If you are interested in being an official for the 50<sup>th</sup> AAU Girls' Junior National Volleyball Championships, please contact the Head of Officials, Sue Mailhot by email at [suemvb@cox.net](mailto:suemvb@cox.net). You can also visit [www.omnevb.net](http://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, All-Star Awards, and Most Valuable All-American Awards will be distributed for Ages 12 to 18. For consolation brackets (i.e. Consolation, Ruby, Emerald etc.), the first (1<sup>st</sup>) place team will receive a team award at the conclusion of that bracket's final match. Teams shall report to the designated awards area following their match.

## **FACILITY RULES**

For updated information on facility rules and cooler policies, please refer to the Nationals webpage located on the AAU Volleyball website at [www.aauvolleyball.org](http://www.aauvolleyball.org).

## **PARKING**

There will be a daily parking fee per oversize vehicle at the Orange County Convention Center. Please hold on to your receipt. Overnight parking is not allowed.

## **SPECTATOR TICKETS**

More information on spectator tickets will be posted here as it becomes available.

## **HOTEL & TRAVEL INFORMATION**

The AAU makes every effort to provide the best quality experience for athletes, coaches and families that participate in AAU events. The AAU has a variety of accommodation options available.

DF Meetings & Events is the hotel provider endorsed by AAU for the 2023 event. DF Meetings & Events provides a wide variety of assistance tournament-wide, including room rate protection and protection from minimum guarantee liability to clubs/teams. We encourage clubs, teams and individuals to reserve rooms through DF Meetings & Events via the Official AAU Website to ensure your hotel is working within the framework of AAU's best practices, including assistance with cancellation penalties in the event of last-minute illness or injury. If you are contacted by other companies offering hotel assistance, please be aware they are not endorsed by the AAU. [Click here to book accommodations.](#)

## **TRANSPORTATION**

Transportation to venues is not provided through the event. 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. AAU does offer discounts with several rental car agencies in Orlando. For more information on rental cars options, please visit [www.aauvolleyball.org](http://www.aauvolleyball.org) or [click here](#).

## **MEDIA CREDENTIAL REQUEST**

Please contact [kelsey@ausports.org](mailto:kelsey@ausports.org) to request media credentials.

**For questions regarding the Entry Information, Criteria, and the Online Event Registration Process, contact [volleyball@ausports.org](mailto:volleyball@ausports.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 licensed (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.