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## SEEDING FOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Seeding for the USA Girls Junior National Volleyball Championships is determined by team results throughout the year as collected by USA Volleyball and entered into Advanced Event Systems using team codes. According to these results, the top quarter of all participating teams in a tournament (first seeded teams in the first round of pool play) are seeded numerically by strength.

For example, the strongest 12 teams in a 48-team tournament are determined from the entire field and then are seeded accordingly by strength from seed No. 1 to seed No. 12. Next, the second quarter of all remaining teams is determined based on information from Results Reporting. However, these teams are seeded in a different manner than the first quarter teams. They are seeded primarily in such a way that regional conflicts are avoided and secondarily seeded according to strength.

In the same manner, the third and fourth quarter teams are determined. Then they are seeded first and foremost in the pools where regional conflicts do not occur, and then with stronger teams seeded higher.

## TOURNAMENT CREDENTIALS

1. The roster is limited to 15 players and 5 staff personnel.
2. **The roster must identify a Head Coach.** *Optional* personnel to be identified can be an Assistant Coach(es), Team Representative(s), Chaperone(s), and Team Manager(s)
  - a. The Team Manager position is primarily reserved for, but not restricted to, junior level members (members who are registered in a junior level membership category or are under the age of 18) participating with a junior team in a non-player capacity. These members cannot be placed in any team staff position other than “Team Manager”. Junior level staff members must be at least 10 years of age. USA Volleyball and the event arbitrators reserve the right to conduct random ID checks on any staff person listed on the roster at any time.
3. ALL team personnel (players and staff) are to be registered with their Member Organization and verified on the roster by the required deadlines.
4. Those persons whose names appear on the verified roster receive credentials for admission and are permitted to sit on the bench. Credentials will be issued to verified personnel only. Duplication of personnel from one roster to another **WILL NOT** result in additional credentials.
5. The player credentials are NOT VALID for adults or parents of the players.
6. **ALL CREDENTIALS ARE NONTRANSFERABLE AND WILL BE CONFISCATED IF MISUSED.** The Championship Committee reserves the right to conduct random and periodic ID checks during competition.
7. **Credentials will not be replaced if lost or stolen.** It is highly recommended that an adult control the credentials when the players are inside the playing area of the venue, and that players write their names on the back of the credentials. Tickets will have to be purchased for players and staff who do not have their credentials when entering the venue.
8. Teams must have ID (copies of driver’s license, birth certificate, passport or state/federal ID—photo ID is preferred if available) for EACH playing and non-playing participant on the roster at all times during competition. It is to be shown upon request to any authorized representative of the Championship Committee, USAV Staff, Arbitrator or the Event Security Staff.

## UNIVERSITY ATHLETE & COLLEGE RECRUITING INFORMATION

University Athlete is the official college coach's communication tool for the Girls Junior National Event.

All player data is extracted from Advanced Event Systems (AES) and supplied to colleges on their PDAs. Teams that submit incomplete player information are putting their athletes at a disadvantage for recruiting purposes. It is the responsibility of the Team Representative/designee to input the data into the registration system (AES) accurately and completely for all players. Player information will be supplied to colleges for 15-18 age divisions only.

University Athlete is an important tool for all participants, parents and coaches. Most colleges obtain important information on student-athletes from data collected by University Athlete. For more information on University Athlete please visit their website at [www.universityathlete.com](http://www.universityathlete.com).

## OFFICIALS & OFFICIATING

The Officials Administrative Committee will assign the first and second referee for all matches. It is expected that there will be enough certified referees and candidates present to allow USAV to assign both first and second referees for every match. However, teams should be prepared to provide an adult referee. Anyone taking the assignment must be minimally certified through their region process and verified on the roster.

Teams are responsible for providing an officiating/work crew for matches in which they are not scheduled to play. Those work assignments can be found in the official play schedule. For planning purposes, be prepared to provide the following officials:

- Second Referee
  - NEW!!! Must be a rostered adult for **ALL** age division matches
- Certified Scorer (PENALTIES NOTED BELOW)
- Scoreboard Operator
- Libero Tracker
- 2 Line Judges

Non-rostered personnel may be allowed to work on the officiating team, with the exception of the R2 position, provided they can provide documentation that they are registered with a region of USAV to include a current membership, cleared background screening, and taken SafeSport, as well as have the appropriate certifications. Appropriate paperwork would need to be provided for Foreign Team personnel.

- A team's failure to have a complete officiating crew—including a rostered adult for that team—available and on time for an officiating assignment could result in the team having to forfeit the first game of its next match.
- For every minute an officiating team is late to fulfill its assignment, one point will be awarded to that team's next opponent in the first game of the next match for up to 25 points. No more than 25 points will be awarded to the team's next opponent, even if the team designated to officiate misses the entire match. The time that determines how many penalty points are assessed begins at the start of the receiving team's warm-up.
- A team will forfeit its entire next match for failing, a second time, to have an officiating crew available on time for an officiating assignment.

*\*Penalties for missing officiating assignments in a three-way tie breaker differ from these Team Officiating Duties penalties (see Procedures for Breaking Ties in Championship Manual).*

## STAY & PLAY POLICY

### **WHAT IS USAV'S STAY AND PLAY POLICY?**

The 2018 USAV Girls Junior National Championship is Stay and Play. This means that in order to compete in the tournament, you must be staying in one of the official room blocks set up by Team Travel Source. All reservations must be made through the official link below or through the link provided by Team Travel Source to your housing contact.

HOUSING CONTACTS: Please make sure that your parents know that they should NOT call the hotels directly or book with a direct hotel website. These reservations as well as third party bookings (Expedia.com, Hotels.com, etc.,) will not be compliant with the Stay and Play policy.

Team Travel Source guarantees the lowest group rates available (exclusions include unconfirmed room types, non-cancellable rates, employee rates, government rates, advanced purchase rates, AAA and AARP rates). Team Travel Source will work with any club or team that may have a special situation (please see Exemptions).

### **WHY IS THERE A STAY AND PLAY POLICY?**

Reasons for implementing the Stay and Play policy are to increase the amount of room nights available to teams and clubs and to help secure the lowest group rates. By increasing the amount of room nights actually used, USA Volleyball is able to prove to the host cities our positive impact on their local economy, thus building stronger relationships as well as helping to offset event expenses, enabling USAV to keep costs down.

### **ARE THERE ANY EXEMPTIONS FROM THE STAY AND PLAY POLICY?**

The following exemptions are allowed but must be verified as explained below. Please email the requested information to [usav@teamtravelsource.com](mailto:usav@teamtravelsource.com). Your subject line should read USAV Girls Junior National Championship 2018 EXEMPTION REQUEST.

#1 – USING POINTS FOR A FREE ROOM - If you have enough points to redeem them for an entirely FREE stay, you are allowed to do so. Please book the room through the hotel directly and send a copy of your reservation showing that points were used to book your entire stay to [usav@teamtravelsource.com](mailto:usav@teamtravelsource.com). Please make sure to list the athlete's name on your email so they are an approved exemption. Please note that just 'receiving points' for staying at a hotel does not qualify for an exemption. You must be redeeming for an entire free stay.

#2 – CLUB IS IN CLOSE PROXIMITY - If your club is within 75 miles from the venue, you are not required to stay in a hotel. This must be able to be verified through [mapquest.com](http://mapquest.com). Please send the club name, and address to [usav@teamtravelsource.com](mailto:usav@teamtravelsource.com) to apply for an exemption.

#3 – MILITARY OR GOVERNMENT DISCOUNT - If you are able to get a lower rate with a military or government discount, this will be accepted. You will need to email a copy of the reservation that was booked at the military or government discount and the athlete's name and club to [usav@teamtravelsource.com](mailto:usav@teamtravelsource.com). Please note, the hotel will require the military or government ID to be presented upon check-in, please have this information when you arrive.

#4 – STAYING WITH A FAMILY MEMBER - If you are staying with a family member that lives within 75 miles from the venue (90 miles for Columbus, OH), you are not required to stay in a hotel. This must be able to be verified through [mapquest.com](http://mapquest.com). Please send the athlete's name and team name as well as the family member's name and address to [usav@teamtravelsource.com](mailto:usav@teamtravelsource.com).

If have any questions, please contact Team Travel Source at [usav@teamtravelsource.com](mailto:usav@teamtravelsource.com) or on the USAV Customer Service Line toll-free at 844-975-4586.

Team Travel Source will go live with hotel registration on January 7<sup>th</sup>. Please do not go around THS to book your hotels it causes a lot of confusion and hassle in the end.

Team Travel Source Contact Information:

Team Travel Source  
 12910 Shelbyville Road #215  
 Louisville, KY 40243  
 Phone: 866-567-7075  
 Fax: 502-354-9093  
 Email: [usav@teamtravelsource.com](mailto:usav@teamtravelsource.com)  
 Web: [www.teamtravelsource.com](http://www.teamtravelsource.com)

**HOTELS**

**Team Travel Source** is the official housing company for the 2018 Girls Junior National Championships.

Please visit their website for hotel listings and to make reservations: [WWW.TeamTravelSource.com](http://WWW.TeamTravelSource.com)

**AIR TRAVEL**

Detroit Metropolitan Airport (DTW) is located approximately 20 miles from the Cobo Center.

Web address is: <http://www.metroairport.com/>

**Domestic Airlines**

The following airlines serve the Detroit Metropolitan Airport:









Airline Carriers			
	1-888-247-2262		1-800-237-2747
	1-800-2478726		1-800-426-0333
	1-800-433-7300		1-800-221-1212

	1-800-432-1359		1-800-538-2583
	1-800-435-9792		1-801-401-2200
	1-800-united-1		1-800-428-4322

## GROUND TRANSPORTATION

### RENTAL CARS

Located in Minneapolis-St Paul Airport

	800-327-9633	<a href="http://www.goalamo.com">www.goalamo.com</a>
	800-831-2847	<a href="http://www.avis.com">www.avis.com</a>
	800-527-0700	<a href="http://www.budget.com">www.budget.com</a>
	800-800-4000	<a href="http://www.dollar.com">www.dollar.com</a>
	800-325-8007	<a href="http://www.enterprise.com">www.enterprise.com</a>
	800-654-3131	<a href="http://www.hertz.com">www.hertz.com</a>
	800-227-7368	<a href="http://www.nationalcar.com">www.nationalcar.com</a>
	800-847-4389	<a href="http://www.thrifty.com">www.thrifty.com</a>

### TAXIS

Taxi service is available at both terminals.

	1-800-456-1701
	1-734-997-6500

### **CHARTER BUSES**

Jefferson Lines/Greyhound Bus Service: [www.jeffersonlines.com](http://www.jeffersonlines.com)

### **PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION**

#### **Metro Detroit Area Transit (SMART)**

Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation (SMART) provides public bus service to and from DTW Airport to points throughout Southeast Michigan. SMART currently serves the North Terminal with Routes 125 and 280, and the McNamara Terminal with Route 125..

For more information regarding SMART Bus service, visit [www.smartbus.org](http://www.smartbus.org).

#### **Ann Arbor airRide**

Ann Arbor Transportation Authority ("The Ride") provides public bus service to and from DTW Airport to stations in the Ann Arbor Area, with connections available to points throughout Washtenaw County, via its airRide service. For more information about airRide, visit [www.myairride.com](http://www.myairride.com).

## **PRACTICE OPPORTUNITIES**

There will NOT be any practice times available in the Convention Center. There will NOT be any court time available in the venue prior to the beginning of competition for any wave or session. Each team will be responsible for securing a facility for practices. USAV suggests contacting local colleges and high schools to determine if they have court space available for practices. USAV will post a list of facilities available for practice if available.

## **SPORTS MEDICINE**

A taping / training area and trainers will be available. Taping supplies will NOT be furnished. You must provide your own tape and / or bandage or you will be charged for your needed supplies. Hospitals are located near the playing venue / headquarters hotel and emergency transportation (to hospitals only) will be provided if needed. The training staff will be available free of charge to any member listed on the Official Roster. Their purpose is to support, evaluate and assist in athlete injuries and medical emergencies. The trainers' facility will be located on the Convention Center floor in a central location near the Championship Desk.



## AWARDS

It is the obligation of the head coach to be aware of his/her individual State High School Association rules regarding the acceptance of awards. If necessary, present the properly signed papers as required by your State High School Activities Association. This will prevent a delay in the actual presentation of the awards at the Event. The top three finishers in each National Tournament will receive a team trophy plus individual medals. Players named to the All-Tournament Teams will receive an individual award. In divisions in which All-Tournament selections are made, a Most Valuable Player will be presented. Only USAV-approved awards will be presented at the Championships.

Gold Flights (Team & Individual Awards)	Silver Flights & Below (Team Awards Only)
Champions	1 <sup>st</sup> Place
Runners-Up	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	

### ALL-TOURNAMENT SELECTION

The All-Tournament Committee was established to recognize outstanding athletes during their participation at the Junior National Championships. Individuals will be honored for:

- playing effectiveness and court leadership in the tournament
- demonstration of good sportsmanship, leadership, general attitude and conduct both on and off the court
- the best individual players with some regard for position
- basic skills and all-around ability
- those selected shall come primarily from “Gold Flight” teams (the committee reserves the right for exception), the MVP may or may not be selected from the first place team
- any player who has received behavioral sanctions from a referee, the Event Arbitrator or other USA Volleyball authorities during the current JNC event WILL NOT be considered for All-Tournament Team selection

All-Tournament and Most Valuable Player (MVP) awards will be given in the following age divisions: 18, 17, 16 and 15 Open, National, USA, and American divisions.

- Fourteen players in each division will be named to the All-Tournament Team. In addition, a MVP will be awarded. Team selection is made without regard to player position.
- The committee makes selections with input from coaches, college scouts, and referees.
- Players who have been selected to an All-Tournament team or as a tournament’s Most Valuable Player and who have received disciplinary action by the Event Arbitrator or other USA Volleyball authorities prior to leaving the host city, shall be subject to a forfeit of these All-Tournament recognition honors.

## PRE-TOURNAMENT TICKETS

**COACHES AND CLUB DIRECTORS – PLEASE SHARE THE ADVANCED TICKET ORDER PROCESS AND ACCESS FROM THE USA VOLLEYBALL WEBSITE WITH PARENTS AND TRAVELING PARTY!**

Admission to the USA Volleyball Girls Junior National Championships is by credentials or ticket only. Advance sales will save money and avoid lines at the ticket windows, especially the first days of each division.

Pre-Tournament on-line sales open March 23rd and must be placed no later than June 15th for the mail at home option and June 21st for print-at-home or mobile option. Brown Paper Tickets cannot accept orders after the June 21st deadline as there is insufficient time to process the orders. Tickets can be ordered on-line through Brown Paper Tickets. Click on the Brown Paper Tickets icon on the following page to purchase tickets: <https://www.teamusa.org/USA-Volleyball/Calendar/2018/June/25/Girls-Junior-National-Championship/Participant-Info/Tickets>. Follow the directions listed on the website. Save yourself time by ordering online!

Ticket Pricing		
<b>No refunds or exchanges. Lost, stolen or forgotten tickets will NOT be replaced or refunded. Please keep your tickets in a safe place and remember to pack them.</b>		
Tournament Pass	At-Door	In Advance
Adult Tournament Pass	\$45	\$40
Discounted Tournament Pass (age 60+, students, and military only)*	\$35	\$30
Adult Daily Pass	\$15	N/A
Discounted Daily Pass (age 60+, students, and military only)*	\$10	N/A
Children 12 & Under	FREE	FREE

\*All discounted passes must be accompanied by the proper ID at the time of redemption at the convention center. Valid IDs include military ID (active, non-active, family) for the military discount, driver's license or other form of state/federal ID with birth date, student ID for college students (younger students will not have to show proof).

## EVENT MERCHANDISE

Event merchandise sales will be held at the Convention Center during the USA Volleyball Girls Junior National Championships. Merchandisers will include the official event merchandiser, Lucky Dog, Molten and more!

## VENDOR LICENSING & RESTRICTIONS

Under the terms of the contractual agreement between USA Volleyball and the Convention Center, there are strict regulations and specified restrictions as to the sale of retail and wholesale merchandise and other items in all areas of the playing venue.

USA Volleyball also has regulations in respect to the sales of event-specific merchandise and resale items normally licensed through its Marketing Department. This notice is posted for your information.

Violations of these conditions by a Member Organization or registered individuals, and made known to USA Volleyball, are subject to disciplinary and possibly legal action by USA Volleyball.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE: PERMISSION TO SELL:** Sales of merchandise, services, officials' apparel and equipment, souvenirs, publications, food or drink and all other items at the playing venue is strictly prohibited unless prior written license is received from USA Volleyball specific to this Event and the Convention Center, as applicable.

*Contact Melissa Weymouth @ USA Volleyball, (719) 228-6800 for complete information.*

## GIFT EXCHANGE

Historically, teams have exchanged gifts at the beginning of their first encounter. This is more prevalent with the younger age classification teams than with the older ones. This is not a requirement. However, we encourage the exchange as a gesture of sportsmanship and good will.