

2021 USA All-Star Championships



EVENT MANUAL



Updated: 7/15/2021

1. ORGANIZER & HOST

1.1. Host Region:

- 1.1.1. Florida Region of USA Volleyball
- 1.1.2. 15010 US Highway 441, Eustis, FL 32726
- 1.1.3. Tel: (352) 742-0080, (M-F, 9a-5p ET)
- 1.1.4. www.FloridaVolleyball.org

1.2. Event Planning Committee:

- 1.2.1. Steve Bishop, Florida (Chair)
- 1.2.2. Philip Bryant, Gulf Coast
- 1.2.3. Ron Pelham, Arizona
- 1.2.4. Brian Sharkey, Badger
- 1.2.5. Kurt Trout, Iowa

1.3. Official's Planning Committee:

- 1.3.1. Steve Kenyon, Southern (Chair)
- 1.3.2. Michelle Prater, Southern
- 1.3.3. Julie Voeck, Badger
- 1.3.4. Sue Wainio, Florida

1.4. Event Staff:

- 1.4.1. Sam Skelton, Tournament Director
- 1.4.2. Kristin Stanley, Competition Director
- 1.4.3. Katie Krawczyk, Event Coordinator
- 1.4.4. Ashlie Fox, Marketing Coordinator
- 1.4.5. Michele Moriarty, Ticketing Director

2. HOST CITY AND COMPETITION VENUE

2.1. Host City: The 2021 USA All-Star Championships will be held in the city of Orlando, Florida. The competition will be held from July 21-25, 2021.

2.2. International Airport of Arrival and Departure: The International Airport for the arrival and departure of participating teams and Officials is the Orlando International Airport. (MCO)

2.3. Competition Venue: The competition venue for participating teams is the Orange County Convention Center, West Halls A4-B1.

2.4. Training Venue: The training venue for participating teams is the Orange County Convention Center, West Halls A4-B1.

2.5. Accommodations, Meals and Transportation

2.5.1. Accommodations

- 2.5.1.1. Teams are responsible for acquiring their own lodging.

2.5.1.2. Officials: Hotel accommodations will be arranged by the Host from July 21-25. Specific communications regarding logistics, travel, etc. will be communicated directly to the event officials by the Official's Planning Committee.

2.5.2. Meals

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

2.5.2.2. Officials: Specific communications regarding logistics, travel, etc. will be communicated directly to the event officials by the Official's Planning Committee.

2.5.3. Transportation

2.5.3.1. Arrival/ Departure Day: The Event Organizer will assist with scheduling arrival and departure transportation only from/to International Airport of Arrival and Departure based on the arrival and departure information that each Region, International and USA Team submits along with the Officials. All Region teams must communicate travel itineraries to the Event Organizer within 15 days of the event start date for assistance.

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

3. TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES:

3.1. All teams are eligible to train at the training venue the day prior to competition (July 21st). Scheduling is on a first come first serve basis. A practice schedule sign up link will be provide to all participating teams.

3.2. Training is limited to one official training session per day per team. To schedule training times, email the Event Organizer. Teams may coordinate a second training session to scrimmage a team from another delegation during their training block.

3.3. All Teams will be provided balls for trainings but are required to sign out one ball cart with 10-12 balls per court by leaving a valid driver's license or international ID.

4. STATUTES & AUTHORITY:

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

4.2. Protest Committee: A protest committee will consist of at least two of the following individuals, if needed:

4.2.1. Head Official

4.2.2. Tournament Director

4.2.3. Competition Director

4.2.4. Event Host

4.2.5. Other International or National Official not involved in the protest, if needed to avoid a regional conflict for any of the above individuals.

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

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

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

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

4.2.10. Rule USAV 5.1.2.1 [Judgement calls are NOT subject to protest].

4.2.11. Failure of the first referee to apply the correct rule to a given situation

4.2.12. Failure to charge the correct penalty-sanction for a given fault

5. EVENT SCHEDULE

- | <u>Date</u> | <u>Activity</u> |
|-----------------|--|
| • July 20, 2021 | Arrival of Region and International Teams. |
| • July 21, 2021 | Practice day for all teams.
09:00-21:00 Training of participating teams according to their scheduled training time. |
| • July 22, 2021 | Day 1 – Competition (Pool Play)
9:00 First round of matches begins
21:00 Last scheduled match |
| • July 23, 2021 | Day 2 – Competition (Pool Play)
9:00 First round of matches begins
21:00 Last scheduled match |
| • July 24, 2021 | Day 3 – Competition (Pool Play)
9:00 First round of matches begins
13:00 Last scheduled match |
| • July 25, 2021 | Day 4 – Competition (Playoffs)
8:00-20:00 Semifinals, Placement, and Medal Matches |
| • July 26, 2021 | Day 5 – Departure Day |

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

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

6. PARTICIPATING TEAMS AND DELEGATIONS COMPOSITION

6.1. Team Composition: Each team may consist of 15 players (maximum)

6.2. Max of 5 staff from the options below:

6.2.1. Head Coach (1 max)

6.2.2. Assistant Coach (2 max)

6.2.3. Team Rep (1 Max)

6.2.4. Team Leader (1 Max)

7. ONLY those persons whose names appear on the verified roster receive credentials and are permitted to sit on the bench

8. PLAYER'S ELIGIBILITY

8.1. Age Groups

9. Division	10. Age
11. Boys International Youth	12. born in 2002 and after
13. Boys National Youth	14. born in 2003 and after
15. Girls International Youth	16. born in 2004 and after
17. Girls National Youth	18. born in 2004 and after
19. Boys National Select	20. born in 2005 and after
21. Girls International Select	22. born in 2006 and after
23. Girls National Select	24. born in 2006 and after
25. Girls Future Select	26. born in 2008 and after

27. STAFF ELIGIBILITY

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

- 27.1.1. Current USAV Membership
- 27.1.2. Current Background Screen
- 27.1.3. Current SafeSport Certification
- 27.1.4. Current Impact or Higher Coaching Education Certification from USAV

28. REGISTRATION

28.1. Entry Fee

- 28.1.1. Region and International Club Teams All divisions \$1,350 per team.

28.2. Refund Policy

- 28.2.1. If a team submits an entry form and the appropriate entry fee and withdraws PRIOR TO the closing date for entries, that team will receive a full refund of its entry fee.
- 28.2.2. NO ENTRY FEE, OR ANY PORTION OF SUCH FEE, will be refunded to a team that withdraws from this Event AFTER the closing date for entries.
- 28.2.3. When an individual or a team decides not to attend or is unable to attend event for reasons pertaining to acts or threats of war, acts or threats of terrorism or a health risk alert, event organizer shall issue NO REFUNDS.
- 28.2.4. When a USAV event is canceled or interrupted due to acts or threats of war, acts or threats of terrorism, or a health risk alert, event entry refunds will be made to

individuals or teams on a prorated basis once all of event organizer's out-of-pocket expenditures for the canceled or interrupted event have been settled from such fees.

28.3. Registration and Roster Due Date

28.3.1. Region Teams

28.3.1.1. Boys Teams: By July 15th, each region must enter the USA All-Star Championships tournament by registering in AES, in the division(s) they intend to compete in. Registering in AES does not require rosters to be submitted to enter a division.

28.3.1.2. Girls Teams: By July 15th, each region must enter the HP Championships tournament by registering in AES, in the division(s) they intend to compete in. Registering in AES does not require rosters to be submitted to enter a division.

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

28.3.1.4. Roster Due Date: July 15th

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

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

28.3.1.5.1. Multiple teams in a division from one region.

28.3.1.5.2. Historical results for the Region HP program.

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

28.4.1. Region Teams:

28.4.1.1. Samples of Captain's & Libero's Uniforms (if different from the Captain's uniforms).

28.4.1.2. Two signed team rosters

28.5. Teams must have proof of DOB for EACH player. It is to be shown upon request to any authorized representative of the Control Committee or Event Staff.

28.6. Proof of insurance coverage for each member of the delegation.

28.7. Payments: Entry fees are due July 15th, 2021.

28.7.1. Checks: check should be payable to Florida Region of USA Volleyball and sent to:

28.7.1.1. Florida Region of USA Volleyball

28.7.1.2. Attn: 2021 USA All-Star Champs

28.7.1.3. 15010 US Highway 441

28.7.1.4. Eustis, FL 32726

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

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

29.2. Official Ball & Uniforms

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

30. The playing uniform must conform to USA Volleyball Domestic Competition Regulations.

Exceptions to these rules are noted below.

- 30.1. Each team must have available at least two (2) playing uniforms of contrasting colors (one set of DARK uniforms and one set of Light uniforms). Please bring uniforms that are contrasting colors.
- 30.2. The team captain's and Libero's (if different from the captain's) uniforms will be presented at the preliminary inquiry.
- 30.3. The players' numbers must be the same for each possible set of uniforms.
- 30.4. Uniform numbers must be centered front and back.
- 30.5. Uniform numbers must be 4 or 6 inches (10 or 15 centimeters) in height on the front and 6 or 8 inches (15 or 20 centimeters) in height on the back of each jersey.
- 30.6. Numbers on the uniforms are limited to the numbers 1 – 24 inclusive.
- 30.7. Names on jerseys are recommended but not required.
- 30.8. Numbers on shorts are recommended but not required.
- 30.9. Captains Bar on jersey is recommended but not required.
- 30.10. Teams presenting uniforms that are not compliant with these regulations will require clearance from the Tournament Director.
- 30.11. Publicity on Uniforms: Publicity on players uniforms' must be in accordance with the FIVB Sport Material, Team Equipment, and Advertising Guidelines.
- 30.12. Dress Code for Coaches on the Bench
- 30.13. All members of the staff on the team bench must wear acceptable attire. Only staff listed on the roster will be allowed to sit on the team bench.
- 30.14. Shorts, sandals, sleeve-less tops, hats, capris or jeans will not be allowed.
- 30.15. Pants and leggings (full length) of solid color or matching pattern are acceptable.

31. COMPETITION FORMAT AND TEAM DISTRIBUTION

31.1. Match Protocol:

- 31.1.1. For each match, the court will be available for warm-up ten (10) minutes prior to the match time. If a previous match on the same court runs late, then the ten (10) minute warm-up time will begin at the conclusion of that match.
- 31.1.2. Following the captains' meeting with the referees for each match, the warm-up period for the match will consist of five (5) minutes for each team separately on the court (serving team with 1st five minutes followed by receiving team with 2nd five minutes).
- 31.1.3. Matches will not begin before the scheduled match time except as noted in #4 below.
- 31.1.4. The Control (Championship) Committee reserves the right to reschedule and / or relocate matches with respect to court and time to expedite competition. Any such changes will be posted on the electronic scheduling/results system, and every attempt will be made to inform the team representative of the change.
- 31.1.5. Round Robin/Pool Play: Depending upon field size, teams will be involved in at least one round robin of pool play followed by play-offs. All matches will be best of five sets to

25 points, fifth set to 15 points. Teams are guaranteed six (6) matches, but many teams will play more.

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

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

31.1.7.1. For a tie involving two teams – head-to-head match results of those two teams.

31.1.7.2. For a tie involving more than two teams:

31.1.7.3. Set percentage (sets won over total sets played in that round of competition) will be used to get a 1 through X rank order of teams.

31.1.7.4. If two teams remain tied, revert to the tie breaking format for 2 teams.

31.1.7.5. If more than two teams remain tied, then point percentage (points scored over the total of points scored and given up for that round of competition) will be used to get a 1 through X rank order of teams.

31.1.7.6. If two teams remain tied, revert to the tie breaking format for 2 teams.

32. REFEREES

32.1. Selection Process: Officials will be selected and assigned by the Official Planning Committee. Regions may make recommendations for officials from their region they would like to see invited.

32.2. All referees will be housed at a local hotel at the cost of the event.

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

33. MEDICAL PROCEDURES AND SERVICES:

33.1. On-site medical services and Athletic Training for this event will be provided by Gameday Athletic Trainers. There will be a medical station centrally located on the courts for first aid and injury management. All first aid, injury assessment and management will be provided at no cost to athletes.

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

34. OVERSIGHT OF ATHLETES AND CURFEW

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

34.2. CURFEW:

34.2.1. Pool curfew is 9pm at all hotels.

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

35. EVENT ENTRY

- 35.1. SECURITY: Everyone attending the event will be required to have a credential, wristband or paid ticketing. Teams will receive wristband credentials at the Preliminary Inquiry for all rostered members.
- 35.2. ADMISSION: All spectators will need to purchase the proper credential/event pass to attend the event:
 - 35.2.1. Full Event Pass – 4 days (7/22-7/25): \$60
 - 35.2.2. Daily Event Pass – 1 day only: \$20 day
- 35.3. COLLEGIATE COACHES: Admission is free when checking in on site through University Athlete/NCSA to get event credentials.

36. EVENT MERCHANDISE: Event merchandise sales will be held in the facility during the USA All-Star Championships.

37. GIFTS:

- 37.1. It is customary to bring gifts to exchange with opponents during the pre-match handshake. This is not mandatory. Examples of gifts are pins, stickers, key chains, etc.

38. AWARDS

- 38.1. It is the obligation of the athlete (Team Manager) to be aware of applicable rules regarding the acceptance of awards i.e. NCAA, State HS Associations, etc.
- 38.2. Disciplinary occurrences of any kind – on or off court or on court (sanctions) - will result in a player being deemed ineligible to receive an individual award.
- 38.3. Team:
 - 38.3.1. First Place in each age division will receive individual awards for the rostered athletes plus two or a maximum of 16 individual awards.
 - 38.3.2. Second Place in each age division will receive individual awards for the rostered athletes plus two or a maximum of 16 individual awards.
 - 38.3.3. Third Place in each age division will receive individual awards for the rostered athletes plus two or a maximum of 16 individual awards.
- 38.4. Individual: All divisions will award a 6-person All-Tournament Team including an MVP.
- 38.5. Region Cup (Region HP Programs only): This will be the final award presentation of the tournament.
- 38.6. Only RVA's will be eligible to receive the Region Cup Award.
- 38.7. Points are awarded for 1st-8th place. (1st=8 pts, 2nd=7pts, 3rd=6 pts, etc.)
- 38.8. If a region has multiple teams in a division, points were awarded for the highest finishing team only.
- 38.9. The region with the highest total of points will be awarded the Region Cup.