

USA VOLLEYBALL BOYS' AND GIRLS' JUNIOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Did you know?

GENERAL INFORMATION

Dates of Competition

- We currently schedule our Boys' JNC and Girls' JNC over the 4th of July Holiday since several schools are still in session through late June. Whenever possible, we want to make sure players don't have to miss class or graduation to participate in our National Championships. We do realize, however, that more students are enrolling in summer classes and programs, and are considering the option of moving these events to an earlier time.

Gift Exchanges

- 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. Typically the gifts exchanged represent the team, or perhaps the place they are from. The gifts range from pins, to pennants, to flags, towels, water bottles, yo-yo's, etc.

Medals/Awards

- The USAV National Championships are modeled after the Olympics, in that the top finishers of each division are awarded for their achievement. We also award 15 individuals in the 15-18 & Under age divisions with All Tournament awards for outstanding abilities and skills, sportsmanship and leadership on the courts. Teams that finish in a first place Flight (bracket) position are also awarded a team award. It is a huge achievement to make it to the USAV Boys' or Girls' Junior National Championships. We believe it's important that the great teams who earn a place at our national level event battle it out to earn Gold, Silver and Bronze medals, in order to create a true National Championship.

Opening/Closing Ceremonies

- Due to the staggered session schedule of each National Championship, USAV is unable to hold an opening and closing ceremony. There is no equitable way to ensure that every participating team could be a part of either ceremony.

Printed Event Programs

- A printed event program is provided to each coach and each player listed on every team roster, at no charge. Printed programs are also available for purchase at these events for \$5.00.
- Individual player information printed in our event program is entered into Advanced Event Systems (AES), the online tournament registration system, by the club director or designated club representative for each team at the time the club enters the event. USAV is not responsible for the accuracy of the individual player information that is entered into AES and, subsequently, printed in the event program.



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College Scouting

- USAV is contracted with “University Athlete” to supply information to college scouts in attendance at these National Championships. Only information for athletes ages 15-18 are provided, per NCAA recruiting policies. The information provided comes from AES, the tournament registration system (see Printed Event Programs). As this information is entered by the Club Director or his/her designee, USAV cannot be responsible for its accuracy.

Public Water Containers

- Due to sanitation concerns, as well as the potential for tampering, USAV has discontinued the practice of providing water containers at our events.

Site Selection

- While we would enjoy hosting these USAV events in new cities each year, with plenty of family-oriented activities outside of the convention center, our site selection process is much more complex. The large size of our events automatically eliminates numerous cities from our list of possibilities. Each of these events requires a minimum of 300,000 – 350,000 square feet of convention center space. Furthermore, cities have to go through a bid process to host our event, and not every city wants/needs our business. When a city decides they are interested in hosting a National Championship event, they must demonstrate that they have the space and dates available to match our needs. Bids meeting these needs are further scrutinized in areas such as hotel availability and proximity to the venue, restaurant selections, downtown environment, public transportation, geographic location, cost of travel, etc.

Vendors

- EM2, Mizuno and Molten are the national sponsors of USA Volleyball. By contract with these sponsors, we are unable to allow additional outside vendors, other than a photographer, into our events that sell merchandise.

Webcasting

- USAV incorporated filming and webcasting of the Gold Medal matches in 2009. This was done with a still camera placed at the end of the court with no sound and limited graphics. In 2011, we were able to hire a production company, one with sport filming (volleyball specifically) experience to shoot all of the Gold Medal matches. The matches were shot using 3-4 cameras, streamed live and included sound, full graphics and two commentators. USAV will continue to film the Gold Medal matches in the future and will continuously work to improve the production of the finals.
- Due to the cost and logistics of filming, it is unknown at this time if USAV will be able to extend filming to other courts during the championships.

Venue Setup

- A standard volleyball court is 24 meters long by 13 meters wide. Add one meter all the way around and you have an oversized court. The oversized courts are supplied for older age divisions, especially at the BJNC, to allow for more room to jump serve. The oversized court is also used for the Championship Court. With that in mind, when designing the court layouts of the championships, we must make sure there is enough walking space, chair space, space for our sponsors, space for the trainers and championship desk, and space for the



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grandstand that surrounds the Championship Court. In some facilities, there is barely enough room to fit everything and meet the requirements of the convention center and Fire Marshal. So each year, the layouts change, some things are compacted and less oversized courts are utilized.

- USAV does not allow outside chairs due to the spacing requirements inside the venues. USAV provides chairs around each court, but must allow for a minimum of 10 feet in aisles. Allowing outside chairs causes for more congestion and extra hazards on the floor.
- Coolers are not allowed in any of the venues. This, like outside chairs, is due to safety concerns such as creating too many obstacles on the floor as well as unattended coolers suggest public safety concerns.
- No outside food is ever permitted in the venues. The contracts that are signed with the venues include a clause that gives the convention center exclusive rights to all food and drink provided in the venue. Unfortunately this clause is non-negotiable with almost all venues. We do ask that the food vendors supply healthier food options for the athletes and their families, but ultimately it is their prerogative on what is served.

EVENT ENHANCEMENTS

Ball Carts / Volleyballs

- At our 2012 Boys' JNC, ball carts and balls will be available for check-out on a first-come, first-served basis.
- At our 2012 Girls' JNC, there will be a ball cart with 12-14 volleyballs available for use on each court. No outside volleyballs and/or carts will be permitted inside the venue.

Championship Matches

- Based on survey feedback, we will begin announcing the start of each championship match at our 2012 events. This way, spectators will be informed when matches are starting on the championship court.

Double Carpeting



- USAV will be providing double layers of carpet under each court, beginning with our 2012 events. We believe this added cushion will benefit all of our players.

Event T-shirts / Pre-Sales

- EM2, our event merchandiser, has offered pre-sales of event merchandise in the past, and will continue to do so. We realized through this survey that several people were unaware of the ability to purchase merchandise before the event (this information has been emailed out to coaches/club directors through AES in the past). We will make an effort to post this information in more places, so please continue to check our website at: www.usavolleyball.org.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- Please check out the [USA Volleyball Juniors](#) page for more event information.

-   Follow USA Volleyball on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

If you haven't taken our survey and would like to, please select from the following:

[Girls' JNC](#) or [Boys' JNC](#).

