

2012 USA VOLLEYBALL
HIGH PERFORMANCE
CHAMPIONSHIPS



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TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

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Des Moines, Iowa

Local Host Committee:
Joseph Volleyball Camps, Inc

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WELCOME TO THE 2012 USAV HP CHAMPIONSHIPS

On behalf of USA Volleyball and the High Performance Department, it is our pleasure to join our hosts to welcome you to the 2012 USA Volleyball High Performance Championships. We thank you for your continued support and offer our best wishes to each participant for a successful and enjoyable experience.

We extend thanks to Joseph Volleyball Camps and the Des Moines Area Sports Commission for hosting this event. We would also like to recognize the efforts and support of the Iowa Region of USA Volleyball.

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COMPETITION CALENDAR AND ACTIVITIES

Dates	Activities
March 1, 2012 – Boys’ Teams April 18, 2012 – Girls’ Teams	Deadline for Team entry in USAV Office
May 1, 2012	Entry Fee Payment due in USAV Office
July 18, 2012	Initial Roster due via on-line system
July 23, 2012	Arrival Day for Teams and Officials
July 22/23, 2012	Preliminary Inquiry
July 23, 2012	Officials Meeting and Training Session
July 24, 2012	General Technical Meeting (AM)
July 24, 2012	Opening Ceremonies
July 24-28, 2012	Competition
July 29, 2012	Departure Day for Teams and Officials

COMPETITION AGE DEFINITIONS

Division	Age
Women’s International Junior	born in 1993 and after
Boys’ International Youth	born in 1994 and after
Girls’ International Youth	born in 1996 and after
Girls’ National Youth	born in 1996 and after
Girls’ National Select	born in 1998 and after
Boys’ National	born in 1995 and after
Boys’ Regional	born in 1995 and after

CONTROL COMMITTEE

- USA Volleyball Staff
- Head Referee
- At-Large (Appointed by USAV)

HOST CITY AND COMPETITION VENUE

The 2012 USAV HP Volleyball Championships Tournament will be held in Des Moines, Iowa

Teams and officials participating in the tournament should arrive and depart to/from the Des Moines Airport and must communicate this information to the Local Host Committee.

The Iowa Events Center will be the competition venue. Parking will be \$7.

The local organizers are AJ and Jennifer Joseph

COMPETITION HOTELS

The officials and control committee will be housed at the Hyatt Place.

Downtown Tournament Hotels:

Holiday Inn Downtown at Mercy Campus (0.3 miles from Iowa Events Center)

1050 6th Avenue

Des Moines, IA 50314

Room Rate: **\$114.95** (plus tax for Single-Quad occupancy) July 22-July 29, 2012

Block: 150 double/double rooms

Reservations: 515-283-0151 (**USA Volleyball High Performance Championships** rate)

Contact for Teams: Tresa Vedder

Cut-off Date: June 1, 2012

Hotel Amenities: Adjacent to the Convention Center, free continental breakfast, free parking, indoor pool, free wireless internet, self-service laundry

Airport Shuttle: Free hotel shuttle from airport. Teams must contact AJ Joseph at josephaj1@aol.com by July 1, 2011

Renaissance Des Moines Savery Hotel (0.3 miles from Iowa Events Center)

401 Locust Street

Des Moines, IA 50309

Room Rate: **\$119/night** (plus tax) for King and Double/Double rooms for July 22-July 29, 2012

Block: 60 D/D Rooms

Reservations: 800 514-4706 (ask for **2012 High Performance Championships** rate)

Contact for teams: Terri Nearmyer (525-365-7239)

Cut-Off Date: June 26, 2012

Hotel Amenities: Newly renovated lobby and lounge, closest hotel to venue through skywalk system, Restaurant on-site, indoor pool, free high-speed internet, Valet Parking \$16 daily for valet and City Park Ramp for self-park at \$11 daily adjacent to hotel.

Airport Shuttle: Free hotel shuttle from airport. Teams must contact AJ Joseph at josephaj1@aol.com by July 1, 2011

West Des Moines Hotels:

Marriott West Des Moines (8 miles from Iowa Events Center)

1250 Jordan Creek Parkway

West Des Moines, IA 50266

Room Rate: **\$115.00** (plus tax for Single-Quad occupancy) July 21-July 29, 2012
Block: 30 Queen/Queen rooms
Reservations: 515-457-3229 (**USAV HP Championships** rate)
Contact for Teams: Laura Warner
Cut-off Date: June 14, 2012
Hotel Amenities: Free parking, indoor pool, free wireless internet, self-service laundry
Airport Shuttle: Free hotel shuttle from airport. Teams must contact AJ Joseph at josephaj1@aol.com by July 1, 2011

Sheraton West Des Moines (8 miles from Iowa Events Center)

1800 50th Street

West Des Moines, IA 50266

Room Rate: **\$119.00** (plus tax for Single-Quad occupancy) July 21-July 29, 2012
Block: 20 Double/Double and 20 King w/sofa bed rooms
Reservations: 515-223-1800 (**USAV HP Championships** rate)
Contact for Teams: Nancy Leo
Cut-off Date: June 30, 2012
Hotel Amenities: Free parking, indoor pool, free wireless internet, self-service laundry
Airport Shuttle: Free hotel shuttle from airport. Teams must contact AJ Joseph at josephaj1@aol.com by July 1, 2011

Fairfield Inn and Suites West Des Moines (8 miles from Iowa Events Center)

7225 Vista Drive

West Des Moines, IA 50266

Room Rate: **\$109.00** (plus tax for Single-Quad occupancy) July 21-July 29, 2012
Block: 30 Queen/Queen rooms
Reservations: 515-225-6100 or 800-228-9290 (**Joseph Volleyball Camps** rate)
Contact for Teams: Mandee Sheesley
Cut-off Date: June 22, 2012
Hotel Amenities: Free parking, indoor pool, free wireless internet, self-service laundry
Airport Shuttle: Free hotel shuttle from airport. Teams must contact AJ Joseph at josephaj1@aol.com by July 1, 2011

Springhill Suites West Des Moines (8 miles from Iowa Events Center)

1236 Jordan Creek Parkway

West Des Moines, IA 50266

Room Rate: **\$109.00** (plus tax for Single-Quad occupancy) July 21-July 29, 2012
Block: 15 Queen/Queen Suites and 15 King w/sofa bed Suites
Reservations: 515-223-9005 or 800-228-9290 (**Joseph Volleyball Camps** rate)
Contact for Teams: Mandee Sheesley
Cut-off Date: June 22, 2012
Hotel Amenities: Free parking, indoor pool, free wireless internet, self-service laundry
Airport Shuttle: Free hotel shuttle from airport. Teams must contact AJ Joseph at josephaj1@aol.com by July 1, 2011

REGISTRATION, TEAM INFORMATION, ENTRY FEE

- No later than MARCH 1, 2012 for boys teams and APRIL 18, 2012 for girls teams, each region must enter the HP Championships tournament by filling out the registration form at <http://usavolleyball.allregistrations.com/VolunteerDetail.aspx/2012HPCsTeamRegistration>. After May 1, teams will be provided with procedures on how to submit rosters electronically. This will be due by approximately July 18, 2012. Changes can be made to this form at the Preliminary Inquiry.
- Again in 2012, we will allow girls' teams to enter as they choose for either the International Youth or National Youth Divisions. The maximum number of teams allowable in a division is 28. If a division is oversubscribed, teams will be dropped to National Youth division based on historical results for the HP Region program. Teams dropped from the International Youth to the National Youth tournament will be refunded the \$200 difference in entry fees.
- For USA Volleyball Region High Performance (RHP) programs:
 - If a RHP program decides to add a team after the deadlines above: If USA Volleyball can accommodate this change and an athlete is slated to be invited or has been invited to attend a USA program, we will proceed with the invitation and the athlete has the choice to attend HP Championships with a Region HP or USA team.
 - If a USA Volleyball region has a RHP program, USA Volleyball will only invite athletes to their Continental Team programs who are older than their oldest program. For example, if a RHP 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 or Women's Junior age group. If a RHP program decides to send a Girls' Youth team to HP Championships, only athletes in the Women's Junior age group will be eligible for our Continental teams.
- For International Teams:
 - Teams are required to provide a letter stating that the delegation is in good standing with their respective National Federation.
 - 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.
 - International teams are expected to have their own medical insurance coverage for all members of its delegation.
- ALL entry materials must be received in the USAV office no later than April 18, 2012 for girls' teams and March 1, 2012 for boys' teams. Entry fees are due NO LATER than May 1, 2012. The check should be payable to *USA Volleyball* and sent to :
 - USAV HP Championships
 - USA Volleyball
 - 715 South Circle Drive
 - Colorado Springs, CO 80910

Entry Fee per Division:

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL JUNIOR- \$1350

BOYS' INTERNATIONAL YOUTH- \$1350

GIRLS' INTERNATIONAL YOUTH- \$1350

GIRLS' NATIONAL YOUTH- \$1150

BOYS' NATIONAL- \$1150

BOYS' REGIONAL- \$1150

GIRLS' NATIONAL SELECT- \$1150

ENTRY FEE REFUND POLICY

Any team that is denied entry into the USA Volleyball HP Championships will receive a full refund.

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 deadline date.

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.

TEAM COMPOSITION

Each team may consist of:

- 16 players (maximum)
- Head Coach
- Assistant Coach (2 maximum)
- Athletic Trainer / Medical Staff
- Chaperone / Team Leader

OFFICIALS

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

Officials will be selected and assigned by an Officials Commission of USAV. Regions may make recommendations for officials from their region they would like to see invited.

- All referees will be housed at the Hyatt Place 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.

The officials and control committee will be housed at local hotels.

Specific communications regarding logistics, travel, etc. will be communicated directly to the event officials by a representative of the USAV Officials Division.

UNIFORMS

- PLAYERS
 - 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 **WHITE** uniforms)
 - 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 **6 inches (15 centimeters)** in height on the front and **8 inches (20 centimeters)** in height on the back of each jersey.
 - Numbers on the uniforms are limited to the numbers 1 – 19 inclusive.
 - Names on shirts are recommended but not required.
 - Numbers on shorts are recommended but not required.
 - Captains Bar on shirts is recommended but not required.

TEAM STAFF ON THE TEAM 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 t-shirts, hats, capris or jeans will not be allowed.
- The penalty for non-compliance of the dress code for team officials on the bench will be a loss of 10 points assessed during the first set of the match in which the infraction occurred.
- All staff on domestic team rosters must be IMPACT certified.

COMPETITION FORMAT

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.

MATCH PROTOCOL

1. 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.
2. 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).
3. Matches will not begin before the scheduled match time except as noted in #4 below.
4. 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.

TIE BREAKING PROCEDURES

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

PROTESTS

Protests of the playing rules during a set / match must be lodged prior to the next service. A protest shall be handled by:

International Divisions – Control Committee Jury comprised of
Control Committee President
Head Referee

National Divisions - a committee of one (1) to two (2) members, depending on the nature of the protest. The committee shall be composed of the following:

Head Referee: The National Rules Interpreter or designee (Head Referee for the Event)
Control Committee Member, or his / her designee

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 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 **[Judgment calls are NOT subject to protest.]**

- ◆ misinterpretation of a playing rule,
- ◆ 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.

AWARDS

- First Place in each age division will receive 15 individual awards.
- Second Place in each age division will receive 15 individual awards.
- Third Place in each age division will receive 15 individual awards.
 - The three International Divisions (Junior & Youth) will be awarded an 8-person All-Tournament Team including an MVP.
- 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.
- Disciplinary occurrences of any kind - be they off court or on court (sanctions) - may result in a player being deemed ineligible to receive an individual award.

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.

VOLLEYBALLS

The official volleyball of all divisions of the event will be the Molten V5M5000.

SPORTS MEDICINE

A taping / training area and athletic 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 athletic trainers' facility will be located in the facility in a central location.

EVENT MERCHANDISE

Event merchandise sales will be held in the facility during the USA Volleyball HP Championships.

ADMISSION

Admission for spectators to the event will be \$10 daily or a 5-day tournament pass may be purchased for \$38. Kids under 12 free.

PRELIMINARY INQUIRY

Teams will be scheduled a specific time for their Preliminary Inquiry (Team Check-In).

The team leader is the only team member required to attend the Preliminary Inquiry. It is highly suggested that the head coach also attend.

The following documents must be presented by each team at the Preliminary Inquiry on July 22 or 23, 2012, at the Iowa Events Center

- Medical release forms
- Samples of Captain's & Libero's Uniforms (if different from the Captain's uniforms)
- Hotel and team representative phone contact information
- Teams must have proof of DOB 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 Control Committee or USAV Staff.
- International Teams **ONLY** are required to have the USA Volleyball Foreign Team forms signed for all participants.

GENERAL TECHNICAL MEETING

The team leader and head coach are **required** to attend the General Technical Meeting.

Team representatives must be dressed in a coat and tie (or similar for formal representatives), matching team sweat outfits or team polo.

Other staff may attend but will be required to sit in a spectator seating area in the rear of the meeting room.

PENALTIES

The following penalties may be assessed for violation of requirements:

Violation	Penalty
Failure to attend Preliminary Inquiry Meeting	Loss of first set of next match
Failure to attend Technical Meeting	Loss of first set of next match
Improper Dress at Technical Meeting	Loss of first set of next match
Improper Bench Attire during match	Loss of 10 points to start the set
Incomplete Roster	\$50 or loss of first set
Late Roster	\$50 or loss of first set
Illegal uniform(s)	Loss of 15 points for first set of that match

OFFICIAL VOLLEYBALL RULES

- The competition will be played in accordance with FIVB Rules and Regulations. All necessary interpretations will be made before the competition during the Technical Meeting.
- The substitution rule for 2012 will again be the experimental FIVB U-6 (no limit on entry per player ; 6 substitutions per team and starting does not count as an entry).
- A technical timeout is at 13 points in sets 1-4. There are no technical timeouts in set 5.
- A team may designate up to 2 liberos for a given match. The libero rule will remain except if two liberos are designated, either will be able to enter the match with a limit of only one in the match at a given time.
- If a team roster consists of more than 12 players, the coach must designate the 12 players who would be eligible to participate in that match. This designation must take place at the beginning of the official warm-up. If two liberos are designated, they count toward the limit of 12 persons designated for a match.