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CHAPTER V: GENERAL TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

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MATCH FORMAT/WARM-UP PROTOCOL

Warm-ups will be 2-4-4 (2 minutes of ball handling followed by 4 minutes for each team beginning with the serving team). The same procedure applies to tie-breaking games.

NEW USAV 7.2.2.b: “For Junior competition, when one team has exclusive use of the court, the other team must either be at its team bench or out of the playing area. Warming up with balls at the team bench or the spectator walkways is not permitted.”

All Boys Division matches will play best 2 out of 3 (25 rally point games). All deciding games will be to 15 rally points. All tie-breaking games at the Championships will be rally score to 25 points.

SEEDING FOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Seeding for the USA Volleyball Boys’ Junior National Championships is determined by team results throughout the year as submitted by Bid Tournaments and other tournaments identified throughout the season.

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 16 teams in a 64-team tournament are determined from the entire field and then are seeded accordingly by strength from seed No. 1 to seed No. 16.

Next, the second quarter of all remaining teams is determined based on information from the Results Reported. These teams, however, are seeded in a different manner than the first quarter teams. They are primarily seeded 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.

TEAM UNIFORMS

Team players shall wear uniforms that are in full compliance with the United States Volleyball Domestic Competition Regulations (see Rule #4.3). If two or more sets of uniforms are used, players will be required to wear the **identical** number for each set of shirts. Shirt numbers must be clearly visible for identification by spectators, selection committees and scorers. The numbers “0” and “00” are unacceptable and will not be permitted. Team members shall be in proper uniform when warming up. All Libero shirts shall be numbered. If an individual competes in a position other than Libero as well, his/her number must be the same.

Please note that **Rule USAV 4.3.3.1 and USAV 4.3.3.2** will be strictly enforced. This rule specifies that numbers must be of contrasting color (to the jersey) and centered with no smaller than 6-inch numbers on the back and 4-inch numbers on the front of the jersey. It is recommended that the numbers be a minimum of 8 inches on the back and 6 inches on the front. Once competition has begun, all requests for number changes will be subject to a \$50 charge per number change.

NOTE: In order to alleviate any potential problems, inconvenience and/or extra expense to your team, please ensure that the numbers on each set of jerseys (shirts) are in clear contrast to the color of the jersey, are the correct size and are placed on the jersey as required by the Rules of Play.

Rule USAV 4.3.4 states, “For nationally-sanctioned USA Volleyball competition, uniforms (shirts and shorts) must be identical with the exception of the sleeve length and the Libero Player (Rule 19.2)”. **USAV 4.3** states: “If undergarments, including but not limited to t-shirts, boxer shorts, tights, leotards, body suits, bicycle shorts, sports bras, etc., are worn in such a manner that they are exposed, they will be considered a part of the uniform. In that case, they must be similar and the same color for any team members who wear such a uniform. Socks and sport shoes are not part of the uniform.”

UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS

- All uniforms must meet the USAV standards to include: minimum front number size of 4” and minimum back number of 6”. The numbers must be centered. This is MANDATORY. All numbers still must be of a different and contrasting color to the jersey and the stripe forming the numbers must have a minimum width of 2cm (3/4”).
- **Each player is required to wear the same jersey number throughout the entire event**, 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 jersey number whenever they play, whether they are, or they are not, assigned to the Libero position.

TOURNAMENT CREDENTIALS

1. The roster is limited to 15 players and 5 staff personnel (adults).
2. The roster must identify the following: Head Coach and Chaperone. Optional personnel to be identified can be an Assistant Coach, Assistant Coach II, Team Representative, and Chaperone II and III.
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 or birth certificate) 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 will be the official college coach's communication tool for the Boys' 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.

OFFICIALS & OFFICIATING

The Officials Administrative Committee will assign the First and Second Referee for all matches. It is expected that enough Certified Referees/Candidates will be present so that USAV would be able to assign both First and Second Referees for every match. However, teams should be prepared to provide an adult Referee or player Referee. Anyone taking the assignment must be minimally certified through their region process and verified on the roster.

TEAM OFFICIATING RESPONSIBILITIES

A Junior National player may be permitted to function as the Second Referee if the player can provide proof of referee certification or that the certification is verified by their Regional Volleyball Association (RVA) Commissioner. Non-rostered personnel may be allowed to work on the officiating team provided they can provide documentation that they are registered with a region of USAV and have the appropriate certifications. For planning purposes, be prepared to provide the following officials:

- Second Referee: an adult or player (if certified) whose name is on the Official Roster
- Scorer: player (PENALTIES NOTED BELOW)
 - ◆ Duties can include: scorekeeper, visual scorekeeper, or libero tracker
- Scoreboard Operator: player
- 2 Line Judges – players

A rostered adult must be present during his/her team's officiating assignment.

NOTE: A scorer clinic will be held the day before the start of each competition session. If you do not have a player or adult on your roster who is a certified scorer, someone from the roster must attend the scorer's clinic. If a scorer at the BJNC is ruled UNACCEPTABLE by the head referee or head scorer, the team penalties are as follows:

1. First offense is a 5-point penalty in the first game of the next match
2. Second offense is a loss of the first game in the next match OR the team can pay a penalty equivalent to cover the match fees for supplying a certified scorer for all of the teams' remaining matches in the round. In addition, a minimum of 2 players must attend a scorekeeping clinic, paying a total clinician's fee of \$50. Participation in the scorer's clinic must be completed prior to the beginning of the team's next round of play. All fees must be paid prior to the start of the team's next match.
3. Third offense is loss of the next match.

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 do not apply to a team that misses a three-way tie-break when leaving a site before determination of a tie-break is necessary. If a team misses an officiating assignment for the match following a tie-break, or a team leaves after playing the first tie-breaking game but before officiating the second tie-break, they are not allowed to advance out of their pool. Losing the opportunity to advance by not being present for the tie-break is considered the penalty for the team.

STAY & PLAY POLICY

USA Volleyball will continue the "Stay and Play" policy that was instituted in 2009 for both the 2010 USA Volleyball Girls' and Boys' Junior National Championships. Each team registering for Nationals must make its hotel reservations through THS at an approved USA Volleyball hotel to be eligible to participate in either of the USA Volleyball Junior National Championships. The approved hotel list is generated by USA Volleyball and THS.

Reasons for implementing the Stay and Play policy are to increase the amount of room nights available to teams and clubs and to help police the rates the hotels are offering. By increasing the amount of room nights actually used for the purpose of attending our events, 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 convention center pricing.

THS is and will continue to guarantee the lowest group rates available through continual rate integrity checks (exclusions include single/king bedded rooms, employee rates, government rates, AAA and AARP rates). Rates range widely, starting as low as \$79. THS will work with any club or team that may have a special situation (please see Special Situations below). If you still are unsure, or think you have found a better rate, please feel free to call THS.

Special Situations

If you are in a situation listed below, call THS and ask for more information on how we can help.

- Do you already have a signed hotel contract? Please email Danni a copy of your Hotel contract and what your needs are. We will try and incorporate those rooms into our approved hotel list.
- If you are a local team, not in need of hotel rooms, please contact USA Volleyball's Event Department (719-228-6800, specify which event).

THS will go live with hotel registration for both tournaments on Jan. 29, 2010. If your club or team has already made housing arrangements, but they are not with the approved hotels, it is in your best interest to contact THS before then.

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PRACTICE OPPORTUNITIES

There will NOT be any practice times available in the Austin 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

The training staff will be available free of charge to any member listed on the Official Roster. It is the responsibility of the team to have training supplies such as tape. The training staff's duties are not to be retailers in tape and other training supplies. It is impossible and unreasonable to expect them to estimate and ship enough training supplies for every team. 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 players' entrance.

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 st Place
Runners-Up	
3 rd Place	

ALL-TOURNAMENT SELECTION

The All-Tournament Committee was established to recognize outstanding athletes during their participation at the Junior National Championships. Fourteen (14) players in each of the 18, 17, 16 and 15 Open and Club divisions will be named to the All-Tournament Team. In addition, an MVP will be awarded. Team selection is made without regard to player position. Those selected shall come primarily from Gold Flight teams—the committee reserves the right for an exception. The MVP may or may not be selected from the first place team. The Committee makes selections with input from coaches, college scouts, and referees.

Individuals will be honored for the following characteristics:

- 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
- Basic skills and all-around ability

PRE-TOURNAMENT TICKETS

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

Pre-Tournament Tickets can be ordered directly on-line through Brown Paper Tickets beginning March 19th.

Follow the Brown Paper Tickets link on the following page to purchase tickets:

http://www.usavolleyball.org/events/2403/page?page_id=7374

Save yourself time by ordering online! **Deadline for ordering tickets online is June 18th!**

Ticket Pricing

**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.**

Tournament Pass	At-Door	In Advance
Senior Citizen All-Tournament Pass (age 60+)*	\$25.00	\$20.00
Student All Tournament Pass (ages 13-18 & College Students)*	\$25.00	\$20.00
Military All Tournament Pass (with Military ID)*	\$25.00	\$20.00
Age Division Tournament Pass (good for 4 days of play in the age division you choose)	\$35.00	\$30.00
All Tournament Pass (good for entire tournament)	\$45.00	\$40.00
Senior/Student/Military One Day Pass	\$7.00	Not Available
Adult One Day Pass	\$12.00	Not Available

*All Student, Military and Senior discount passes must be accompanied by the proper ID at time of redemption for advance ticket orders and at time of purchase for on-site orders.

Wrist bands will be given in exchange for your tickets at the convention center. Wristbands must be worn at all times and are good for the time allotted on your ticket (All Tournament = all days of the tournament; Age Division Passes = 4 consecutive days only for the age group purchased).

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

EVENT MERCHANDISE

Event merchandise sales will be held at the Austin Convention Center during the USA Volleyball Boys' Junior National Championships. Merchandisers will include the official event merchandiser EM2, Mizuno and Molten!