



Boys' Bid Tournament Manual

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INTRODUCTION

GOAL

The goal of USA Volleyball (USAV), which is recognized by the United States Olympic Committee as the National Governing Body for volleyball, and the Junior Assembly of USA Volleyball (JA) is to determine, through competition, the strongest teams in the country while continuing to support the growth and development of the Boys' program as a whole. A Bid Tournament structure has been implemented to aid in determining the strong teams—those who will be offered bids into the Open Division of the USA Volleyball Boys Junior National Championships (BJNC), formerly known as the USA Boys' Junior Olympic Volleyball Championships (BJOVC). A secondary goal of the bid tournaments is to introduce new divisions to the BJNC, such as the USA Division.

PURPOSE

The USA Volleyball (USAV) Boys' Championship Manual (CM) is intended to be a resource for those organizations currently hosting one of the USA Volleyball Boys' Bid Tournaments (Bid Tournaments) and for those organizations whose teams attend the Bid Tournaments.

The Bid Tournaments are sanctioned by USAV and must operate under parameters set by USAV. Those parts of the Bid Tournaments that impact play and, thus, entry into the USA Volleyball Boys' Junior National Championships (BJNC) must adhere to standards established in this Manual. The primary purpose of this Manual is to publish the standards established by USA Volleyball through recommendations from the Junior Assembly (JA), USAV Events Department (USAV Events Department) and sanctioned Bid Tournament Directors (BTD).

The secondary purpose of the Manual is to explain the process of "qualifying" to play at the BJNC.

Note: This Manual only applies to the junior Boys' divisions of USAV

CHANGING THE MANUAL

The CM is a USAV corporate document. Only the USAV Director of Events may authorize changes, deletions and additions to this CM and to the qualifying process itself.

Suggestions to change the CM and the qualifying process can come from the USAV Junior Assembly (JA), USAV Commissions, USAV Events Department (Events Department), the National Boys Bid Tournament Directors (BTD) or the USAV Regional Volleyball Association Assembly (RVAA). Suggested changes must be submitted to USA Volleyball no later than July 1st to follow a review process in order to be approved; changes that have monetary or legal significance may require a review by the BTDs. Once a suggested change is approved, the implementation may take up to two full seasons.

The Events Department annually updates the CM and distributes an electronic copy of the updated version to each BTD for review. The Events Department will post the updated CM on the USAV website, no later than October 1st of each year.

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

BCC: Boys' Competition Committee

Bid: A Bid is an invitation to a Team to play in the BJNCs through a Boys Bid Tournament (BBT) or At-Large bid process. To use the Bid, a Team must meet all entry deadlines and other requirements set by the USAV national office.

At-Large Bid: A BJNC Bid awarded in the Open or USA Division upon the completion of the Qualifier Season by the BJNC Seeding Committee based on performance during that season, in relation to other non-qualified Teams in that age group.

Trickle-Down Bid: A BJNC Bid awarded at a BBT to a Team finishing lower than a usual Bid award position. This happens in some situations when a higher finishing Team has previously accepted a BJNC Bid from another BBT or a Bid is declined.

BJNC: Boys Junior National Championships

BBT: Boys' Bid Tournament

BTD: Bid Tournament Director

CM: Championship Manual

Event: Multiple Tournaments or activities associated within the same title, Sanction and host organization

Frozen Player: A player who is restricted from participating on the roster of another Team. The specifics of the "Frozen Player" are numerous. (Please see [Frozen Player Rule](#)).

JA: Junior Assembly of USA Volleyball

Match: A head-to-head competition between two (2) Teams within a specified round of a Tournament. While typically two (2) sets out of three (3), some Matches may also involve an automatic three (3) sets, or simply one (1) set (used in Tie breaking situations).

Qualifying Match: A Match that "qualifies" a Team for the BJNCs.

Seeding Match: A non-elimination Match meant to place or "seed" Teams into the next round of play.

Open Division: The first-tier division for 14's – 18's of the BJNCs where Teams must obtain a bid to participate

Playing Surface: Area deemed as "playable" by the [USAV 2017 – 2019 Domestic Competition Regulations](#) for that court.

Region: One of 40 established member organizations of USAV governing a specific geographical area.

Round of play: A specified segment of a Tournament (typically a pool or playoff bracket). Tie breaker competition is NOT considered a round of play. Team

Sanction: Recognition and coverage of a given Event, and/or Tournament within an Event, by either a Region of USAV or the National Office.

Second Warm Up Period: Start of receiving Team's warm-up.

Seeding: The order in which Teams are ranked to begin a Tournament.

Seeding Committee: A committee designated by the USAV Events Department consisting of 4-7 USAV members in good standing. Seeding Committee members are responsible for Seeding of all divisions at the BJNCs, Open Divisions of BBTs (if requested by BBT Tournament Director) and selection of At-Large Bids for BJNC.

Team: A minimum of six (6) rostered players and a maximum of fifteen (15), who are members in good standing of USAV and at least one (1) coach who is a member in good standing of USAV, IMPACT certified, SafeSport trained, and has successfully passed a USAV background screen. All additional rostered staff up to five (5) total, must meet the respected requirements to their position.

Tie: When two (2) or more Teams end pool play with identical Match records.

Tie Break: Method by which a Ties after pool play has concluded, are given a ranked order of finish to either advance to the next round of play or be placed into a competitive Tie breaking Match or series of Matches.

Tournament: Competition of a specific group of Teams (i.e. Boys 16's Open Tournament) that could also be known as a "Championship."

USA Division: The second-tier division for 16's – 18's of the BJNCs where Teams must obtain a bid to participate.

USAV: USA Volleyball



CHAPTER 1: PARTICIPANTS

USA VOLLEYBALL JUNIOR PLAYER AGE DEFINITION

For use during the 2018-2019 Season

Once a player participates (including but not limited to practicing, training, attending workouts and/or competing) in a club or varsity program for any university, college, community college, or junior college, he/she is ineligible to take part in any regional and national programming, which includes but is not limited to national JNC qualifying and championship events.

The Age Definition Policy was most recently revised by the USA Volleyball Board of Directors on January 19, 2002.

The classification cut-off date of September 1 was reviewed by the USAV Junior Assembly and the USA Regional Volleyball Association Assembly prior and during the USAV 2016 Annual Meetings and research justified the continuation of the cut-off date of September 1.

To determine the correct age division, please find the Month of Birth in the left column and then the year of birth in the same row. The heading of the column matching the Year of Birth is the correct age bracket.

	18U1	18U	17U	16U	15U	14U	13U	12U
Sept	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Oct	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Nov	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Dec	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Jan	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Feb	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Mar	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Apr	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
May	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
June	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
July	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Aug	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
¹ Players who were born on or after September 1, 2000 <u>OR</u> players who were born on or after September 1, 1999 <u>and</u> a high school student in the twelfth (12 th) grade or below during some part of the current academic year.								
² Male Only - Players who were born on or after September 1, 2004 <u>OR</u> players who were born on or after September 1, 2003 (15 years or younger) who shall neither have completed nor are in a grade higher than the eighth (8 th) grade during the current academic year are eligible to play in the 14 & Under division . This exception is based on the net height difference of 7'4 1/8" to 7' 11 5/8" between the 14 and Under Division to the 15 and Under Division.								

Boys 14 and Under Division:

Regionally waived boys teams in the 14 and under age group will be allowed to participate at the USA Junior National Championships using the following age/grade definition:

Players who were born on or after September 1, 2004

or

Players who were born on or after September 1, 2003 (15 years or younger) who shall neither have completed nor are in a grade higher than the eighth grade (8th) during the current academic year. (This exception is based on the net height difference of 7'4 1/8" to 7' 11 5/8" between the 14 and Under Division to the 15 and Under Division.)

Note: These age definitions are used by domestic club programs and are NOT the same as the age definitions for the International and Domestic High Performance programs for 2019.

BJNC DIVISIONS OF PLAY - OPEN, USA, & CLUB

There are three (3) major divisions of play at BJNC – Open Divisions, USA Divisions, and the Club Divisions.

The goal of the BJNC **Open Divisions** is to identify, through competition, the best Team in each BJNC age group from among Teams (see chart below) that have earned Bids. The BBT Open Divisions are designed to select those Teams.

- To participate in an Open Division at the BJNC, a Team must earn a bid from participating in an BBT Open Division – either winning the bid outright at an BBT or being selected for an At-Large Bid after competing in a BBT Open Division (see [Open At-Large Bids](#)).

The goal of the BJNC **USA Divisions** is to create more opportunities for teams to play, to provide a second qualification division at the BJNC, and create more manageable field sizes between the Club and USA divisions at the BJNC.

- To participate in a USA Division at the BJNC, a Team must earn a bid from participating in an BBT USA Division – either winning the bid outright at an BBT or being selected for an At-Large Bid after competing in a BBT Open or USA Division (see [Open At-Large Bids](#)).

The goal of the BJNC Club **Divisions** is to allow opportunity for Teams to participate at the BJNC without following the qualification process.

- Teams must follow the established process to participate in this division

Age Classification, Divisions & Team Entries

Currently, there is a BJNC tournament for each of the following age divisions:

	18 & Under	17 & Under	16 & Under	15 & Under	14 & Under	13 & Under	12 & Under
Open Division	42 Teams	42 Teams	42 Teams	36 Teams	36 Teams		
USA Division	32 Teams	24 Teams	32 Teams				
Club Division*	64 Teams	48 Teams	64 Teams	32 Teams	32 Teams	24 Teams	16 Teams

*Club Divisions will have a soft cap of the number listed above, but may accept additional Teams in a Tournament, in multiples of 4 Teams, dependent on available court space.

Note: Not all Bid Tournaments host all age divisions. Some Bid Tournaments host competition in age divisions that do not currently have a Junior National Championship (for example, 10 & Under).

STRUCTURE OF THE QUALIFYING PROCESS

Bid Tournaments – Stepping Stones to the BJNC

The primary purpose of the Bid Tournaments is to determine, through Tournament competition, which teams in various age groups will qualify to play in the Open and USA Divisions at the BJNC. Tournament play at the Bid Tournaments is divided into Open divisions and USA divisions. Some Bid Tournaments may opt to offer a non-bid division named Club.

Note: This Manual applies only to the qualifying process for the junior Boys' Open and USA Divisions of USAV. Although not all Open and USA Division teams that participate in the BJNC are chosen through the Bid Tournaments, the Bid Tournaments are the first rounds of the BJNC. As such, they are governed by USAV, with sanctioning by USAV rather than by the regions where they occur.

The secondary purposes of the Bid Tournaments are to:

- Promote inter-regional play.
- Provide a high level of competition for teams.
- Showcase junior talent for college recruiters and National Team programs.
- Promote the growth and development of volleyball in a particular geographic area.
- Provide a training ground for officials.

Currently, there are nine (9) Bid Tournaments: Boys' Atlantic Northeastern Tournament, Boys' East Coast Championships, Boys' Winter Volleyball Championships, Florida Fest, Dennis Lafata Gateway Boys' Festival, Molten Can-Am, No Dinx/NCVA Boys' Bid Tournament, SCVA Junior Boys' Invitational, and the Southwest Boys Classic.

USAV ROLE IN THE BOYS' BID QUALIFICATION PROCESS

The USAV Events Department, in consultation and coordination with the appropriate committee(s) will develop, standardize, implement, evaluate and oversee the qualification process for the BJNC. Within the USAV Events Department, the committee(s) will assist in monitoring the qualifying process each season through so that it can recommend changes and improvements in the process.

The USAV Events Department, will:

- Determine the process by which Teams are accepted or denied entry into a BBT division
- Have final approval of all formats used at Bid Tournaments.
- Approve the Bid Tournament schedule grid.
- Have final approval of the seeding of "bid offering" division age groups at Boys' Bid Tournaments.
- Have final approval of the seeding of all divisions of the BJNC, based on the initial seeding of the Boys' Competition Committee (BCC).
- Have final approval of at-large bids selected for the BJNC, based on the recommendation of the BCC.
- Approve all seeding changes made more than 72 hours prior to the start of the first day of the Event.
- Recommend qualifying process improvements to the Junior Assembly, Region Assembly and the BBTs.
- Publish the BJNC division flowcharts through the USAV website three days prior to the event.

Eligibility

For a team to be eligible for any bid, that team must have completed all entry requirements for the BJNC. If a team has not met the BJNC entry requirements by the deadline date and has previously accepted the bid, that team is no longer eligible for entry and may be subject to additional penalties. **No leniency will be given on the JNC entry deadlines! Missed entry deadlines will result in the loss of the bid.** Please refer to the BJNC Pre Tournament Manual for specific deadlines and information.

Note: Not all Bid Tournaments host all age divisions. Some Bid Tournaments host competition in age divisions that do not currently have a Junior National Championship (for example, 10 & Under).

BJNC BID PROCESS

Bid Tournaments and Bids

Each of the following Bid Tournaments will be allocated a specific number of bids to award based on the number of teams entered in each age division. To award Open and USA bids, the Bid Tournament must offer single age group divisions in all divisions that are offered at the BJNC. In addition, Open and USA bids will only be awarded at bid events in age divisions that are held over a minimum of two days. The following grid explains the total number of bids allocated for each event based on total number of teams attending in a field.

Bid Tournament	Max# Open Bids	Max# USA Bids	Bid Tournament	Max# Open Bids	Max# USA Bids
Boys' Atlantic Northeastern Tournament	3	3	Molten Can-Am	3	2 - 16s and 18s 1 - 17s
Boys' Winter Championships	10 – 16s-18s 9 – 14s-15s	6 - 16s and 18s 4 - 17s	No Dinx/NCVA Boys' Bid Tournament	3	3
Dennis Lafata Gateway Boys' Festival	5 – 16s-18s 3 – 14s-15s	4	SCVA Junior Boys' Invitational	10 – 16-18s 9 – 14-15s	6 - 16s and 18s 4 - 17s
Boys' East Coast Championships	2 – 14-15s 3 – 16-18s	2	Southwest Boys Classic	1	2
Florida Fest	3 – 16-18s 1 – 14-15s	2 - 16s and 18s 1 – 17s	PUR & HI At-Large*	1 – 14-15s	n/a

**PUR and Hawaii given at-large bids to support grassroots and reduce travel for younger teams. Neither territory is considered a sanctioned bid tournament. See Open At-Large criteria for more information.*

The number of teams entered in an age division at the entry deadline or the number of teams in an age division at the start of the event, whichever is greater, will be the number used to determine how many bids a Boys' Bid Tournament will receive up to the maximum allocated to that event, per the following table:

Max # of Bids Awarded in Each Division	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Min # of Teams in Field	8	12	16	20	22	26	28	32	36	42

The above is subject to annual review and modification by the USA Volleyball Events Department.

Open Division Bids

- In the Bid Tournaments, Open bids will be offered to the teams that finish the competition in a bid award position. See Table below for the furthest a bid may trickle down based on number of Open teams entered in the division (NOTE: Combining Open and Club Divisions does not apply to this table):

Max # of Bids Awarded	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
# Teams = 5-7*	2nd	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
# Teams = 8-10	3rd	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
# Teams = 11-12	4th	4th	3rd	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
# Teams = 13-15	n/a	5th	4th	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
# Teams = 16-20	n/a	6th	6th	6th	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
# Teams = 21-24	n/a	8th	8th	8th	10th	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
# Teams = 25-28	n/a	10th	10th	10th	12th	12th	12th	n/a	n/a	n/a
# Teams = 29-31	n/a	12th	12th	12th	14th	14th	14th	n/a	n/a	n/a
# Teams = 32-41	n/a	14th	14th	14th	16th	16th	16th	16th	16th	n/a
# Teams = 42 & up	n/a	16th	16th	16th	18th	18th	18th	18th	18th	18th

*special field size—can only be approved by USAV, otherwise the minimum starts at 8 teams

- Bids must be accepted or denied at the time the bid is awarded by the tournament director. Bids not awarded at the Bid Tournament will revert to the Open At-large pool.
- If a team finishes in a bid award position and declines the bid, that team will not be eligible for at-large consideration.
- To compete in an Open division at the BJNC a team must earn a bid at a Bid Tournament or be awarded a bid through the at-large process. To be considered for an at-large bid to the BJNC, a team must enter the event through the approved USAV online registration system as an Open team and submit complete and accurate results by all posted deadlines. In the absence of such results, a letter of explanation addressing the reason(s) why such results are not available, and reason(s) why the team should be considered for an at-large bid. The letter is to be submitted to the USAV Events Department by the entry deadline. Please see the current BJNC Pre-Tournament Manual for deadlines and other information (www.usavolleyball.org).

USA Division Bids

- In the Bid Tournaments, USA bids will be offered to the teams that finish the competition in a bid award position. See Table below for the furthest a bid may trickle down based on number of USA teams entered in the division (NOTE: Combining USA and Club Divisions does not apply to this table):

Max # of Bids Awarded	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
# Teams = 5-7*	2nd	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
# Teams = 8-10	3rd	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
# Teams = 11-12	4th	4th	3rd	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
# Teams = 13-15	n/a	5th	4th	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
# Teams = 16-20	n/a	6th	6th	6th	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
# Teams = 21-24	n/a	8th	8th	8th	10th	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
# Teams = 25-28	n/a	10th	10th	10th	12th	12th	12th	n/a	n/a	n/a
# Teams = 29-31	n/a	12th	12th	12th	14th	14th	14th	n/a	n/a	n/a
# Teams = 32-41	n/a	14th	14th	14th	16th	16th	16th	16th	16th	n/a
# Teams = 42 & up	n/a	16th	16th	16th	18th	18th	18th	18th	18th	18th

*special field size—can only be approved by USAV, otherwise the minimum starts at 8 teams

At ALL Bid Tournaments, the USA Division will be offered for the 16s, 17s and 18s age groups.

- Each Bid Tournament will receive a minimum of one (1) USA bid to award, provided they have a minimum of eight (8) teams registered in the division. A team must accept or reject a USA bid in writing upon earning the bid. If rejected, the bid will trickle-down to the next eligible, highest finishing team, provided that the team finished no lower than eighth (8th) place in the tournament

- Should either division fail to receive the minimum number of eight (8) registered teams, the divisions may be combined and will be called the Open Division.
 - In order for the combined Open Division to retain both bids, the division must have a minimum of twelve (12) registered teams.
 - If the combined Open Division has less than twelve (12) registered teams, the BBT will award only one (1) Open bid.
- Bids must be accepted or denied at the time the bid is awarded by the tournament director. Bids not awarded at the Bid Tournament will revert to the USA At-large pool.
- If a team finishes in a bid award position and declines the bid, that team will not be eligible for at-large consideration.
- To compete in an USA division at the BJNC a team must earn a bid at a Bid Tournament or be awarded a bid through the at-large process. To be considered for an at-large bid to the BJNC, a team must enter the event through the approved USAV online registration system as an USA team, and submit complete and accurate results by all posted deadlines. In the absence of such results, a letter of explanation addressing the reason(s) why such results are not available, and reason(s) why the team should be considered for an at-large bid. The letter is to be submitted to the USAV Events Department by the entry deadline. Please see the current BJNC Pre-Tournament Manual for deadlines and other information (www.usavolleyball.org). The teams awarded the at-large bids will be selected by the BCC with final approval of the USAV Events Department using the following criteria:

Open and USA At-Large Bids Awarded through USA Volleyball

To be considered for an at-large bid to the BJNC, a team must enter the event through the approved USAV online registration system as an Open or USA team, and submit complete and accurate results by all posted deadlines. In the absence of such results, a letter of explanation addressing the reason(s) why such results are not available, and reason(s) why the team should be considered for an at-large bid. The letter is to be submitted to the USAV Events Department by the entry deadline. Please see the current BJNC Pre-Tournament Manual for deadlines and other information (www.usavolleyball.org). The teams awarded the at-large bids will be selected by the BCC with final approval of the USAV Events Department using the following criteria:

1. Must have competed in at least one (1) bid tournament (in a bid division—Open OR USA)
2. Register your team in the desired At-Large division for the BJNC in AES and send payment and the entry form by the posted deadline (may not register for both Open & USA but if a team is not awarded an Open bid, it will be considered for USA).
3. Strength
4. Record against Qualified teams
5. Record against At Large applicants
6. Past year's BJNC finish of the rostered players
7. Date of entry

The BCC committee and the USAV Events Department will rank all Open At-Large and USA At-Large applicants together regardless of the division entered and assign bids by that agreed upon rank. Teams awarded an At-Large bid have up to three (3) business days to accept or decline the bid. If a team declines a bid, the declining bid will trickle down to the next team in rank order. If a team accepts a bid but does not participate in BJNC, the team is subject to sanctions for not using bids.

The BCC and USAV EVENTS DEPARTMENT reserve the right to accept as many or as few teams applying for an At-Large Bid to round out numbers and create even pool play.

Note: Any team that declines an Open or USA bid at a bid tournament will be ineligible for an at-large bid.

*In the Open Division(s) Hawaii and Puerto Rico will be given one (1) bid for the 14 and 15 & under age divisions. Each territory will award those bids to a team in each age division by any means they deem appropriate (i.e. a tournament or via an application process). Any other team wishing to receive a bid for the 14 or 15 & under age divisions must attend a bid tournament and apply for an At-Large bid if necessary. **If Hawaii or Puerto Rico choose to award the allotted bids via a tournament, that tournament is not considered a sanctioned USAV bid tournament and does not count towards the required criteria to be eligible to apply for an at-large bid.**

Announcement of At-large Bids

At-large bids must be announced by the USAV EVENTS DEPARTMENT no later than ten (10) business days after the BJNC at-large entry deadline. Teams awarded Open or USA division at-large bids will be notified via email from the USAV Events Department to the club director and coach who are listed on the Official Entry form and roster.

Rules of Priorities of Bid Use

Open bids supersede USA bids. A team earning and accepting an Open bid may not accept a USA bid at another event. If a Team previously accepted a USA Bid from BBT, the Team must use the Open Bid. A team earning and accepting a USA bid may apply for Open At-Large if all criteria has been met.

PENALTIES

To ensure the integrity of BJNCs and to promote fair play, it may be necessary for USAV to impose penalties. USAV will convene an Event committee to review each case and impose a proper penalty(ies) if warranted.

Factors that will be considered for establishing penalties:

- Compliancy with deadlines and requirements
- Time of notification from the start of BJNCs
- Previous club/member behavior
- Level of play (Open vs. USA)
- Severity of offense
- Age and Experience
- Region Input

Penalties for Not Using a Bid

It is disruptive to the quality of the Event when Bids are returned after being accepted. There are financial consequences, administrative challenges, and logistical delays for Teams, Region administrators and USAV personnel. Inevitably this takes opportunities away from other Teams participating in the qualification process.

A Team that does not use a BJNCs Open or USA bid which it has earned and accepted may be subject to the following penalties:

- Financial Penalties
 - Payment of entry fee (if a team returns a bid at least 30 days prior to the start of BJNC) OR entry fee plus \$1,000 fine (if a team returns a bid within 30 days of the start of BJNC).
 - If the payment is not received for the BJNC Event Entry Fee and/or fines, the club director(s), coaches affiliated with official qualification roster will be prohibited from participating in BBTs and BJNC until the fee is paid in full. Further legal actions may be taken to ensure payment is received.

- Suspension of Participation:
 - Club Director suspended from participation in all BBTs and BJNCs for the remainder of the season and the following season.
 - Head Coach listed on the official qualification roster suspended from participation in all BBTs and BJNCs for the remainder of the season and the following season.
 - All members listed on the official qualification roster suspended from participation in all BBTs and BJNCs for the remainder of the season and the following season.
 - Specific age group from club suspended from participation in all BBTs and BJNCs for the remainder of the season and the following season.
 - Club or specific suspended from participation in all BBTs and BJNCs for the remainder of the season and the following season.
 - All suspensions will be published and updated on the USAV website.

Additional Penalties:

- USAV reserves the right to impose additional penalties as deemed necessary.

Regions reserve the right to impose additional penalties to Clubs and/or Teams within their Region.

Penalties for Illegal Use of Bid

If a Team is deemed ineligible or have ineligible participants (age falsification, frozen player, foreign participation, ethics/eligibility, SafeSport violations etc.) the following penalties may be applied:

- Financial Penalties:
 - Loss of entry fee and a \$2,500 fine.
 - If the payment is not received for the BJNC Event entry fee and/or fines, the club director(s), coaches affiliated with official qualification roster will be prohibited from participating in BBTs and BJNC until the fee is paid in full. Further legal actions may be taken to ensure payment is received.
- Suspension of Participation:
 - Club Director suspended from participation in all BBTs and BJNCs for the remainder of the season and the following season.
 - Head Coach listed on the official qualification roster suspended from participation in all BBTs and BJNCs for the remainder of the season and the following season.
 - All members listed on the official qualification roster suspended from participation in all BBTs and BJNC for the remainder of the season and the following season.
 - Specific age group from club suspended from participation in all BBTs and BJNCs for the remainder of the season and the following season.
 - Club or specific suspended from participation in all BBTs and BJNCs for the remainder of the season and the following season.
 - Suspended membership or probation.
 - All suspensions will be published and updated on the USAV website.
- Additional Penalties:
 - Revocation of past awards, winnings and titles.

- USAV reserves the right to impose additional penalties as deemed necessary (see [USA Volleyball Age and Identity Falsification Policy](#))

Regions reserve the right to impose additional penalties to Clubs and/or Teams within their Region.

Appeals

When a penalty(ies) is imposed on a club/Team/individual by USAV, they may file for an appeal. Appeals may be filed with the USAV Ethics and Eligibility Committee by sending all relevant documentation to the USAV Staff Attorney by deadlines outlined in the initial Sanction letter. All appeals shall be accompanied by a non-refundable \$100 fee made payable to USA Volleyball.

BID TOURNAMENTS

All Bid Tournaments must adhere to the same competitive format standards when conducting their events. The information in this section of the Bid Tournament Manual applies to *all* Bid Tournaments.

Match Formats

All matches, including bid playoff matches, will be the best 2-out-of-3 sets. The first two sets will be played to 25 points using rally scoring, with one team winning by two points and no point cap. If a third game is necessary, the third game will be played to 15 points using rally scoring, with one team winning by two points and no point cap. USAV rules apply. (Note: Round 1 3-team pools may play 3 sets to 25.)

Tournament Formats

The Tournament format determines the number of pools in a division, the number of teams in each pool and the sequence of play, from pool play through playoffs. A Tournament “flow chart” illustrates the sequence of the format components. The USAV Events Department with input from the BCC will approve the Tournament formats and flow charts for Bid Tournaments according to the number of teams in a division. The ideal format is to create pools of four teams, but, depending on the number of teams in a division, may create pools of three or five.

A final pool finish will be determined first by match results and then followed by game percentage. A “round” is one complete pool for a division.

For a 2-day event, five (5) matches or the equivalent number of sets are guaranteed, and a 3-day event will guarantee seven (7) matches or the equivalent number of sets.

Division Formats

- If additional playoff matches are necessary to award a trickle-down bid(s), teams will hold their earned playoff bracket seed going into the new playoff bracket. For more information on Bid Playoffs, go to page 14.

POOL PLAY SEQUENCES

All pool play will follow the sequence listed below unless otherwise approved by the USAV Events Department:

Round	Four-Team Pools	Three-Team Pools	Five-Team Pools on 2 courts
Match 1	1 vs. 3 (ref 2)	1 vs. 3 (ref 2)	1 vs. 5 and 2 vs. 4 (ref 3)
Match 2	2 vs. 4 (ref 1)	2 vs. 3 (ref 1)	1 vs. 4 and 2 vs. 3 (ref 5)
Match 3	1 vs. 4 (ref 3)	1 vs. 2 (ref 3)	Break
Match 4	2 vs. 3 (ref 1)		1 vs. 3 and 4 vs. 5 (ref 2)

Match 5	3 vs. 4 (ref 2)		2 vs. 5 and 3 vs. 4 (ref 1)
Match 6	1 vs. 2 (ref 4)		1 vs. 2 and 3 vs. 5 (ref 4)

In a 3-team pool, where 3 sets to 25 are played and the final finish in the pool is determined by game percentage, there will be a coin flip between sets two and three to determine side, serve, and receive and teams switch sides at 13.

Additional Options:

Two Four-Team Pools (A & B) on 2 Courts		Five-Team Pools on 2 courts
A 1 vs. 3 (ref B3)	A 2 vs. 4 (ref B2)	2 vs. 5 and 1 vs. 4 (ref 3)
B 1 vs. 3 (ref A3)	B 2 vs. 4 (ref A4)	3 vs. 5 and 2 vs. 4 (ref 1)
A 2 vs. 3 (ref B3)	A 1 vs. 4 (ref B4)	30 Minute Break
B 2 vs. 3 (ref A2)	B 1 vs. 4 (ref A4)	1 vs. 3 and 4 vs. 5 (ref 2)
A 1 vs. 2 (ref B4)	A 3 vs. 4 (ref B1)	2 vs. 3 and 1 vs. 5 (ref 4)
B 3 vs. 4 (ref A1)	B 1 vs. 2 (ref A3)	30 Minute Break
		3 vs. 4 and 1 vs. 2 (ref 5)

PLAYING SCHEDULES

- All matches will be scheduled one (1) hour apart. Some pools may play on two days to complete the pool (e.g. begin play one day in the evening and finish the next morning).
- The first match of a pool may not begin before its scheduled time. Within a pool and after the first match, a match may begin up to 15 minutes before the scheduled starting time, provided the two teams competing, the officials, work team and the Tournament staff all agree to it and there is sufficient time for the warm-up protocol.
- The last match of a pool may begin more than 15 minutes ahead of schedule provided the two teams competing, the officials and the Tournament staff all agree to it and there is sufficient time for the warm-up protocol.
- Bid Tournament Directors can allow matches to proceed ahead of the published schedule after the second round in pool play. All teams involved must be present and agree.

COURT USE

- A Bid Tournament may schedule no more than 13 matches on a court in one day, unless otherwise approved by the USAV Events Department. Tie-breaking sets will not count as scheduled matches.
- Matches may not be scheduled to begin later than 9:00 p.m. with an 8:00 a.m. start or 9:30 p.m. with an 8:30 a.m. start.
- If a division is larger than 64 teams, the first round of playoffs can be scheduled for the second day. Teams must still be given a minimum of one (1) match on the third day.

WARM-UP PROTOCOL

The warm-up schedule (2-4-4) for all matches will consist of:

- Two (2) minutes of shared court time for ball handling;
- Four (4) minutes of exclusive court time for the serving team; and
- Four (4) minutes of exclusive court time for the receiving team.
- There will be no shared hitting time.
- Officials should inform spectators to leave the end lines during warm-ups to reduce injuries to spectators.
- By rule, when one team has exclusive use of the court, the other team must be at their bench; they may not use balls or be in spectator areas.
 - Note, helping to shag balls for the other team during their warm-up period is permitted and encouraged.

ADDITIONAL TOURNAMENT PROCEDURES

- Match scores and pool results (electronic or printed) should be posted in a central, public place as quickly as possible. Spectators and participants usually appreciate postings in additional sites.
- Playing schedules (electronic or printed) should be posted in a central, public place.
- Corrections to any of the printed materials should be posted in a central, public place. Corrections on electronic materials should be noted on the site.

Bid Tournament staff should be available to answer questions from attendees and participants.

ON-SITE REGISTRATION (CHECK-IN) AND ROSTER VERIFICATION

- Prior to beginning play, a coach, team representative or club director must confirm a team's presence at the Tournament by signing the roster. The signing agent is verifying that all the information contained on the roster is both complete and correct. Including all coaches listed on the roster (Head and Assistant(s)) possess a minimum coaching certification level of IMPACT (Entry Level) or equivalent if on a Foreign Team. No roster additions (players or coaches) may be added at a Bid Tournament once a team has commenced match play in that event.
- The signing agent assumes all responsibility for the organization (club) and for any consequence if the roster information is false or incorrect.
- The signing agent confirms all rostered player medical release forms are present and available in the event of an emergency.
- The players for any team earning a bid will be frozen as submitted at registration (Frozen Player Rule). The Bid Tournament will send a copy of this roster to the Events Department following the conclusion of the Bid Tournament as the team's official roster for the BJNC. The team's roster will be posted on the USAV website in concert with the Bid Tournament rankings for each age group.
- For any BJNC event, 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.
- All rostered event participants (players and staff) must be verified by the Bid Tournament as being currently registered with USAV. Foreign Teams must submit(ted) all required paperwork.
- All adults participating in the Event must be verified by the Bid Tournament as having passed the USAV-approved background screen. Foreign Teams are exempt.
- All adults participating in the Event must be verified by the Bid Tournament as having completed SafeSport training. Foreign Teams are exempt.

SAFESPORT

Participation in nationally sanctioned events will require that SafeSport training be completed by all registered adults (note, foreign teams are exempt but we strongly recommend you take the course). Individual regions may set earlier deadlines for their respective regional events.

SAFESPORT TRAINING REQUIREMENT:

SafeSport certification is required for those having frequent contact or authority over athletes. Regions may set earlier deadlines for their respective regional events.

To register for SafeSport training:

1. Go to <https://webpoint.usavolleyball.org/>.
2. If you are a new user, click on the "request a login" tab otherwise log in to your USAV account.
3. In the navigation menu, click on USAV Clinics and select either USAV Coaching Clinics.
4. Select SafeSport On-Demand: Two-Season Certification.
5. Complete registration.
6. To access coursework, click on the **Log into USAV Academy** button.

Should you need to return to your coursework at a later time, log in to your USAV account and click on the **Log into USAV Academy** button.

For technical issues, while completing the course, please visit: <http://help.usavolleyballacademy.org/>.

TIE-BREAKING PROCEDURES

At the conclusion of all rounds of pool play, teams in the pool will be ranked according to their match records. If a tie in match records exists among two or more teams, tie(s) will be broken using the USA JNC National Tie Break Formats. The following rules apply to all tie-breaking situations:

- All tie-breaking sets will be played to 25 points, with one team winning by two points and no point cap.
- Teams will switch sides at point 13.
- In a tie breaker situation of three teams or more, if any team leaves the site, the remaining teams will play for position, if necessary. The team(s) that left will be placed lower than the team(s) that remained.
- No time will be given to any team to be located and return to the court. It is the responsibility of the Teams administration to be aware of the potential status of the pool finish. All teams must be present courtside.
- The position of all teams not present on site will be decided following the tie breaker procedure as it pertains to the pool and advancing positions available.
- In pools where no team can advance to win a bid, there will be *no* tie-breaking sets. Ties among teams will be broken as follows:
 - 1) If two teams are tied in match record, the team winning the Head-to-Head match wins the tie and finishes in the higher position in the pool.
 - 2) If three or more teams are tied in match record, the tie will be broken using the following steps in order, without repeating any step (Head-to-Head results will not be used at any time in the process for breaking a three-way tie):
 - a. Compare Set (Set) percentage (determined by dividing each team's total sets won in the pool by the total sets played). The team with the highest percentage is first. If some or all the teams have the same percentage, then:
 - b) Compare Point percentage of the teams still tied (determined by dividing each team's total points scored by the total points scored by all the team's opponents in that pool). Of the teams still tied, the team with the highest percentage has either the highest or the second highest finish in the pool (depending on the outcome of Step 1). If two or more teams are still tied, then:
 - c) Coin toss.

TWO-WAY TIES (TWO TEAMS TIED IN MATCH RECORD)

The first-place team will be the team that won the pool play match between the two tied teams (head-to-head). This procedure will be used for *all* two-way ties, even when there is an opportunity to win a bid. The rationale is that the tied teams have already determined the better team through head-to-head competition.

THREE-WAY TIES (THREE TEAMS TIED IN MATCH RECORD)

There are several situations in which three-ways ties can occur. The resolution for each tie-breaking situation depends on (Head-to-Head results will not be used at any time in the process for breaking a three-way tie):

- The number of teams that will advance from the pool.
- Which pool placement finish is at stake for the tied teams?

Scenario One

No. Teams Advancing	Pool Finish	Applications
1	First place	4-team pools: All teams have 2-1 match records 3-team pools: All teams have 1-1 match records

- All three teams will participate in tie-breaking sets. The *seeds* for the tie-breaking playoffs will be determined in this order:
 1. Compare Set (Set) percentage (determined by dividing each team's total sets won in the pool by the total sets played). The team with the highest percentage is first. If some or all the teams have the same percentage, then:
 2. Compare Point percentage of the teams still tied (determined by dividing each team's total points scored by the total points scored by all the team's opponents in that pool). Of the teams still tied, the team with the highest percentage

has either the highest or the second highest finish in the pool (depending on the outcome of Step 1). If two or more teams are still tied, then:

3. Coin toss.
- Set 1: the #2 seed will play the #3 seed and the #1 seed will officiate. The loser of Set 1 will be third place in the pool and will officiate the next tie-breaking set.
 - Set 2: the winner of Set 1 will play the #1 seed and the loser of Set 1 will officiate. The winner of Set 2 will be first in the pool and the loser will be second.
 - If one or more of the teams in a three-way tied pool leaves the site:
 - No time will be given to any team to be located and return to the court. It is the responsibility of the Teams administration to be aware of the potential status of the pool finish. All teams must be present courtside.
 - The position of all teams not present on site will be decided following the tie breaker procedure as it pertains to the pool and advancing positions available.
 - No other penalty will be applied and no tie-breaking set is played.

Scenario Two

No. Teams Advancing	Pool Finish	Applications
2	First place	4-team pools: All teams have 2-1 match records 3-team pools: All teams have 1-1 match records

- The *seeds* for the tie-breaking playoffs will be determined in this order:
 1. Compare Set (Set) percentage (determined by dividing each team’s total sets won in the pool by the total sets played). The team with the highest percentage is first. If some or all the teams have the same percentage, then:
 2. Compare Point percentage of the teams still tied (determined by dividing each team’s total points scored by the total points scored by all the team’s opponents in that pool). Of the teams still tied, the team with the highest percentage has either the highest or the second highest finish in the pool (depending on the outcome of Step 1). If two or more teams are still tied, then:
 3. Coin toss.
- The #1 seed does not have a playoff set. The #1 seed finishes first in the pool.
- The #2 seed will play the #3 seed and the #1 seed will officiate. The winner will be second place in the pool and the loser of this set will be third place in the pool.

If one or more of the teams in a three-way tied pool leaves the site:

- No time will be given to any team to be located and return to the court. It is the responsibility of the Teams administration to be aware of the potential status of the pool finish. All teams must be present courtside.
- The position of all teams not present on site will be decided following the tie breaker procedure as it pertains to the pool and advancing positions available.
- No other penalty will be applied and no tie-breaking set is played.

Scenario Three

No. Teams Advancing	Pool Finish	Applications
2	Second place	4-team pools: All teams have 1-2 match records

- All three teams will participate in tie-breaking sets. The *seeds* for the tie-breaking playoffs will be determined in this order:
 1. Compare Set (Set) percentage (determined by dividing each team’s total sets won in the pool by the total sets played).

The team with the highest percentage is first. If some or all the teams have the same percentage, then:

2. Compare Point percentage of the teams still tied (determined by dividing each team’s total points scored by the total points scored by all the team’s opponents in that pool). Of the teams still tied, the team with the highest percentage has either the highest or the second highest finish in the pool (depending on the outcome of Step 1). If two or more teams are still tied, then:
 3. Coin toss.
- Set 1: the #2 seed will play the #3 seed and the #1 seed will officiate. The loser of Set 1 will be fourth place in the pool and will officiate the next tie-breaking set.
 - Set 2: the winner of Set 1 will play the #1 seed and the loser of Set 1 will officiate. The winner of Set 2 will be second in the pool and the loser will be third.
 - If one or more of the teams in a three-way tied pool leaves the site:
 - No time will be given to any team to be located and return to the court. It is the responsibility of the Teams administration to be aware of the potential status of the pool finish. All teams must be present courtside.
 - The position of all teams not present on site will be decided following the tie breaker procedure as it pertains to the pool and advancing positions available.
 - No other penalty will be applied and no tie-breaking set is played.

Scenario Four

No. Teams Advancing	Pool Finish	Applications
3	Second place	4-team pools: All teams have 1-2 match records

- The *seeds* for the tie-breaking playoffs will be determined in this order:
 1. Compare Set (Set) percentage (determined by dividing each team’s total sets won in the pool by the total sets played). The team with the highest percentage is first. If some or all the teams have the same percentage, then:
 2. Compare Point percentage of the teams still tied (determined by dividing each team’s total points scored by the total points scored by all the team’s opponents in that pool). Of the teams still tied, the team with the highest percentage has either the highest or the second highest finish in the pool (depending on the outcome of Step 1). If two or more teams are still tied, then:
 3. Coin toss.
- The #1 seed does not have a playoff set. The #1 seed finishes second in the pool.
- The #2 seed will play the #3 seed and the #1 seed will officiate. The winner will be third place in the pool and the loser of this set will be fourth place in the pool.
- If one or more of the teams in a three-way tied pool leaves the site:
- No time will be given to any team to be located and return to the court. It is the responsibility of the Teams administration to be aware of the potential status of the pool finish. All teams must be present courtside.
- The position of all teams not present on site will be decided following the tie breaker procedure as it pertains to the pool and advancing positions available.
- No other penalty will be applied and no tie-breaking set is played.

Tie Breaking Procedure for 5 Team Pools

In an event where five (5) team pools are necessary and a multiple team Match tie occurs the following process will be followed:

Tie Breaker Set(s) are required for teams tied in Set% where one or more teams would be eliminated. If multiple teams are advancing out of the tie, then only the lowest spot will be played off. (i.e. teams may advance out of the tie without being involved in playing any tie breaker Sets, they may advance based on Point% or Coin Toss). The remaining teams are to be seeded by Point% then Coin Toss if necessary. Those teams will then be placed into a play-off set or bracket depending on the total number of teams still tied for a spot.

If one or more of the teams in a tied pool leaves the site:

- No time will be given to any team to be located and return to the court. It is the responsibility of the Teams administration to be aware of the potential status of the pool finish. All teams must be present courtside.
- The position of all teams not present on site will be decided following the tie breaker procedure as it pertains to the pool and advancing positions available.
- No other penalty will be applied and no tie-breaking set is played.

Non-elimination Scenarios

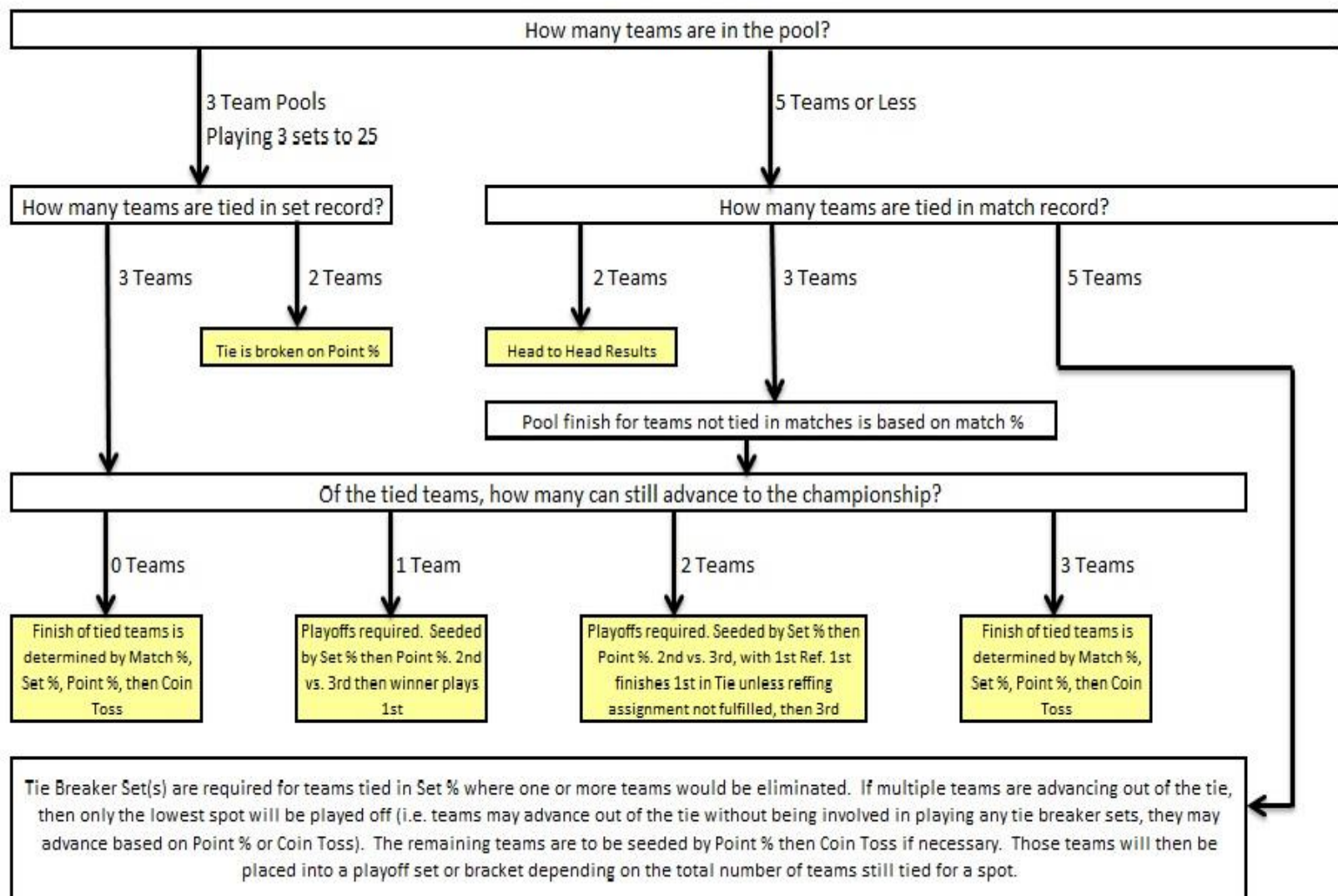
In pools where no team can advance to win a bid, there will be *no* tie-breaking sets. Ties among teams will be broken as follows:

1. If two teams are tied in match record, the team winning the Head-to-Head match wins the tie and finishes in the higher position in the pool.
2. If three or more teams are tied in match record, the tie will be broken using the following steps in order, without repeating any step (Head-to-Head results will not be used at any time in the process for breaking a three-way tie):
 - a. Compare Set percentage (determined by dividing each team's total sets won in the pool by the total sets played). The team with the highest percentage is first. If some or all the teams have the same percentage, then:
 - b. Compare Point percentage of the teams still tied (determined by dividing each team's total points scored by the total points scored by all the team's opponents in that pool). Of the teams still tied, the team with the highest percentage has either the highest or the second highest finish in the pool (depending on the outcome of Step 1)
3. If two or more teams are still tied, then:
 - a. Coin toss.

Pools of Six or More Teams

Pools of six or more teams are designed specifically for the BJNC event and not for Bid Tournaments. Tie-breaking procedures for pools of six or more will be posted in the Pre-Tournament Manual Information and in the Event Schedules.

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All tie-breaking sets will be played to 25 points, with one team winning by two points and no point cap.

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BID PLAYOFFS

Teams Not Eligible:

Teams that do NOT want a bid

Teams that already have a bid

Note: This information should be gathered prior to single elimination bracket play

Format

Single elimination bracket play (best 2-out-of-3 sets; the first two sets will be played to 25 points using rally scoring, with one team winning by two points and no point cap; If a third game is necessary, the third game will be played to 15 points using rally scoring, with one team winning by two points and no point cap).

Seeding

Teams will hold their earned playoff bracket seed going into the new bid playoff bracket.

Procedure

1. Determine how many bids are available
2. Determine trickle down (see Pages 6 and 7, Max Bids Awarded charts)
3. Determine number of eligible teams
4. Seed bracket based on earned playoff bracket seed
5. Single elimination bracket play until all bids are awarded or trickle down is exhausted

Possible Scenarios

# of Bids	# of Teams	Format	Notes
1	2 and more	Single Elim Bracket	
2	3	Special Playoff	#1 vs. #2, winner receives bid, loser plays #3
2	4 and more	Single Elim Bracket	
3	4	Single Elim Bracket	#1 vs. #4, #2 vs. #3, winners receive bids, losers play for 3 rd bid
4+	5 and more	Single Elim Bracket	

TEAM AND PLAYER POLICIES

Special Notes and Policies

- No artificial noise makers are permitted at any National Qualifier, Bid Tournament or National Championship.
- The test rules regarding what happens when an illegal player is found on the court will be in effect—see Rule Book for updated language (link above).

Playing up

A Team should play in the division that conforms to the USAV age requirements for the Team's players. The Team's 11 digit code stipulates its proper age division. If a Team desires to play up an age division AND there is space available without denying an entry position to an age appropriate Team that has met the entry requirements, the Team may play in an upper age division. A Team may play up a maximum of two age divisions (i.e. a 15's Team could only play up to 16's or 17's).

A Team may be moved up at the request of the Tournament, but if this Team is accepted in the proper age group, they must agree to the move. A Team unable to gain access may be offered the opportunity to play up by the Tournament.

TEAM FORFEITURES

A team that intentionally forfeits a match will be excluded from further participation in that Bid Tournament. If a team forfeits a match, the forfeit will be considered intentional unless the team shows good cause for the forfeit. The Bid Tournament Arbitrator will determine if good cause exists. The Bid Tournament will report any team that intentionally forfeits a match to the USAV Events Department.

If a team intentionally forfeits any matches due to choosing to leave a tournament early, and the Event Arbitrator deems no good cause exists for the forfeiture, the following penalties may be imposed by the tournament director or USAV:

- A fine to be paid to the Tournament Director equal to the cost of hiring certified officials for all the scheduled matches not played
- Suspension from that team or club's participation at that tournament for the following season (this would more likely be levied against repeat offenders)
- Possible suspension from participating at the BJNC for the current season

Last Day Forfeits

Teams that enter a BBT are committing to participating in the full Event. Teams have control over their travel plans and those plans should be made so that a Team will not have to forfeit any Matches.

A Team that forfeits a Match for any reason other than illness, injury or emergency is denying another Team a Match. Additionally, in a single elimination format, it is poor sportsmanship to deny a Team the right to move on by beating them and then forfeiting out of the Event. Furthermore, it is even more unacceptable to forfeit and then, as loser of the Match, not to remain and officiate the next Match.

Teams that have no flexibility in their travel plans and know they will need to leave before their division completes play will report to the Tournament Director no later than the end of play on the day prior to the final day of Tournament.

The Event Arbitrator with the input of the Tournament director will decide what forfeitures are needed. Teams forfeiting should recognize that additional penalties may be imposed.

- Teams that refuse to play a Match to determine 3rd and 4th place in the Tournament will both finish 4th, and there will be no 3rd place awarded in the Tournament.
- Teams that forfeit a last day Match are still responsible to officiate the next Match scheduled on their court. Teams playing the next scheduled Match may not be required to begin play early.

TEAM UNIFORMS

Team players are required to wear uniforms that are in full compliance with the USAV regulations. If two (2) or more sets of uniforms are used, players are required to wear the identical number for each set of shirts.

- The numbers "0" and "00" are not permitted.
- The numbers must be centered.
- Front numbers must be a minimum of 4" and back numbers a minimum of 6"
- All Libero shirts are required to be numbered and must be clearly contrasting with the non-libero uniform shirts.

Team members need to be in proper uniform when warming up. If an individual competes in a position other than Libero as well, his/her number must be the same as their regular uniform.

TEAM OFFICIATING DUTIES

The BBT must publish an officiating assignment schedule for the Teams; the Teams must fulfill all their scheduled officiating assignments.

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 (BJNC provides R2)
 - 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 is SafeSport trained, as well as have the appropriate certifications. Appropriate paperwork would need to be provided for Foreign Team personnel.

Missed Officiating Penalties

- 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 will 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 (1) 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.

Missed Officiating Penalties with Regards to Three-Way Tie Breakers

Scenario 1: After the determination of a tie breaker and all three teams are present for the first tie break. If a team misses an officiating assignment for the match following the tie-break, then all penalties for missing an officiating assignment apply.

Scenario 2: If one or two team(s) are missing for the tie break matches. The team(s) that does not show up will not be penalized any further than the lost opportunity by not being present for the tie-breaker. No further penalties will be applied.

WAIVERED PLAYERS

Teams **MAY NOT** use players who have a waiver from their region for age requirements.

Exception for Boys' 12-14 & under Divisions below:

14U Age/Grade Definition

Regionally waived Boys' teams in the 14 & under age group will be allowed to participate at National Bid Tournaments and the Junior National Championships using the following age/grade definition:

Players who were born on or after September 1, 2004

Or

Players who were born on or after September 1, 2003 (15 years or younger) who shall neither have completed nor are in a grade higher than the eighth grade (8th) during the current academic year. (This exception is based on the net height difference of 7'4 1/8" to 7'11 5/8" between the 14 and Under Division to the 15 and Under Division.)

TEAM ROSTERS

A Team must have a minimum of one (1) head coach and six (6) players. A Team may have a maximum of fifteen (15) players and five (5) additional personnel on their roster, one of which must be listed as the Head Coach. The other four (4) roster positions may be any combination of the following:

1. Assistant Coach
2. 2nd Assistant Coach
3. 3rd Assistant Coach
4. Chaperone
5. Team Representative
6. Team Manager

All rostered players must be FULL MEMBERS of a Region of USA Volleyball.

All rostered personnel (non-players) must be FULL MEMBERS of a Region of USA Volleyball, be SafeSport trained, and have a current, cleared background screening if applicable. Junior level members under the age of 18 do not need to be background screened and can only serve as a manager on the roster. Junior members 18 years old and above, serving in non-player capacity on a junior Team, must have submitted, and cleared a background screening within 30 days of their 18th Birthday and must be SafeSport trained.

In order to be listed as a coach, serve in a coaching capacity, and/or sit on the Team's bench, one must possess a minimum coaching certification level of IMPACT (Entry Level). An IMPACT certified person, listed on the roster, must be present and on the bench at all times. It is strongly recommended that Teams have more than one IMPACT certified person on their roster and present with the Team at all times. In the Event an IMPACT certified person is not present (late, sick, ejected or disqualified), the Team must have another IMPACT certified person on their roster and on the Team bench for play to begin or continue without forfeit. No additional time will be allowed to comply with the IMPACT certified person requirement to continue play except for unused time outs and/or time allowed between sets.

The Head Coach listed on the Official competition roster must have no other head coach designation with any other Team concurrently within the same Event, with the exception being a single NQ taking place over two weekends.

IMPACT certification rating may be met by successfully completing one of the following programs:

- USA Coaching Accreditation Program (CAP), Levels I, II or III
- RVA IMPACT course (Region or National Office verification required)
- Canadian Volleyball Associations Levels 1-4
- FIVB International Courses Levels 1-3
- ACEP "Principles of Coaching" course with proof of purchase of the USAV IMPACT Manual

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, the Event arbitrators, and the NQ designee reserve the right to conduct random ID checks on any staff person listed on the roster at any time.

Individual participation eligibility requirements (membership, background screening, IMPACT, minimum age, SafeSport trained etc.) are subject to verification by USAV, including use of random ID checks by the Event Arbitrator and/or the NQ or JNCs designee.

For all Events, each player is required to wear the same jersey number as listed on the official roster throughout the entire Event, with limited exceptions as required by emergency or blood rule applications. Roster changes, including the addition of a player are not allowed to an official roster once that Team has begun Match play in that Event.

Junior level members under the age of 18 do not need to be background screened. Junior members 18 years old and above, serving in non-player capacity on a junior team, must apply for and “clear” a background screening within 30 days of their 18th Birthday.

Frozen Player Rules

Once a junior player has participated in a BJNC qualifying Event (BBT), he may not be on the Official Roster of, or participate in, another BJNCs qualifying with a different club. Example: a player plays on a club in a BBT in an attempt to qualify. The player’s Team does not qualify. That player may not transfer to another club to attempt to qualify.

All teams and players must maintain eligibility compliance within their region and adhere to regional transfer policies when applicable. Violations of the Frozen Player Rule will result in sanctions being imposed on the already qualified team, its club, and/or the individual(s) involved, including the player, the coach and the club director. The USAV Event Department will determine sanctions for violations of the Frozen Player Rule. For a first offense, the sanctions may be a warning, probation, suspension or expulsion.

Earning and accepting an Open or USA Bid, submitting an At-Large Bid application or accepting any At-Large Bid defines the Team as “qualified” for the BJNC. Once a Team is deemed qualified, the players on the qualified Team’s Official Roster are frozen to that Team. The players on the Team’s Official Roster are subject to the following restrictions:

Frozen Player Rule – Open and USA

All players listed on the roster of a team are “frozen” to that team at the time the team earns a bid at a Bid Tournament or accepts a bid invitation from USAV. Accepting a bid defines a team as Qualified. Players from a Qualified team cannot be added to any other team roster submitted for Bid Tournaments, seeding tournaments or the BJNC. This includes teams from within the same club. There are no restrictions on additions to the roster of new players or players from non-qualified teams—up to the limit of fifteen (15) players. All teams and players must maintain eligibility compliance within their region. Violations of the Frozen Player Rule will result in sanctions being imposed on the already qualified team, its club, and/or the individual(s) involved, including the player, the coach and the club director. The USAV Event Department will determine sanctions for violations of the Frozen Player Rule. For a first offense, the sanctions may be a warning, probation, suspension or expulsion.

Frozen Player Rule – At-Large

All players listed on the roster of a team are “frozen” to that team at the time the team applies for an At-Large bid to the BJNC. Applying for an At-Large bid is defined as registering for the BJNC in AES and submitting an entry form and payment to USAV. Accepting a bid defines a team as Qualified. Players from a Qualified team cannot be added to any other team roster submitted for Bid Tournaments, seeding tournaments or the BJNC. This includes teams from within the same club. There are no restrictions on additions to the roster of new players or players from non-qualified teams—up to the limit of fifteen (15) players. If a team does NOT earn an At-Large bid and chooses to accept the Club Division invitation, the roster is still frozen. If a team does not earn an at-large bid and decides not to attend the Championship, all players shall be considered released and shall be permitted to be added to another team’s roster from within the same Member Organization (refer to the BJNC Tournament Manual, Chapter 2, Player Eligibility for transfer and release policies for purposes of attending JNCs). HOWEVER, the released player(s) are required to have a signed release from the original team coach, club representative, new team coach AND Member Organization commissioner/designated representative, if eligible.

Frozen Player Rule – Club

The Players on the roster shall be considered frozen upon submittal of the Entry Form AND payment to USAV. NO player listed on this roster may participate with any other CLUB TEAM for the purpose of these Championships. If this team decides not to attend the Championship, all players shall be considered released and shall be permitted to be added to another team’s roster from within the same Member Organization (refer to Player Eligibility for transfer and release policies for purposes of attending JNCs). HOWEVER, the released player(s) are required to have a signed release from the original team coach, club representative, new team coach AND Member Organization commissioner/designated representative. All teams and players must maintain eligibility compliance within their region and adhere to regional transfer policies when applicable.

POLICY ON FOREIGN PLAYER AND FOREIGN TEAM PARTICIPATION

Definitions	
“Foreign Participant”	A participant who is not a citizen of the United States OR a citizen residing in a U.S. Territory having its own National Volleyball Federation with which the participant is affiliated.
“Non-Resident” Foreign Participant	A person who is not a citizen of the United States residing outside the 50 United States OR an individual residing in a U.S. Territory having its own National Volleyball Federation with which the Participant is affiliated.
“Resident” Foreign Participant	A person who is not a citizen of the United States residing in one of the 50 United States and holding “resident” versus “visitor” status. Proof of “Resident” status includes providing documentation substantiating enrollment and attendance in an educational institution in the United States (excludes on-line courses) OR proof of employment in the United States AND a corresponding physical residence address (excludes a P.O. Box or “care of” address). A copy of a current student or work visa is required for the duration of eligibility.
Foreign Participant “Release”	Written approval by a Foreign Participant’s National Volleyball Federation of origin for that person to affiliate or participate with USA Volleyball.

For the USA Volleyball Boys’ Junior National Championships, the following Territories and their associated Federations are eligible to participate: American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands

Policy:

I. Concurrent registration with more than one National Volleyball Federation is prohibited.

- A. A **Resident Foreign Participant**, who has competed in international competition representing his/her country/federation of origin (i.e. Youth National Team, Junior National Team, Senior National Team, or other "elite" team that has represented that country in international competition) is required to have a written release from that volleyball federation of origin before he/she can become a registered member of a Regional Volleyball Association.
- B. This would not apply to a participant who has been in continuous legal residence in the United States and unaffiliated with a foreign national volleyball federation for greater than two years.

Foreign Player Eligibility

Subject to the above Table of Definitions, a **Resident Foreign Participant** (residing legally in the United States, e.g. exchange student) may participate if she/he is a duly registered member of a USA Volleyball Regional Volleyball Association (RVA) and follows all event participation policies and registration procedures.

A **Non-Resident Foreign Player** shall not be eligible to participate.

Foreign Team Eligibility

Foreign Team Participation for National **Junior** Competitions (e.g. USA Volleyball Junior National Championships, National Invitational and all Qualifying Events):

1. A Foreign Team (registered with its National Volleyball Federation) may participate if it duly applies for and is accepted in compliance with the event's regulations, is not representing its country in an official capacity, and the federation of origin grants permission for participation.
2. Foreign Teams must purchase foreign participant insurance, which will be provided by USA Volleyball. The expense shall be debited to the event at cost and shall be added to the entry fee.
 - (i) A waiver to the foreign participant insurance fee shall be granted to Canadians who provide written proof of 24-hour health coverage valid in the United States.

FOREIGN TEAM REGISTRATION

This applies to **ALL NON-USA** Volleyball members or Member Organizations (Puerto Rico, American Samoa, Guam, U.S. Virgin Islands, Canada, Mexico, etc.) ***Foreign teams are required to complete the paperwork and pay the insurance fee only once during the current season. Paperwork must be submitted prior to on-site registration.***

Required Individual Forms

1. Players and Staff: Foreign Participant Registration Form, which includes the Code of Conduct on page 2
2. Players and Staff: Copy of photo ID (i.e. Passport)
3. Players Only: Medical Release and Liability Form (without notary unless the event is held in Florida)
4. Players Only: Copy of Birth Certificate (note, a passport will also fill this requirement)
5. Proof of IMPACT or equivalent certification for each named coach (head and assistants)
 - a. IMPACT Certification rating may be met by supplying proof of the following:
 - USA Coaching Accreditation Program (CAP), Levels I, II or III
 - RVA IMPACT course (region or National Office verification required)
 - Canadian Volleyball Associations Levels 1-4
 - FIVB International Courses Levels 1-3
 - Curso de Entrenadores Nivel 1 (Coaches Training Level 1)

Required Team Forms/Fees

1. Entry Form
2. Foreign Summary Team Participation Form
3. \$100 US Dollars for Insurance (Canadian teams exempt with proof of coverage)
 - a. For each additional player and/or staff person that is added to future rosters, including the BJNC roster, 10 US Dollars per person is owed to USAV for insurance coverage.
4. A letter of good standing from their volleyball federation
 - a. Puerto Rico: email programaseleccionjuvpr@gmail.com to ask for approval to participate
5. Results: Foreign Teams should provide the results from any U.S. tournaments they've attended for the current season. In the absence of such results, the team should submit a letter explaining the team's strength and current record in their federation.

TOURNAMENT REQUIREMENTS

Officials

- All pool play and playoff bracket matches will have a USAV-certified official as the first referee. It is highly recommended that these officials have National, Junior National or Regional certification.
- For all third pool matches in Open divisions, Gold brackets in Open divisions, and semifinal and final matches of Gold Level USA divisions, it is recommended that USAV-certified first and second referees be provided.
- It is recommended that first and second referees be provided for Gold Level quarterfinals in USA divisions.
- Participating teams will provide second referees for all matches not requiring a certified official as second referee, as well as line judges, a scorer (scorekeeper), and an assistant scorer (visual scorer and libero tracker) according to a published referee assignment schedule. A rostered adult must fill the position of second referee.
- 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.
- The Bid Tournament will appoint a head official for the Tournament, who will be part of the Protest Committee. The head official will instruct all officials to enforce the Coaching Standards outlined in the USAV Rule Book.

Awards

Each Bid Tournament will give a team plaque or trophy to each first, second, and third place team in the Gold level of each Open and USA division. In addition, the Bid Tournament will give an individual award of minimal value (non-merchandise such as a plaque, trophy or medal) to each player on each first and second place team in the Gold level of each Open and USA Division. Third place individual awards will be given at the tournament director's discretion (they are not required). The Bid Tournament may give additional awards.

Bid Tournaments will not select All-Tournament teams.

Trainers

Each Bid Tournament will provide athletic trainers during all hours of competition and for at least 45 minutes prior to the beginning of competition each day.

Protest Committee

Each Bid Tournament will have an on-site Protest Committee consisting of the head official, the Bid Tournament director and another qualified person. No committee member can be coaching a team in the Tournament. The Protest Committee will rule on protests lodged by teams regarding officiating.

ETHICS AND ELIGIBILITY

Event Arbitrators

Event Arbitrators shall serve as the first level for hearing and resolving ethics and eligibility issues at a specific event. Teams or individuals accused of committing violations of ethics and/or eligibility rules and regulations at qualifying and/or championship events shall meet with the Event Arbitrator(s).

The authority for the Event Arbitrator to act begins with the arrival of a team and individual participants in the Championship city, or 48 hours prior to the first day of competition, whichever is earlier. That authority shall continue through the duration of the Event through its conclusion.

Decisions of the Event Arbitrator shall be conveyed immediately to the affected parties and may be appealed to the Event Ethics and Eligibility Appeals Committee appointed for each qualifying and/or championship event of the Corporation.

Event Ethics and Eligibility Appeals Committee

An Event Ethics and Eligibility Appeals Committee shall be formed for each qualifying and championship event sponsored by the Corporation. Each committee shall be composed of three (3) members, one (1) of whom shall meet the definition of the Corporation as a domestic player who is at least 21 years of age.

Each committee shall act on appeals of ethics and eligibility decisions that occur during the conduct of the event. The conduct of an event shall commence when an individual or a team arrives at the site of the event, or forty-eight (48) hours in advance of the first day of competition for that event, whichever is earlier. That authority shall conclude with the departure of the individual and / or team from the city in which the event has been held.

If the Committee is of the opinion the violation is of such a nature that requires further review or more serious discipline beyond the duration of a National Championship event, the Committee will send a report to the chair of the Corporate Ethics and Eligibility Committee for further action. If the chair is unavailable, then the Associate Chair of the Corporate Ethics and Eligibility Committee will be given the report. The Chair (or Associate Chair if necessary) will notify the USAV Events Department outlining what action (if any) was taken as a result of the report.

USA Volleyball Age and Identity Falsification Policy (BOD Approved 01/2004)

For all USAV corporation events, any person who alters any document that certifies the age or identity of a participant, or falsifies any statement that lists the age or identity of a participant, will be sanctioned as follows:

- Any team representative, coach, program director or responsible adult found to be party to such action shall be:
 1. Immediately suspended from registration with USAV and barred from further participation in the event; and
 2. Barred from participation in any USAV events in any capacity for a minimum of two (2) years; and
 3. Placed on a minimum probation of one additional year, to run consecutively with the suspension.

- A junior player who knowingly plays in a lower age classification than he or she is actually eligible for, or an adult player who knowingly plays in a higher age classification than he or she is actually eligible for, or any player who knowingly misrepresents his or her identity shall be:
 1. Immediately suspended from registration with the USAV and barred from further participation in the event; and
 2. Barred from participation in any USAV events in any capacity, for a minimum of two (2) years; and
 3. Placed on a minimum probation of one additional year, to run consecutively with the suspension.

When age or identity falsification is discovered and confirmed during an event, these penalties shall be the required minimum penalty imposed by the Event Arbitrator or the Event Ethics and Eligibility Appeals Committee.

Note: Any player in question must provide proof of identity and age eligibility if requested.

The Event Arbitrator or the Event Ethics and Eligibility Appeals Committee shall file a report of any age or identity violation, along with a recommendation, with the USAV Events Department and with the registering Member Organization.



CHAPTER 2: BID TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS

PREPARING FOR BID TOURNAMENTS

Bid Tournament Entry Information Requirements

Bid Tournament entry materials provided to interested parties must include:

- Bid Tournament policies.
- Tournament information.
- Selection criteria if there are more applicants than the Bid Tournament can accommodate.

Note: Emailed attachments or downloadable excel files from the bid tournament web sites for all pre-tournament and post-tournament requirements are acceptable.

Bid Tournament Policies

- Include the following graphically emphasized statement at the beginning of all Ethics and Eligibility statements:
“This event is part of the USA Volleyball Junior National Championships. Participants, individual or team, may access normal Due Process channels should their eligibility to participate be in question. Procedures including appeal options are outlined in the Bylaws of USA Volleyball in Article XI. Bylaws can be found in the current issue of the *USAV Official Guidebook*. The *Guidebook* is available through Regional Commissioners, from the USA Volleyball national office, at the event Championship Desk, and on the USAV website at <http://www.usavolleyball.org>.”
- BJNC qualification procedures and bid numbers.
- Penalties for rejecting a bid (i.e. not being able to apply for At-Large) & illegal use of Bids
- ALL individuals listed on the roster MUST have a current USAV membership
- ALL coaches listed on the Event Roster (Head and/or Assistant(s)) will possess a minimum coaching certification level of IMPACT (Entry Level). An IMPACT certified coach (head coach, assistant or other adult) listed on the Event Roster must be present and on the bench at all times.
- All staff listed on the roster MUST have a current, cleared background screening
- All staff listed on the roster MUST have completed SafeSport training
- Statement that no roster additions (players or coaches) may be made at a Bid Tournament once a team has commenced match play in that event.
- Bid Tournaments are considered one event, even if held on multiple weekends and in multiple locations.
- Regarding Foreign Teams: If any foreign teams attend your tournament, please collect all the required paperwork and insurance checks. You will then forward the paperwork and insurance checks to the USAV office Attention: Events Department. Foreign teams are required to complete the paperwork and pay the insurance fee only once during the season.

Tournament Information

- Deadlines for submitting Tournament entry, seeding and other information. The USAV Events Department recommends that the entry deadline date for Bid Tournaments be no earlier than December 15th of the current year and four (4) weeks prior to the tournament date.
- Requirement for submitting complete and accurate results via the online system used by the Bid Tournament. Failure to do so could affect their entry into the event, as well as their seeding within the event. In the absence of such results, a letter of explanation addressing the reason(s) why such results are not available.
- The number of teams that will be accepted for all age divisions in the current season’s Bid Tournament event, including totals for both last year’s accepted teams by age division and the number of teams denied entry at last year’s event by age division.
- Team registration information.
- General Tournament format description.
- Check-in procedures.
- Coaches’ meeting information, including procedures for teams arriving late.
- List of awards given.

Division Selection Criteria

Bid Tournaments will accept applications from all teams until the published deadline date. All entries received prior to the deadline date will be considered for entry. In the event the number of entry applications in a division exceeds the space available, teams will be admitted into the Tournament based on date of entry. Other criteria that may be used by tournament directors could include:

1. Strength – determined by competition results information. A listing of all match results, opponents, and scores will be used to determine the strongest teams.
2. Previous year's BJNC finish of the rostered players

A team's entry is not considered complete without comprehensive, accurate and current competition results or, in the absence of such results, accompanied by a letter of explanation that addresses the reason(s) why such results are not available. Failure to do so could affect their entry into the event, as well as their seeding within the event.

Foreign Teams should provide the results from any U.S. tournaments they've attended for the current season. In the absence of such results, the team should submit a letter explaining the team's strength and current record in their federation.

Seeding Criteria

1. Final Finish at Multi-Day Events (most recent events taking priority over previous events)
2. Head to head results
3. Record against the field
4. Prior BJNC finishes
5. Regional rankings
6. Overall record

FACILITY REQUIREMENTS

Currently, a Bid Tournament must have, at a minimum, enough courts for:

- 24 teams in each of the age divisions;
- It is strongly recommended that courts 85 feet in length be provided for the 16 & under, 17 & under, and 18 & under divisions.
- Competition conducted in four-team pools, with no more than two (2) pools or thirteen (13) matches scheduled on one court in one day.

All facilities must conform to the safety guidelines in the current USAV Official Rule Book.

EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS

All courts must meet minimum court quality standards as stated in the current USAV Official Rule Book. Officials will enforce USAV national rules and ground rules.

Court size must be consistent with the current year's Rule Book regarding playing area.

ONLINE REPORTING AND REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

- All online registration systems used by the Bid Tournaments will have the same fields and field sequence to provide seamless import and export of data.
- All reported results for the BJNC and Bid Tournaments will be made accessible to all coaches, club directors or club representatives for all competitions.
- All competition results' services and platforms employed by the Bid Tournaments must provide current read-only access to all results.

ACCEPTANCE OF TEAM ENTRIES

The USAV Events Department, with input from the BCC and BTB, will determine the maximum number of teams a Bid Tournament may host in each Open Division. Currently, a Bid Tournament may host a maximum of 72 teams in each Open division.

A team may register in an older age division at a BJNC event provided acceptance of such a team does not prevent an “in-age-division” team from being accepted.

A team may compete in only one age division at a given Boys’ Bid Tournament.

Tournament Directors of bid events will submit team lists with preliminary seeding, with USAV team ID numbers (and proposed formats) two weeks prior to the event start date. Last minute seeding changes (within 72 hours of the event) do not have to be submitted for approval by the USAV Events Department. However, notification of the changes must be submitted to USAV Events Department.

REFUND AND WITHDRAWAL POLICY

Each Bid Tournament will set its own refund policy and **clearly** state the policy in its entry information. These policies apply to all Bid Tournaments:

- A team that applies by the deadline date and is denied entry—either because there are too many teams for a division, or because there are too few teams for a division and the division is being eliminated—will receive a full refund of its entry fee.
- If the division a team applies to is combined with applicants in one or more other divisions to make a division different from the one the team applied for, that team will have the option to play in the new division or withdraw from the Bid Tournament with a full refund of its entry fee.
- The Bid Tournament will notify any teams affected by an elimination or combination of divisions within 24 hours of the entry deadline.

TOURNAMENT PUBLICATIONS

Most Bid Tournaments publish a Tournament Program listing team rosters and a Tournament Schedule that shows playing time, teams competing, referee assignments and court location for each match for the entire Bid Tournament. If you produce these documents, one copy of each of these documents will be free to each participating team. Additional copies may be produced for sale to interested parties (usually parents) at the discretion of the Tournament Director.

If the Tournament Schedule is published and accessible through a web site, then any changes that occur to the schedule within 72 hours of the event must be provided in hard copy form and given at check-in, the coaches meeting and/or at the time of the changes being made.

In addition, most Bid Tournaments publish a Recruiting Guide for sale to college coaches that includes names and addresses of players.

Minimum Content

The following information is recommended to be included in the Tournament Program and/or the Tournament Schedule, and in the Recruiting Guide:

- Information on Tournament procedures:
 - Format description.
 - Provide paper copy of schedules if changes occur.
 - Round-to-round advancement (flow chart).
 - Statement of warm-up procedures.
 - Statement of tie-breaking procedures.
 - Statement of protest procedures.
 - Statement of missed officiating assignment sanctions.
- Definition of a qualified team’s “frozen players.”

- Statement of sanctions for violating the frozen player rule.

Additional Content

In addition, the following information is of interest to most Tournament participants and attendees:

- Statement of BJNC qualification procedures and bid numbers for various divisions at Bid Tournaments.
- Statement of penalties for not using a bid.
- Statement of entry selection criteria for Bid Tournaments.

OFFICIALS

- All pool play and playoff bracket matches will have a USAV-certified official as the first referee. It is highly recommended that these officials have National, Junior National or Regional certification.
- For all third pool matches in Bid divisions, Gold brackets in Bid divisions, and semifinal and final matches of Gold Level Bid divisions, it is recommended that USAV-certified first and second referees be provided.
- It is recommended that first and second referees be provided for Gold Level quarterfinals in USA divisions.
- Participating teams will provide second referees for all matches not requiring a certified official as second referee, as well as line judges, a scorer (scorekeeper), and an assistant scorer (visual scorer and libero tracker) according to a published referee assignment schedule. A rostered adult must fill the position of second referee.
- 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.
- The Bid Tournament will appoint a head official for the Tournament, who will be part of the Protest Committee. The head official will instruct all officials to enforce the Coaching Standards outlined in the USAV Rule Book.

EVENT STAFF MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

All event staff members are subject to USAV membership, background screening and SafeSport requirements. An event staff member is defined as an individual retained/contracted directly by the event director/owner to work on a committee or in some role that directly affects the operations of the event. Volunteers, venue staff, setup and teardown crews are exempt from the requirement. Volunteers must have on file with the tournament director/owner the Volunteer Consent and Waiver Release forms.

A list of staff members working for the event needs to be made available to the USAV membership department two weeks prior to the start of the event (or two weeks prior to the start of the respective weekends if the event is held over multiple weekends) and again after the conclusion of the event.

ATHLETIC TRAINERS

All bid tournaments are required to provide certified athletic trainers during the course of the event. It is recommended that one trainer be assigned to each facility if more than one facility is used to conduct the tournament. Trainers must provide proof of liability insurance coverage to the Tournament Director. It is recommended that the trainers also provide proof of their current certifications. It is also recommended that any self-employed/independent trainer be background screened. Please provide each trainer with copies of the Incident Report Form. They must be filled out and sent to USAV at the conclusion of the event.

ARBITRATOR

USAV may appoint up to one Arbitrator per city per weekend to perform duties specified solely by USAV during the JQ Event.

- The Bid Tournament Director will provide, at no cost to USAV, single occupancy housing at an Event hotel and local transportation for one Arbitrator appointed by USAV for the JQ Event.
 - If the JQ Event uses multiple sites, the Bid Tournament Director will provide local transportation for the Arbitrator to each site used.

- If multiple weekends are used for the JQ Event or if the JQ Event is conducted in different cities over the same or different weekends, the Bid Tournament Director will provide housing and local transportation for one Arbitrator on each weekend and / or in each city.
- The Bid Tournament Director will provide access to a cell phone and internet connection for the Arbitrator at the JQ Event main playing site, provided such access is used solely for the purpose of resolving any arbitration issues arising during the JQ Event.
- The Bid Tournament Director will cooperate with the Arbitrator in preparation of a summary and evaluative report on the JQ Event.
- The Bid Tournament Director will fill out an Event Arbitrator Review form for each Arbitrator assigned to the Event and submit it to the USAV Ethics and Eligibility Chair/designee.
- USAV will pay all expenses for the Arbitrator except those specified above.

USAV STAFF / DESIGNEE EVALUATOR

USAV may appoint up to one USAV Staff Designee Evaluator (Evaluator) to perform duties specified solely by USAV during the JQ Event.

- Except for unusual circumstances, the Evaluator will attend the Bid Tournament no more than once every two years and for not longer than two days and two nights on each such occasion.
- The Bid Tournament Director will provide, at no cost to USAV, single occupancy housing at an Event hotel and local transportation for an Evaluator appointed by USAV for the JQ Event.
 - If the JQ Event uses multiple sites, the Bid Tournament Director will provide local transportation for the Evaluator to each site used.
- The Bid Tournament Director will reasonably cooperate with the Evaluator in preparation of a summary and evaluative report on the JQ Event.
- USAV will pay all expenses for the Evaluator except those specified above.
- If multiple weekends are used for the JQ Event or if the JQ Event is conducted in different cities over the same or different weekends, the Bid Tournament Director will provide the housing and local transportation of additional Evaluators assigned by USAV according to the provisions of Section X.A.1 through 4, provided no more than one Evaluator per weekend or per city is appointed.

USAV BRANDING

A significant and easily identified effort must be exhibited by the Bid Tournament to properly attach the USA Volleyball brand/mark to the event (the specifics on this to be established). Below is an established requirement:

- Place the USAV Sanctioned Event logo (provided by USAV) on the NQ web site (with USAV prior approval).

USAV HIGH PERFORMANCE TRYOUT SESSION

The BBT will provide, at no cost to USAV, the use of eight (8) up to twelve (12) courts for a USAV High Performance (HP) Tryout. Requirements to host a HP Tryout are specified to each weekend and/or city of competition of the BBT.

- At no cost to USAV includes:
 - Receiving and storage of equipment and gear
 - Tables and chairs for check-in
 - Access to loading dock and/or parking for USAV staff
- The Tryout will be conducted at a time other than the times of the BBT Event.
- Tournament Director or designee present to great staff at facilitate for setup
- Not later than December 1, of the previous year of the BBT event, USAV and the Bid Tournament Director will determine a mutually acceptable date, time and place for the Tryout.
- Should USAV want to use more than twelve (12) courts for the Tryout, the Bid Tournament Director will provide use of additional courts, provided that:
 - USAV High Performance Department submits a written request to the Bid Tournament Director, specifying the number of additional courts requested, no later than 7 days prior to the Tryout date, and
 - Any additional courts requested are available, given the other requirements of the BBT.

- Incremental costs to the Bid Tournament Director associated with providing any additional courts, that the Bid Tournament Director incurs will be invoiced to USAV and payment made to the Bid Tournament Director by USAV within 30 days of receipt of such invoice.
- No Tryout will exceed one session of up to 5 hours' length.
- The BBT shall provide the services of an athletic trainer
 - The athletic trainer shall be available for the tryout beginning thirty (30) minutes prior to the start of the tryout and ending no less than thirty (30) minutes after the completion of the tryout (unless no services at all are required) or when no further services are required by the athletes at the tryout, whichever is greater.
 - A rate of \$35/hr for athletic trainer services may be invoiced to USAV and payment made to the BBT by USAV within thirty (30) days of receipt of such invoice.
- The Bid Tournament Director will provide USAV with logistical information as requested by USAV no less than 30 days upon receipt of logistics request. USAV will provide the list of required information no less than 60 days prior to the start of the JQ Event. If the information provided by the Bid Tournament Director should change at any time after the information was originally provided to USAV, the Bid Tournament Director will immediately inform USAV of said change(s).
- On its event website, the Bid Tournament Director will post a link to the USAV HP tryout page. USAV will provide this link to the Bid Tournament Director no less than 60 days prior to the start of the JQ Event.
 - If the NQ is hosting a tryout, combine, showcase of the like at the same time or same day as the tryout, the USAV HP Tryout will receive equal promotional exposure.

REQUIREMENTS FOR NGB SANCTIONED EVENTS

The Girls Qualifier Events and the Boys' Bid Events are nationally sanctioned by USA Volleyball, the National Governing Body ("NGB") of the sport of volleyball. All events sanctioned by the NGB must meet the following current requirements for sanction as determined by USA Volleyball:

- a. All participants must be registered in the appropriate membership category with the corporation through a Regional Volleyball Association or the National Office and must have a verifiable record in the national database;
- b. All registered adults participating with a junior team/program must have a current cleared background screening per USAV policy;
- c. All registered adults participating with a junior team/program must be current in SafeSport training requirements (foreign teams are exempt);
- d. All coaches on the roster of a junior team must hold a minimum of IMPACT certification;
- e. All adult officials participating in a junior event must have a current cleared background screening per USAV policy;
- f. All adult officials participating in a junior event must be current in SafeSport training requirements;
- g. Adhere to all of the other rules and regulations as contained in the Domestic Competition Regulations, the current USA Volleyball Official Guidebook including but not limited to the sections titled "Special Information Concerning the USAV Championship Events" and "Definitions and Guidelines for RVA-Sanctioned Regional and Interregional Competition", "Minimum Standards for Junior Second Referees", "Minimum Standards for Junior Scorekeepers" and other standards printed in the Bid Tournament and National Event Pre-Tournament Manuals.

All activities associated with an event sanctioned by the NGB must be disclosed to and approved by the NGB and shall fall under the same sanction requirements and licensing or other contractual requirements as applicable. These activities include but are not limited to clinics (for players, coaches and officials), non-national qualifier competitions, and exhibitions. All activity in the same general area or playing venue during the same time frame as the NGB sanctioned event shall be considered associated with the event and must be approved and sanctioned.

Any exceptions to these requirements must be approved in writing by USA Volleyball and its risk manager at least 30 days prior to the start of an event.