

HIGH PERFORMANCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

EVENT REGULATIONS

Indoor

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1. ORGANIZER

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2. HOST CITY AND COMPETITION VENUE

2.1. Host City: The 2019 High Performance Championships will be held in the city of Fort Lauderdale, Florida. The competition will be held from July 18-22, 2019.

2.2. International Airport of Arrival and Departure: The International Airport for the arrival and departure of participating Region Teams, International Teams, USA Teams and Officials is the Miami International Airport (MIA).

2.3. Competition Venue: The competition venue for participating teams is the Greater Fort Lauderdale / Broward County Convention Center.

2.4. Training Venue: The training venue for participating teams is the Greater Fort Lauderdale / Broward County Convention Center.

2.5. Accommodations, Meals and Transportation

2.5.1. Accommodations

2.5.1.1. Region Teams: The 2019 USAV HP Championships is Stay and Play. This means that in order to compete in the tournament, teams must stay in one of the official room blocks set up by Team Travel Source (TTS). All reservations must be made through the official Team Travel Source.

Room Requirements: Each team must utilize at least 3 rooms for 5 nights at the host hotels contracted through TTS: <https://volleyballsites.wixsite.com/volleyball-pages/usav-hp-championships-housing>.

How to request a team block:

- Submit your room block request via the link above.
- All requests will be date and time stamped, and we will place teams in order of submission.
- A Team Travel Source representative will be in touch with you regarding your block should we have questions.
- A Team Travel Source representative will send you a customized booking link with instructions on how to distribute the link to your parents and how to book your rooms!
- Book Rooms!

Additional Information for TTS can be found in the TTS FAQ document one the [USAV HPC Event Webpage](#).

2.5.1.2. International Teams:

2.5.1.2.1. Federation National Teams: Hotel accommodations will be arranged for international teams by the Event Organizer and are included with your entry fee from July 17-23, 2019.

2.5.1.2.1.1. Room distribution is the following:

- Four or six players per room occupancy for players; two athletes per bed.
- Double room occupancy for all staff members

2.5.1.2.1.2. Total maximum of rooms per participating team:

- Players: 3 double rooms or 2 triple rooms
- Staff: 2 double rooms
- Additional rooms will be considered additional delegation members

2.5.1.3. Club Teams: The 2019 USAV HP Championships 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 (TTS). All reservations must be made through the official Team Travel Source. Each team must utilize at least 3 rooms for 5 nights at the host hotels contracted through TTS: <https://volleyballsites.wixsite.com/volleyball-pages/usav-hp-championships-housing>.

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2.5.1.4. USA Teams: Hotel accommodations will be arranged by the Event Organizer and are included with entry fee from July 13-23, 2019 for the allotted team composition.

2.5.1.5. Officials: Hotel accommodations will be arranged by the Director, Officials Development from July 17-23, 2019. Specific communications regarding logistics, travel, etc. will be communicated directly to the event officials by the Director, Officials Development.

2.5.2. Meals

2.5.2.1. Region Teams: Region HP Teams are responsible for their own meals during the duration of the event.

2.5.2.2. International Teams

2.5.2.2.1. Federation National Teams: All Meals are included with the registration fee for the permitted delegation size. Contact event organizer for details.

2.5.2.2.2. Club Teams: Club Teams are responsible for their own meals during the duration of the event.

2.5.2.3. USA Teams: Breakfast will be provided for USA Teams at their hotel during competition. Teams are responsible for the own lunches and dinners during competition.

2.5.2.4. Officials: Specific communications regarding logistics, travel, etc. will be communicated directly to the event officials by the Director, Officials Development.

2.5.3. Transportation

2.5.3.1. Arrival/ Departure Day: The Event Organizer will schedule arrival and departure transportation only from/to International Airport of Arrival and Departure based on the arrival and departure information that each Region, International and USA Team submits along with the Officials. All Region, International and USA teams must communicate travel itineraries to the Event Organizer via the online form: <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=c9bSUN9WEUC4ZjxsU5iqQIQYodThdWFOtEz5z9i4UKJUOTJXMkU2Qjg3Nzc5OUxIVUxMRzVTOTZDUy4u> to secure transportation to and from the airport. Travel itineraries should be submitted by July 1 to guarantee USAV provided transportation.

**Although FLL is an option in the online form, only teams who booked airfare prior to the regulations going out on March 8, 2019 will be granted USAV provided transportation from/to FLL.*

2.5.3.2. Local Transportation: No local transportation will be provided as hotels are within walking distance of the competition venue and meal options.

2.5.3.3. Visa Information (International teams only): Participating National Federations/ Club Teams are responsible for the submission of required documents to their respective Embassies and all related costs. International Teams may request a letter form the host federation as needed by emailing the Event Organizer.

3. TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES:

- All teams are eligible to train at the training venue the day prior to competition (July 17th). Scheduling is on a first come first serve basis.
- For practice times, prior to the 17th, contact the Event Organizer to check on availability.
- Training is limited to one training session per day per team. To schedule training times, email the Event Organizer.
- All Teams will be provided balls for trainings but are required to sign out one ball cart with 12 balls per court by leaving a valid driver's license or international ID.

4. STATUTES & AUTHORITY:

4.1 [FIVB Official Rules of the Game](#) unless designated in Appendix A

4.2 Control Committee: Jane Dong (Scoring) & Julie Voeck (Officiating)

4.3 Protest Committee: Paul, Rachael, Pati (all issues), Becky (scoring protests)

Protest procedures can be found in Appendix B. Protests of the playing rules during rules during a set / match must be lodged prior to the next service. A protest shall be handled by the appropriate protest committee.

All rulings of this committee are final and not subject to appeal.

All protests will be settled at the time they are lodged. No match will be allowed to proceed until the protest is settled. Protests can be related ONLY to the rules of play.

Rule USAV 5.1.2.1 Participants must accept referees’ decisions with sportsmanlike conduct and without dispute. In the case of doubt, clarification may be requested through the game captain.

What is considered to be an offense that may be protested?

- Rule USAV 5.1.2.1 **Judgement calls are NOT subject to protest**.
- Failure of the first referee to apply the correct rule to a given situation
- Failure to charge the correct penalty-sanction for a given fault

5. EVENT SCHEDULE

Date	Activity
July 16, 2019	Arrival of Region and International Teams. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 09:00-20:00 Training of participating teams according to their scheduled training time.
July 17, 2019	Arrival of Region and International Teams along with Officials. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 09:00-18:00 Preliminary Inquiry for participating teams at the competition venue. • 09:00-20:00 Training of participating teams according to their scheduled training time.
July 18, 2019	Day 1 – Competition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 08:00-09:15 General Technical Meeting at the competition venue. • 10:30 First round of matches begins • 10:30~18:00 Pool Play • 20:00-21:00 (Possible Opening Ceremonies)
July 19, 2019	Day 2 – Competition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ~8:00-20:00 Pool Play • 20:00 Region HP Meeting
July 20, 2019	Day 3 – Competition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ~8:00-20:00 Pool Play
July 21, 2019	Day 4 – Competition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ~8:00-20:00 Bracket and Quarterfinals • Finals for Girls Future Select Division
July 22, 2019	Day 5 – Competition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ~8:00-20:00 Semifinals and Finals for all divisions other than Girls Future Select

July 23, 2019

Departure Day for all Region, International and USA Teams along with Officials.

***The tournament schedule will be released by July 15th. If you find any errors in your schedule, please email the Event Organizer and Director, Events.**

****Final rosters will be live for all teams in AES after the Preliminary Inquiries are completed and all rosters are verified.**

6. PARTICIPATING TEAMS AND DELEGATIONS COMPOSITION

6.1. Team Composition: Each team may consist of

- 16 players (maximum)
- Max of 5 staff from the options below:
 - Head Coach
 - Assistant Coach (2 maximum)
 - Athletic Trainer / Medical Staff
 - Team Leader
- ONLY those persons whose names appear on the verified roster receive credentials and are permitted to sit on the bench

6.2. Additional Team Personnel (Federation National Teams only): All persons that exceed what is stipulated in Article 9.1.2 will be considered as additional personnel and the National Federation will cover all additional personnel expenses; including lodging, meals and transportation. The names of these persons should be submitted in advance to the Event Organizer. The National Federation concerned must pay the amount of \$150 (One Hundred Fifty Dollars) daily per person, based on occupancy outlined 2.5.1.2.1.. The National Federation that registers additional personnel shall make the corresponding payment before, but no later then the Preliminary Inquiry.

7. PLAYER'S ELIGIBILITY

7.1. Age Groups

Division	Age
Womens International Junior*	born in 2000 and after
Boys International **	born in 2001 and after
Boys National Youth	born in 2001 and after
Girls International Youth	born in 2002 and after
Girls National Youth	born in 2002 and after
Boys National Select	born in 2003 and after

Girls International Select	born in 2004 and after
Girls National Select	born in 2004 and after
Girls Future Select***	born in 2006 and after

*Region High Performance Teams competing in the Women’s Junior International Division are permitted to have athletes born in 1999 and after.

**Region High Performance Teams competing in the Boys’ International Divisions are permitted to have athletes born in 2000 and after.

***No USA teams will complete in this division. It is only offered in the second year of the cycle.

7.2. Medical Release

All athletes must have a medical release notarized after June 1, 2019. These must be presented to the Preliminary Inquiry.

8. STAFF ELIGIBILITY

8.1. REGION AND USA TEAMS: All staff listed on the roster of a team must have the following

- Current USAV Membership
- Current Background Screen
- Current SafeSport Certification
- Current Impact or Higher Coaching Education Certification from USAV

9. REGISTRATION

9.1. Entry Fee

9.1.1. Region and International Club Teams

- WOMEN’S INTERNATIONAL JUNIOR- \$1450
- BOYS’ INTERNATIONAL YOUTH- \$1450
- GIRLS’ INTERNATIONAL YOUTH- \$1450
- GIRLS’ INTERNATIONAL SELECT- \$1450
- BOYS’ NATIONAL YOUTH- \$1250
- GIRLS’ NATIONAL YOUTH- \$1250
- BOYS’ NATIONAL SELECT- \$1250
- GIRLS’ NATIONAL SELECT– \$1250
- GIRLS’ FUTURE SELECT- \$1050

9.1.2. International National Teams:

- International Federations are permitted to register one team from each gender at a total registration fee of \$3,000 per team. Team composition of 12 athletes and 4 staff. For costs of additional delegation members reference article 6.2 above.
- If the federation wishes to enter multiple teams per gender, contact the Event Organizer for cost.

9.2. Refund Policy

- If a team submits an entry form and the appropriate entry fee and withdraws **PRIOR TO** the closing date for entries, that team will receive a full refund of its entry fee.
- **NO ENTRY FEE, OR ANY PORTION OF SUCH FEE**, will be refunded to a team that withdraws from this Event **AFTER** the closing date for entries.
- When an individual or a team decides not to attend or is unable to attend a USAV event for reasons pertaining to acts or threats of war, acts or threats of terrorism or a health risk alert, USAV shall issue **NO REFUNDS**.
- When a USAV event is canceled or interrupted due to acts or threats of war, acts or threats of terrorism, or a health risk alert, event entry refunds will be made to individuals or teams on a prorated basis once all of USAV's out-of-pocket expenditures for the canceled or interrupted event have been settled from such fees.

9.3. Registration and Roster Due Date

9.3.1. Region Teams

9.3.1.1. Boys Teams: By March 25th, each region must enter the HP Championships tournament by registering in AES,

<https://advancedeventsystems.com/events/18478/divisions> in the division(s) they intend to compete in. Registering in AES does not require rosters to be submitted to enter a division.

9.3.1.2. Girls Teams: By April 29th, each region must enter the HP Championships tournament by registering in AES, <https://advancedeventsystems.com/events/18478/divisions> in the division(s) they intend to compete in. Registering in AES does not require rosters to be submitted to enter a division.

9.3.1.3. Rosters are to be submitted into each teams AES registration by the deadline. International Teams will receive an AES login to submit rosters once the Event Organizer has accepted the team into the event.

9.3.1.4. Roster Due Date: July 3rd

- After the roster due date, roster changes can only be made at the Preliminary Inquiry.

9.3.1.5. For teams entering the Boys International, Boys National Youth, Girls International Youth, Girls National Youth, Girls International Select or Girls National Select divisions a maximum of 24 teams will be allowed per division. If a division is oversubscribed, teams will be moved down/up a division based on:

- a) Multiple teams in a division from one region.
- b) Historical results for the Region HP program.

9.3.1.6. Teams moved from the International to National division will be refunded the \$200 difference in entry fees. If a team is moved into an international division, the team will be invoiced the additional \$200.

9.3.1.7. If a Region HP program requests to add a team after the deadlines in 8.3.1.1. and 8.3.1.2 USA Volleyball will decide if the request can be accommodated.

9.3.1.8. If a USA Volleyball region has a Region HP program, USA Volleyball will only invite athletes to their Continental Team programs who are older than their oldest program. For example, if a Region HP program decides to send only a Girls' Select team to HP

Championships, athletes will only be eligible for our Continental Teams if they are in the Girls' Youth age group.

9.3.2. International Teams:

- 9.3.2.1.** By April 15th, international teams (National Federation/ Club) must enter the HP Championships tournament by emailing the Event Organizer what division(s) they will be competing in. Teams are required to provide a letter stating that the delegation is in good standing with their respective National Federation at the time of emailing to enter the event.
- 9.3.2.2.** Payments are due by May 20th and should be mailed to the USAV Office via check with attention to the Event Organizer.
- 9.3.2.3.** International Rosters are due by May 20th (athletes and staff). The roster should be emailed to the event organizer to include family name, name and date of birth. Event Organizer will email Roster template.
- 9.3.2.4.** Team delegations are required to fill out a USA Volleyball Foreign Team form and a USA Volleyball Medical Release form. Both forms are to be submitted at the Preliminary Inquiry.
- 9.3.2.5.** International teams are expected to have their own medical insurance coverage for all members of its delegation and must show proof of this at the Preliminary Inquiry. Failure to do so will make the team ineligible from participation.

9.4. Head shots: All teams must submit headshots of each rostered delegation member. Once USAV grants access to the folder for your team(s), you will receive an email directly from Sharefile. All photos should be labeled with the rostered members first name, last name and team and uploaded into the Sharefile folder. The photos should be clear, only have the specific individual in the image and have the individuals full name in the title of the image. The headshots are required for event entry credentials.

9.4.1. Regions: All headshots are due by Sunday July 7th. If you need an extension, contact the Event Organizer.

9.4.2. International Teams: All headshots are due by Monday June 3rd.

9.5. Player Final Registration (Preliminary Inquiry): A official team delegate is required to attend the Preliminary Inquiry. It is recommended that the head coach also attends.

9.5.1. Region Teams:

- Medical Release Forms- all forms must be notarized for competitions occurring in Florida.
- Samples of Captain's & Libero's Uniforms (if different from the Captain's uniforms).
- USAV HP O-7 Preliminary Inquiry Form
- Teams must have proof of DOB for EACH playing. It is to be shown upon request to any authorized representative of the Control Committee or USAV Staff.

9.5.2. Federation National Teams:

- Medical release forms- all must be notarized for competitions occurring in Florida.
- Samples of Captain's & Libero's Uniforms (if different from the Captain's uniforms).
- USAV HP O-7 Preliminary Inquiry Form

- Teams must have proof of DOB for EACH playing. It is to be shown upon request to any authorized representative of the Control Committee or USAV Staff.
- USA Volleyball Foreign Team forms signed for all participants.
- Proof of insurance coverage for each member of the delegation.

9.5.3. International Club Teams:

- Medical release forms- all must be notarized for competitions occurring in Florida.
- Samples of Captain's & Libero's Uniforms (if different from the Captain's uniforms).
- USAV HP O-7 Preliminary Inquiry Form
- Teams must have proof of DOB for EACH playing. It is to be shown upon request to any authorized representative of the Control Committee or USAV Staff.
- USA Volleyball Foreign Team forms signed for all participants.
- Proof of insurance coverage for each member of the delegation.

9.6. Payments: Entry fees are due May 20, 2019.

9.6.1. Checks: check should be payable to USA Volleyball and sent to:

USAV HP Championships
Attn Gabby Lutjen
USA Volleyball
4065 Sinton Road, Suite #200
Colorado Springs, CO 80907

9.6.2. Other Payments during the Preliminary Inquiry

9.6.2.1. Regions: Teams may make payments with a check issued by the region office or cash (US Dollars only).

9.6.2.2. International Teams: Teams may make payments with cash (US Dollars only).

10. GENERAL TECHNICAL MEETING

- Team managers and head coaches must be present at the general technical meeting.
- Required attire is official team warm or bench attire.
- The purpose of this meeting includes introductions of delegations, officials, event leadership; rules of competition, schedule, logistics, policies, and expectations.

11. OFFICIATING: Teams will have no officiating responsibilities throughout the event. (i.e. referee, scorekeeper, line judge)

11.1. Officials: 1st referee, 2nd referee, scorer and line judges are provided for all matches.

11.2. Official Ball & Uniforms

11.2.1. Official Ball: The official volleyball of all divisions of the event will be the Molten V5M5000.

11.2.2. Uniforms:

- The playing uniform must conform to USA Volleyball Domestic Competition Regulations. Exceptions to these rules are noted below.

- Each team must have available at least two (2) playing uniforms of contrasting colors (one set of DARK uniforms and one set of Light uniforms). Please bring uniforms that are contrasting colors.
- The team captain's and Libero's (if different from the captain's) uniforms will be presented at the preliminary inquiry.
- The players' numbers must be the same for each possible set of uniforms.
- Uniform numbers must be centered front and back.
- Uniform numbers must be 4 or 6 inches (10 or 15 centimeters) in height on the front and 6 or 8 inches (15 or 20 centimeters) in height on the back of each jersey.
- Numbers on the uniforms are limited to the numbers 1 – 24 inclusive.
- Names on jerseys are recommended but not required.
- Numbers on shorts are recommended but not required.
- Captains Bar on jersey is recommended but not required.

11.2.2.1. Teams presenting uniforms that are not compliant with these regulations will be responsible for new uniforms or the related penalty.

11.2.3. Publicity on Uniforms: Publicity on players uniforms' must be in accordance with the FIVB Sport Material, Team Equipment, and Advertising Guidelines.

11.2.4. Dress Code for Officials on the Bench

- All members of the staff on the team bench must wear acceptable attire and must match. Only staff listed on the roster will be allowed to sit on the team bench.
- Shorts, sandals, sleeve-less tops, hats, capris or jeans will not be allowed.
- Pants and leggings (full length) of solid color or matching pattern are acceptable.

12. COMPETITION FORMAT AND TEAM DISTRIBUTION

12.1. Match Protocol:

- For each match, the court will be available for warm-up ten (10) minutes prior to the match time. If a previous match on the same court runs late, then the ten (10) minute warm-up time will begin at the conclusion of that match.
- Following the captains' meeting with the referees for each match, the warm-up period for the match will consist of five (5) minutes for each team separately on the court (serving team with 1st five minutes followed by receiving team with 2nd five minutes).
- Matches will not begin before the scheduled match time except as noted in #4 below.
- The Control (Championship) Committee reserves the right to reschedule and / or relocate matches with respect to court and time to expedite competition. Any such changes will be posted on the electronic scheduling/results system, and every attempt will be made to inform the team representative of the change.

12.1.1. Round Robin/Pool Play: Depending upon field size, teams will be involved in at least one round robin of pool play followed by play-offs. All matches will be best of five sets to 25 points, fifth set to 15 points. Teams are guaranteed six (6) matches, but most, if not all teams will play between 7 & 10 matches.

12.1.2. Play-Off's: Single elimination bracket play. All matches will be best of five sets to 25 points, fifth set to 15 points.

12.1.3. Tie Breaking Procedure: No tie-breaking sets will be played; however, the following will be used to break ties in the event:

- For a tie involving two teams – head-to-head match results of those two teams.
- For a tie involving more than two teams:
 - Set percentage (sets won over total sets played in that round of competition) will be used to get a 1 through X rank order of teams.
 - If two teams remain tied, revert to the tie breaking format for 2 teams.
 - If more than two teams remain tied, then point percentage (points scored over the total of points scored and given up for that round of competition) will be used to get a 1 through X rank order of teams.
 - If two teams remain tied, revert to the tie breaking format for 2 teams.

13. RIGHTS OF THE HOST COUNTRY: The host country reserves the right to bring in National Training Team(s), to form up to two teams for competition. If exercised, the team(s) will be entered into AES by the deadline. If it is past the deadline, participating teams will be notified. The specifics of this group(s) will be clarified prior to or at the general technical meeting.

14. FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

14.1. Match Analysis: We do not intend that Hudl will be at the event this year.

15. PENALTIES

Violation	Penalty*
Failure to attend General Technical Meeting	Loss of first set of next match
Incomplete/ Late Roster	\$250
Missing Headshots	\$50 per headshot
Illegal uniform(s)	\$250 or loss of first match
Improper Bench Attire during match	Loss of 10 points to start the set

*All sanction fees collected will be designated for the USAV HP Financial Aid Fund.

16. REFEREES

16.1. Selection Process: Officials will be selected and assigned by Director, Officials Development of USAV. Regions may make recommendations for officials from their region they would like to see invited.

- All referees will be housed at a local hotel at the cost of the event.
- Local transportation (to / from the airport; to / from the hotel and competition venue) will be at the cost of the event when the distance is not considered walk-able.

17. MEDICAL PROCEDURES AND SERVICES:

- On-site medical services and Athletic Training for this event will be provided by Gameday Athletic Trainers. There will be a medical station centrally located on the courts for first aid and

injury management. All first aid, injury assessment and management will be provided at no cost to athletes.

- Preventative taping and kinesiotaping will be provided ONLY if athletes bring own tape. If athletes do not bring their own tape, they can purchase a roll (\$2/roll of athletic tape or prewrap, \$15 per roll of kinesiotape), or athletes can pay \$1/body part for preventative taping if they prefer to not buy tape).

18. OVERSIGHT OF ATHLETES AND CURFEW

18.1. MIXED GENDER EVENT HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS: HPCs has successfully integrated a dual gender event for many years. This is in large part due to the oversight of the coaching staff. To continue this tradition, coaches are expected to take an assertive role ensuring all athletes respect and abide by the guidelines of the program. Take your oversight roles seriously and know that USAV hold programs responsible for the athlete's overall conduct both on and off the court. Athletes of either gender are not permitted in each other's rooms at any point.

18.2. CURFEW:

- Pool curfew is 7pm at all hotels.
- Quiet time is the hours of 10pm – 7am. When returning during quiet hours, please be respectful as others will have early practices or matches.
- For athletes: In room 10pm. Lights out is at 10:30pm. During the tournament, lights out times need to be as close to 10:30pm as possible.

19. EVENT ENTRY

19.1. SECURITY: There will be new entry requirements. Everyone will be required to have credentials or paid ticketing. Teams will receive credentials at the Preliminary Inquiry for all rostered members. If a team has roster changes at the Preliminary Inquiry, the new credentials will be ready for pick up at the general technical meeting.

19.2. ADMISSION: Admission for spectators to the event will be \$10 daily or a 5-day tournament pass may be purchased for \$45. Kids under 12 free. Prices subject to change as tournament nears. Updated prices and pre-sale purchase options will be listed on [USAV HPC Event Webpage](#) approximately two weeks prior to the event.

19.3. COLEGIATE COACHES: Admission is free when checking in on site through NCSA to get event credentials. There will be a coaches room hosted by NCSA for the duration of the tournament.

20. EVENT MERCHANDISE: Event merchandise sales will be held in the facility during the USA Volleyball HP Championships.

21. GIFTS:

- It is customary to bring gifts to exchange with opponents during the pre-match handshake. This is not mandatory. Examples of gifts are pins, stickers, key chains, etc.
- All Region and International Teams will receive a gift from USA at the preliminary inquiry. This gift is for all matches against USA Teams.

22. AWARDS

- It is the obligation of the athlete (Team Manager) to be aware of applicable rules regarding the acceptance of awards i.e. NCAA, State HS Associations, etc.
- Disciplinary occurrences of any kind – on or off court or on court (sanctions) - will result in a player being deemed ineligible to receive an individual award.

22.1. Team:

- First Place in each age division will receive individual awards for the rostered athletes plus two or a maximum of 16 individual awards.
- Second Place in each age division will receive individual awards for the rostered athletes plus two or a maximum of 16 individual awards.
- Third Place in each age division will receive individual awards for the rostered athletes plus two or a maximum of 16 individual awards.

22.2. Individual: The four International Divisions (Junior, Youth & Select) will be awarded an 8-person All-Tournament Team including an MVP.

22.3. Region Cup (Region HP Programs only): This will be the final award presentation of the tournament.

- Only results for RVA's will be included.
- USA, USAV Continental, and International teams are not eligible.
- Points are awarded for 1st-8th place. (1st=8 pts, 2nd=7pts, 3rd=6 pts, etc.)
- If a region has multiple teams in a division, points were awarded for the highest finishing team only.
- The region with the highest total of points will be awarded the Region Cup.

APPENDIX A

Rule Commentary: FIVB and United States
Based on 2017-2020 FIVB Official Volleyball Rules and Rules as presented by USA Volleyball in the 2017-2019 DCR

Prepared by
USA International Referee Commission
and USA Volleyball Rules Commission

2019 HP Championships	Rule or Commentary in Effect <i>USAV DCR Regulations or rule being tested in italic font.</i>
Playable Area	<i>USAV 9: The ball may be retrieved from beyond the free zone when the surface change is 1.25 cm (1/2") or less, the secondary surface is lower than the free zone and the area is free of obstructions. If obstructions or other safety concerns prohibit retrieval from beyond the free zone, the player retrieving a ball over a non-playing area must be in contact with the playing surface when contact with the ball is made. USAV 12.3: The server must be on the playable area when the serve is authorized.</i>
Team Composition	Rule 4.1.1 For the match, a team may consist of up to 14 players, plus one coach, a maximum of two assistant coaches, one team therapist and one medical doctor. Additional non-playing team members may sit on the bench if space permits. For FIVB, World and Official Competitions for Seniors: Up to 14 players may be recorded on the score sheet and play in a match.
Ball "out"	Rule 8.4: The ball is "out" when: Rule 8.4.1: all parts of the ball which contact the floor are completely outside the boundary lines Rule 8.4.2: it touches an object outside the court, the ceiling or a person out of play.
Uniform - numbers	Rule 4.3.3: Players' jerseys must be numbered from 1 through 24. In FIVB, World and Official Competitions for Seniors, where larger playing squads are used, numbers may be extended.
Uniform – captain identification	<i>USAV 4.3.4: It is recommended that the captain be identified with an 8 cm x 2 cm (3"x3/4") stripe of a different color from the jersey, underlining the number on the front of the jersey.</i>
Uniform	<i>USAV 4.3.1: The color and design for the jerseys and shorts must be uniform for the team (except for the Libero).</i>
Jewelry and other objects	<i>USAV 4.5.1: It is forbidden to wear hats or casts (even if padded). Braces, jewelry, prosthetic limbs or headgear that may cause an injury or give an artificial advantage to the player must not be worn. If a brace, prosthetic limb or headgear is used, padding or covering may be necessary. A junior volleyball athlete participating in a junior event may not wear jewelry. An exception will be made for religious or medical medallions that are removed from chains and taped or sewn under the uniform.</i>
Score sheet and scoring system	<i>A Modified FIVB Official Score sheet will be used for all Divisions. The Team Captain and Coach will be asked to verify the team rosters and sign the scoresheet prior to the match.</i>
Scoring	Rule 6.3 - To Win the Match 6.3.1 The match is won by the team that wins three sets 6.3.2 In the case of a 2-2 tie, the deciding (5th) set is played to 15 points with a minimum lead of 2 points.

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Substitutions	<p>Rule being tested and in use for the 2019 USA High Performance Event: <i>USAV 15.6a (modified): Six .1: Six substitutions are the maximum permitted per team per set. One or more players may be substituted at the same time.</i> <i>USAV 15.6b: A player in the starting line-up may leave the set and re-enter but only in his/her previous position in the line-up.</i> <i>USAV 15.6d (modified): Unlimited individual entries by a substitute within the team's allowable 6 substitutions are permitted. Each entry must be in the same position in the line-up.</i> <i>USAV 15.6e: More than one substitute may enter the set in each position.</i></p>	
Exceptional Substitution	<p>Rule 15.7: A player (except the Libero) who cannot continue playing due to injury or illness, should be substituted legally. If this is not possible, the team is entitled to make an EXCEPTIONAL substitution, beyond the limits of Rule 15.6 An exceptional substitution means that any player who is not on the court at the time of the injury/illness, except the Libero, second Libero or their regular replacement player, may be substituted into the game for the injured/ill player. The substituted injured/ill player is not allowed to re-enter the match.</p>	
Sanction Cards	<p>Rule 21.6 Warning: Stage 1 – no sanction. Stage 2 – no sanction. Penalty: sanction. Expulsion: sanction. Disqualification: sanction.</p>	<p>Symbol = verbal warning Symbol = yellow card Symbol = red card Symbol = yellow and red cards jointly Symbol = yellow and red cards separately.</p>
Simultaneous contact by teammates	<p>Rule 9.1.2.1: When two (three) teammates touch the ball simultaneously, it is counted as two (three) hits (with the exception of blocking). If they reach for the ball, but only one of them touches it, one hit is counted.</p>	
Protests	<p><i>USAV 5.1.2.1: If an explanation of an application or interpretation of a rule is not satisfactory to the game captain, he/she must immediately indicate his/her disagreement and file a protest prior to the authorization of the next service. If the disagreement with the referee's explanation involves the last point of the game, the official protest must be recorded within the first 60 seconds of the timed interval between games. If the final point of the match is disputed, the protest must be recorded within the first 60 seconds of the final point. (Protest is ruled upon by the Championship Committee either immediately or prior to the start of the next game.)</i></p>	
Time-outs	<p>Rule 15.4.1: All time-outs that are requested last for 30 seconds. In sets 1-4, one additional 60-second "technical time-out" is applied automatically when the leading team reaches the 13th point. In the deciding (5th) set, there are no "technical time-outs".</p>	
Time-outs	<p>Rule 15.4.4: During all time-outs, the players in play must go to the free zone near their bench.</p>	
Floor mopping	<p><i>USAV 1.2.1 The players may mop the floor so long as the first referee does not judge the action to be a delay of the game.</i></p>	

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Penetration under the net	<p>Rule 11.2.2: Penetration into the opponent's court, beyond the center line:</p> <p>To touch the opponent's court with a foot (feet) is permitted, provided that some part of the penetrating foot (feet) remains either in contact with or directly above the center line.</p> <p>To touch the opponent's court with any part of the body above the feet is permitted provided that it does not interfere with the opponent's play.</p>
Designation of the Libero	<p>Rule 19.1.1 - Each team has the right to designate from the list of players on the score sheet up to two (2) specialist defensive players: Liberos. Libero(s) are designated by the match.</p>
Libero Actions	<p>Rule 19.3.1.3 – The Libero may not serve, block or attempt to block.</p> <p>Rule 5: The Libero(s) cannot be either team or game captain.</p>
Re-designation of a new Libero	<p>Rule 19.4.1: The Libero becomes unable to play if injured, ill, expelled or disqualified</p> <p>The Libero can be declared unable to play for any reason by the coach or, in the absence of a coach, by the game captain.</p> <p>Rule 19.4.2.2: If the Acting Libero becomes unable to play. He/she may be replaced by the regular replacement player or immediately and directly to court by a re-designated Libero. However, a Libero who is the subject of a re-designation may not play for the remainder of the match.</p> <p>If the Libero is not on the court when declared unable to play, he/she may also be the subject of a re-designation. The Libero declared unable to play may not play for the remainder of the match.</p> <p>Or:</p> <p>Rule 19.4.3.1: Where a team has registered on the score sheet two Liberos, but one becomes unable to play, the team has the right to play with only one Libero. No re-designation will be allowed, however, unless the remaining Libero is unable to continue playing for the match.</p>
Coaching	<p>For HP Women's International Junior, Girl's National Youth, Boy's International, Girl's International Youth, Boy's National Youth Divisions and Girls International Select: Rule 5.2.3.4 – Coach may:</p> <p>Give instructions while standing or walking within the free zone in front of his/her team's bench from the extension of the attack line up to the warm-up area, without disturbing or delaying the match. The coach is restricted to performing his/her function behind the coach's restriction line.</p> <p><u>Rule 5.3.1 – The assistant coach(es) sit(s) on the team bench, but has no right to intervene in the match.</u></p> <p>For HP Girl's National Select, Boy's National Select, and Girls' Future Select Divisions:</p> <p><i>USAV 5.2.3.4: During play, the coach may give these instructions while standing or walking within the free zone in front of his/her team's bench from the extension of the attack line up to the warm-up area, no closer to the court than 1.75 m (5'10") from the sideline.</i></p> <p><i>a. USAV 5.3.1: One assistant coach at a time may stand to give instructions to the players on the court but has no right to intervene in the match. During play, this assistant coach may give these instructions while standing or walking within the free zone in front of his/her team's bench from the extension of the attack line up to the warm-up area, and no closer to the court than 1.75 m (5'10") from the sideline and its extension, without disturbing or delaying the match. The extension of the attack line is drawn to a distance of 1.75 (5'10") from the sideline.</i></p>
Uniformity of coaches and non-playing team members on the team bench.	<p>For all HP Divisions: All coaches and non-playing team members on the team bench must be dressed identically in team warm-up or business casual clothing (no jeans, shorts, flip-flops or headwear).</p>

APPENDIX B

Protest Procedures

There are times where a team may question the interpretation or application of a rule by the first referee. These procedures for lodging a protest are based on having a protest committee available to hear the protest and make an immediate ruling before the next beckon for serve. Once there has been another beckon for serve to start the next rally, there may be no protest of the previous rally. If the protest has to do with the last rally of a set or the last rally of a match, the team has 60 seconds to lodge the protest. After that time, no protest will be accepted.

If a team disagrees with an interpretation or application of a rule from the previous rally, they may lodge a protest. This must happen before the next beckon for serve and must be lodged properly. To lodge a protest, the game captain must inform the first referee they would like to protest and why they are protesting. For 14 and under competition, the head coach may act in place of the game captain but may NOT cross the court to lodge the protest. They must send the captain to the first referee to tell them they would like to protest. For any level, if the game captain is not sure or has a hard time explaining what they are protesting, the first referee should come off the stand and talk to the coach that is requesting the protest.

Once the captain or coach has explained what they are protesting, the first referee must decide if the protest is accepted or denied. Only the first referee may accept or deny a protest. If it is a protest based on a rule or application of a rule, they should accept the protest and contact the protest committee to start the protest procedure. If the protest is only about a judgment call, the protest should be denied, and a delay sanction may be issued if it is clear that the coach was attempting to delay the match by protesting a clear judgment call. Judgment calls may not be protested.

Things that may be protested:

- 1) Misinterpretation of a playing rule
- 2) Failure of the first referee to apply the correct rule to a given situation
- 3) Failure to charge the correct penalty/sanction for a given fault
- 4) Score sheet (score)

Once the first referee has accepted a protest, they must contact the protest committee. It is advisable to have an assigned Protest Committee available during the tournament to rule upon a protest as soon as possible. This could include someone available by phone if needed.

The referees will stay at the court and will send a responsible player or coach from the work team to the Championship desk or designated area to inform them there has been a protest. During this time, the referees will stand on their respective sides of the court on their sideline (Diagram A). There should be NO TALKING to each other or with any coach, player, or spectator during this time. Any attempts by either team to communicate with referees during this time should be respectfully declined, and the teams should be reminded that once the protest has been accepted, they must wait for the protest committee. Coach and player behavior during this time MAY STILL BE SANCTIONED, and sanctions are assessed once play has resumed.

When the protest committee has assembled, they will start the protest procedures. They will initially talk to the first referee to see who protested and confirm that the protest was lodged properly. They

will then proceed to the protesting team to ask what they are protesting. Again, for 14 and below, the head coach may help or may act in place of the captain. For ages 15 and above, the captain must be the one who primarily talks to the protest committee. If the captain has difficulty communicating with the protest committee, the head coach may help as long as they behave in a sporting manner. Players and coaches MAY STILL BE SANCTIONED during this time. The protest committee also has the right to request a sanction to a player or coach if they believe their behavior is unsporting. These sanctions will be assessed before the next beckon for serve.

Based on the nature of the protest, the protest committee will approach the officiating team as needed. This could include one or both referees, the line judges, or the scorers in the case of a score sheet protest. The protest committee will collect the facts and then make a decision based on the information they collect.

Once the decision has been made by the protest committee, they will let both teams know the decision. After both teams have been informed, they will assist the officials (if needed) in getting the players on the court in the correct positions and making sure the score and score sheet are correct before resuming play. If there are sanctions that need to be given, they will be assessed at this time. Play then resumes.

The decision of the protest committee may not be protested. If a coach would like to discuss the decision of the protest, they may talk to the protest committee after the match.

