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WELCOME TO MIAMI, FLORIDA – 2009



On behalf of USA Volleyball and the Event Department, it is our pleasure to welcome you to the Miami Beach Convention Center, Miami, FL, for the “2009 USA Junior Olympic Girls Volleyball Championships”. We thank you for your continued support and offer our best wishes to each participant for a successful and enjoyable experience. We also extend our most sincere appreciation to our sponsors whose assistance is invaluable for the conduct of these championships.

First time participants can look forward to a time of fellowship and making new friends; and returning players to the renewal of friendships and the making of new ones.

When you see a volunteer, it would be nice of you to thank them for their time and contributions. Each one is working hard to ensure that your championship experience is a memorable one.

On behalf of USA Volleyball, we extend our thanks to the Miami Sports Commission for hosting this event. They are already working hard gearing up for the big event in just a few months.

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DATES OF COMPETITION - 2009 USA JUNIOR OLYMPIC GIRLS VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

<u>OPEN CLASSIFICATION</u>	<u>COMPETITION</u>	<u>PLAY BEGINS</u>	<u>PLAY CONCLUDES</u>	<u>FIELD</u>
Girls 18 Open	Min 7 matches – best of 5	1 July, 2009	4 July, 2009	28
Girls 17 Open	Min 7 matches – best of 5	28 June, 2009	1 July, 2009	28
Girls 16 Open	Min 7 matches – best of 5	26 June, 2009	29 June, 2009	28
Girls 15 Open	Min 9 matches – best of 3	30 June, 2009	3 July, 2009	28
Girls 14 Open	Min 9 matches – best of 3	2 July, 2009	5 July, 2009	28

<u>NATIONAL DIVISION CLASSIFICATION</u>	<u>COMPETITION</u>	<u>PLAY BEGINS</u>	<u>PLAY CONCLUDES</u>	<u>FIELD</u>
Girls 18 National	Min 9 matches – best of 3	1 July, 2009	4 July, 2009	48
Girls 17 National	Min 9 matches – best of 3	28 June, 2009	1 July, 2009	48
Girls 16 National	Min 9 matches – best of 3	26 June, 2009	29 June, 2009	48
Girls 15 National	Min 9 matches – best of 3	30 June, 2009	3 July, 2009	48
Girls 14 National	Min 9 matches – best of 3	2 July, 2009	5 July, 2009	48
Girls 13 National	Min 9 matches – best of 3	27 June, 2009	30 June, 2009	48
Girls 12 National	Min 9 matches – best of 3	27 June, 2009	30 June, 2009	48

<u>AMERICAN DIVISION CLASSIFICATION</u>	<u>COMPETITION</u>	<u>PLAY BEGINS</u>	<u>PLAY CONCLUDES</u>	<u>FIELD</u>
Girls 18 American	Min 9 matches – best of 3	1 July, 2009	4 July, 2009	48
Girls 17 American	Min 9 matches – best of 3	28 June, 2009	1 July, 2009	48
Girls 16 American	Min 9 matches – best of 3	26 June, 2009	29 June, 2009	48
Girls 15 American	Min 9 matches – best of 3	30 June, 2009	3 July, 2009	48
Girls 14 American	Min 9 matches – best of 3	2 July, 2009	5 July, 2009	48
Girls 13 American	Min 9 matches – best of 3	27 June, 2009	30 June, 2009	48
Girls 12 American	Min 9 matches – best of 3	27 June, 2009	30 June, 2009	24

DEADLINES

All materials are sent to:

Your Region Office or Designee by their established deadline unless you win a bid at a 2009 Girls National Qualifier, then you will send your entry materials directly to USAV per instructions.

Deadline for ALL entry materials	Contact your Region Office
AES entry deadline (Open and Open At-Large)	April 20th
AES entry deadline (National and American)	May 4th
Regions deadline to have entries to USAV (Open At-Large)	April 22nd
Regions deadline to have entries to USAV (Nat. & Amer.)	May 6th
Deadline for IMPACT verification	<i>no later than</i> June 3rd
Deadline for Pre-Tournament Ticket Online Orders	<i>no later than</i> June 12th
Deadline for Medical Release Forms	<i>no later than</i> June 3rd
Final Roster Changes on-line (without penalty)	May 22nd

DETAILS OF ENTRY REQUIREMENTS AND ENTRY FEES ARE IN CHAPTER THREE

TOURNAMENT CHECK-IN

All check-in procedures will take place at the Miami Beach Convention Center.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DIVISION</u>	<u>HOURS OF REGISTRATION</u>
June 30 th	18 Open, National & American	10:00 AM - 9:00 PM
June 26 th	12 & 13 National & American	10:00 AM - 9:00 PM
June 27 th	17 Open, National & American	10:00 AM - 9:00 PM
June 29 th	15 Open, National & American	10:00 AM - 9:00 PM
June 25 th	16 Open, National & American	10:00 AM – 9:00 PM
July 1 st	14 Open, National & American	10:00 AM – 9:00 PM

In an effort to make the registration process more efficient, we have designated the day before each age competition begins for check-in. We do encourage teams to check-in early if you are on site prior to your check-in date. However, priority will be given first to the age divisions designated day of check-in. Teams must be completely checked in prior to closure of registration (**9PM**) on their designated registration day. **This includes the TEAM CHAPERONE.** Teams that fail to check-in during this time frame will be subject to forfeiture of their first match of the tournament. Teams and chaperones will no longer be allowed to check in the morning or afternoon of their first competition day. Please arrange travel accordingly to ensure you arrive on your check-in day. There will no longer be an Informational Team Meeting. All information will be given to teams at Check-In.

If for any reason a team is in need of a late check-in, you must email the USAV Events Department with a valid reason **prior to June 19th** and must receive approval for late check-in.

Only the team representative or coach should go to the check-in desk in the lobby of the Miami Beach Convention Center to register the team(s).

The Team Representative / Coach will receive Meeting Schedules, Transportation Information, Printed Programs, Credentials (except Chaperone) and other information.

Each player is required to wear the same jersey number throughout the entire event with limited exceptions as required by emergency or blood rule applications. This applies to ALL PLAYERS in the Libero position.

The Team Representative / Coach will verify the team roster, uniforms, and uniform numbers. Once verified, the roster will be in effect throughout the Championships. **No additions or uniform number changes to the roster are allowed once play begins.** The team roster is limited to 15 players and 5 adults. ONLY those persons whose names appear on the verified roster receive credentials and are permitted to sit on the bench.

The Team Representative/Coach will sign a statement attesting that all results that have been submitted are complete and accurate.

Credentials will be issued to verified personnel only. Duplication of personnel from one roster to another **WILL NOT** get additional credentials (example; team reps and coaches). Chaperones are expected to remain with the team at **ALL** times especially when the coach is not present or available.

TOURNAMENT CREDENTIALS

1. The roster is limited to 15 players and 5 staff personnel (adults).
2. The roster must identify the following: Team Contact (not included as a rostered staff person), Head Coach and Chaperone (a minimum of 25 years old and must possess photo id and registration with the teams Member Organization). Optional personnel to be identified can be an Assistant Coach, Assistant Coach II, Chaperone II, Chaperone III, and Team Representative.

3. ALL team personnel (players and staff) are to be registered with their Member Organization and verified on the roster by the required deadlines.
4. Those persons whose names appear on the verified roster receive credentials for admission and are permitted to sit on the bench. Credentials will be issued to verified personnel only. Duplication of personnel from one roster to another **WILL NOT** result in additional credentials.
5. The player credentials are NOT VALID for adults or parents of the players. **ALL CREDENTIALS ARE NONTRANSFERABLE AND WILL BE CONFISCATED IF MISUSED. Misuse may result in expulsion from the remainder of the event.** The Championship Committee reserves the right to conduct random and periodic ID checks during competition.
6. Teams must have ID and RVA membership verification documents for EACH playing and non-playing participant on the roster at all times during competition. It is to be shown upon request to any authorized representative of the Championship Committee, USAV Staff, Arbitrator, or the Event Security Staff.

WHAT TO BRING

Any one of the following for proof of identity:

1. An original government issued photo ID with date of birth included
2. Drivers license with Photo or an original issued photo ID
3. Passport

Any one of the following for proof of age:

1. An original or certified birth certificate
 2. An original government issued photo ID with date of birth included
 3. Driver's license with photo
 4. Passport
- Two (2) player medical release forms. One will remain with the team supervisor (coach / chaperone) at all times. A legible photocopy or the original must be on file with the USA Girls Junior Olympic Volleyball Championship staff. It can be mailed to the USAV office prior to the June 3rd deadline or brought to the on-site registration at the Miami Beach Convention Center.
 - If applicable: Girls 18's – letter from school administrator verifying enrollment of student using age exception (must be on school letterhead).

Chaperones will need a photo id and proof of region registration and background screening. The Championship Committee reserves the right to conduct random and periodic ID checks during competition. Teams should have ID and RVA membership verification documents for EACH playing and non-playing participant on the roster at all times during competition. It is to be shown upon request to any authorized representative of the Championship Committee, USAV Staff or the Event Security Staff.

IMPACT CERTIFICATION

IMPORTANT IMPACT CERTIFICATION NOTICE!!

IMPACT Clinics will no longer be offered at the Junior Olympic Championships. In addition USA Volleyball policies have changed, it is now a requirement that EVERY coach listed on a team roster to be minimally IMPACT Certified. Teams will be deemed ineligible and denied access to the 2009 USA Junior Olympic Championships if their coaches are NOT IMPACT Certified.

See page 16 for details on Coaching Eligibility. Please make arrangements prior to the Championships to become IMPACT certified.

For more information on IMPACT Certification, contact your [local RVA](#).

As an alternative, there will be IMPACT Webinars available through USA Volleyball beginning in January. Visit the [USA Volleyball Cap Website](#) for more information or email cap@usav.org.

Teams will NOT be eligible to participate at the Junior Olympic Championships without meeting the coaching certification requirements.

Coaches and other adults may attend an IMPACT course through a USA Volleyball RVA. Once IMPACT certification has been obtained, re-certification is not required unless the Member Organization requires re-certification. Please verify IMPACT certification with your Regional Commissioner or Member Organization's designee prior to submitting your entry for the event. This will eliminate any potential problems prior to registering on-site. Your region office will verify your certification in the ADVANCED EVENT SYSTEMS (AES) system. If the region cannot verify your IMPACT certification, a copy of your certificate will be required.

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
- ACEP "Principles of Coaching" course with proof of purchase of the USAV IMPACT Manual

If your region office cannot verify your IMPACT certification, you must send proof of certification/course completion for any of the coaching courses mentioned above to the USAV Events Department by June 3rd or with the Official Entry Form and Fee; or provide it during your team check-in at the tournament.

USA CAP LEVEL I, II & III COURSES

USAV CAP Level I Certification Course will be offered in conjunction with the USA Girls Junior Olympic Volleyball Championships. For more information on courses offerings and schedules: www.usavolleyball.org

Or Contact:
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SCORER (SCOREKEEPING CLINIC)



USA Volleyball will offer scorekeeping clinics at the 2009 Girls Junior Olympic Volleyball Championships.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>DIVISION</u>
June 25 th	4:00 PM	16 Open, National & American
June 26 th	4:00 PM	12 & 13 National and American
June 27 th	4:00 PM	17 Open, National and American
June 29 th	4:00 PM	15 Open, National & American
June 30 th	4:00 PM	18 Open, National & American
July 1 st	4:00 PM	14 Open, National & American

GIFT EXCHANGES

Historically, teams have exchanged gifts at the beginning of their first encounter. This is more prevalent with the younger age classification teams than with the older ones. This is not a requirement. However, we encourage the exchange as a gesture of sportsmanship and good will.

TOURNAMENT BALL

13-18s Age Divisions	12s Age Divisions
Molten “Super Touch” IV58L-3	Molten “VBLite”
	

PRACTICE OPPORTUNITIES

There will **NOT** be any practice times available in the Miami Beach Convention Center. USAV will do our best to locate information for local practice facilities in the Miami area for you to secure at your own discretion however because of previous experience in some cities we cannot guarantee there will be available sites. We will post updates on the USAV web site on the 2009 GJOVC home page.

SPORTS MEDICINE / TRAINERS

A taping / training area and trainers will be available. Taping supplies will NOT be furnished. You must provide your own tape and / or bandage or you will be charged for your needed supplies. Hospitals are located near the playing venue / headquarters hotel and emergency transportation (to hospitals only) will be provided if needed. The training staff will be available free of charge to any member listed on the Official Roster. Their purpose is to support, evaluate and assist in athlete injuries and medical emergencies. The trainers' facility will be located on the Convention Center floor in a central location near the Championship Desk.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

The 2009 Rules & Regulations will be in effect throughout the 2008 -2009 Season and for the USA Junior Olympic Girls Volleyball Championships. Participants, coaches and team representatives in the USA Junior Olympic Girls Volleyball Championships are subject to and must obey ALL rules, regulations and policies of USA Volleyball.

RULES OF PLAY

The USA Junior Olympic Girls Volleyball Championships play in accordance with the United States Rules-Modified (current USA Volleyball Rulebook can be downloaded or purchased from the [USAV web site](#)), as approved by the United States Rules Testing Commission. Key rules are listed below.

- Rally Score to 25, all games must be won by a margin of two (2) points.
- Deciding games will be rally to 15 (of a 2 out of 3 **OR** 3 out of 5 game set)
- There will be a coin toss between games two and three to determine “side”, “serve” or “receive” in a 3-team pool where 3 sets to 25 are played and the final finish in the pool is determined by game percentage.
- Twelve (12) substitutions and a Libero; the Libero player must be identified prior to each set
- The Roster may contain up to 15 players and no more than 5 staff members.
- Net heights
 - Girls 13’s - 18’s: 2.24 m (7’4 1/8”)
 - Girls 12’s: 2.13 m (7’0”)
- Balls
 - The Molten “Super Touch” IV58L-3 (red, white & blue) for the 13 – 18 divisions.
 - The Molten “VBLITE” (red, white & blue) for the 12 & Under division.
- A player’s momentum may carry her up to but not upon the sideline or end line of an adjacent court following a legal play, play attempt or contact with the ball provided that such action does not, in the opinion of the official(s) on the adjacent court, interfere with play on that court.
- Libero Uniform Color
 - The libero must wear a uniform shirt or jacket that is immediately recognized from ALL angles as being in clear contrast to and distinct from the other members of the team.

TEAM UNIFORMS

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

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

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

Uniform Requirements

- All uniforms must meet the USAV standards to include: minimum front number size of 4” and minimum back number of 6”. The numbers must be centered. This is MANDATORY. All numbers still must be of a different and contrasting color to the jersey and the stripe forming the numbers must have a minimum width of 2cm (3/4”).
- **Each player is required to wear the same jersey number throughout the entire event**, with limited exceptions as required by emergency or blood rule applications. This applies to ALL PLAYERS in the Libero position. If players share the Libero position from match to match, a player shall wear the same jersey number whenever they play, whether they are, or they are not, assigned to the Libero position.

OFFICIALS

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

TEAM OFFICIATING RESPONSIBILITIES

A Junior Olympic player may be permitted to function as the Second Referee if the player can provide proof of referee certification or that the certification is verified by their Regional Volleyball Association (RVA) Commissioner. *Only certified adults, whose name(s) appear on the Official Roster, other than the Chaperone may be required to perform this “duty”.* For your planning, be prepared to provide the following officials:

- Second Referee: an adult or player (if certified) whose name is on the Official Roster
- Scorer: player (failure to have qualified personnel will result in a fee per match)
- Assistant Scorer: player (Visible scoreboard operator/Libero Tracker)
- 2 Line Judges: players

A rostered adult must be present (**at court side**) during the team’s officiating assignment.

Non-rostered personnel may be allowed to work on officiating team, provided they can provide documentation that they are registered with a region of USAV and have any required certifications at JOVC events.

NOTE: A scorekeeper clinic will be held the day prior to the start of each competition session. If you do not have a player or adult on your roster who is a certified scorekeeper, someone from the roster must attend the scorekeeper’s clinic.

FAILURE TO PROVIDE THE OFFICIATING CREW FOR YOUR ASSIGNED MATCHES COULD RESULT IN THE FORFEIT OF THE FIRST GAME OF YOUR NEXT MATCH.

IN ADDITION, FOR EVERY MINUTE THE OFFICIATING TEAM IS LATE OR INCOMPLETE, ONE POINT WILL BE GIVEN TO THEIR NEXT OPPONENT (UP TO THE 25-0 FORFEIT). THE CLOCK BEGINS AT THE START OF THE RECEIVING TEAM’S WARM-UP. THE SECOND OFFENSE RESULTS IN THE LOSS OF YOUR NEXT MATCH!

TEAM FORFEITURES

A team that intentionally forfeits a match will be excluded from further participation in the tournament. If a team forfeits a match, the forfeit will be considered intentional, unless the team shows good cause for the forfeit. The Event Arbitrator will determine if good cause exists.

MATCH FORMAT / WARM-UP PROCEDURES

Warm-ups will be 2-4-4 (2 minutes of ball handling followed by 4 minutes for each team beginning with the serving team). The same procedure applies to tie-breaking games. Girls 16, 17 and 18 Open matches will be the best 3 out of 5 (25 rally point games). All other divisions will be the best 2 out of 3 (25 rally point games). All deciding games will be to 15 rally points. All tie-breaking games at the Championships will be rally score to 25 points.

AWARDS

It is the obligation of the head coach to be aware of his / her individual State High School Association rules regarding the acceptance of awards. If necessary, present the properly signed papers as required by your State High School Activities Association. This will prevent a delay in the actual presentation of the awards at the Event. The top three finishers in each National Tournament will receive a team trophy plus individual medals. Players named to the All-Tournament Teams will receive an individual award. In divisions in which All-Tournament selections are made, a Most Valuable Player will be presented. Only USAV-approved awards will be presented at the Championships.

ALL-TOURNAMENT SELECTION

The All-Tournament Committee was established to recognize outstanding athletes during their participation at the Junior Olympic Championships. Individuals will be honored for:

- playing effectiveness and court leadership in the tournament
- demonstration of good sportsmanship, leadership, general attitude and conduct both on and off the court
- the best individual players with some regard for position
- basic skills and all-around ability
- those selected shall come primarily from "Gold Flight" teams (the committee reserves the right for exception), the MVP may or may not be selected from the first place team
- any player who has received behavioral sanctions from a referee, the Event Arbitrator or other USA Volleyball authorities during the current JOVC event WILL NOT be considered for All-Tournament Team selection

All-Tournament and Most Valuable Player (MVP) awards will be given in the following age divisions: 18, 17, 16 and 15 Open, National and American divisions.

- Fourteen players in each division will be named to the All-Tournament Team. In addition, a MVP will be awarded. Team selection is made without regard to player position.
- The committee makes selections with input from coaches, college scouts, and referees.
- Players who have been selected to an All-Tournament team or as a tournament's Most Valuable Player and who have received disciplinary action by the Event Arbitrator or other USA Volleyball authorities prior to leaving the host city, shall be subject to a forfeit of these All-Tournament recognition honors.

UNIVERSITY ATHLETE & COLLEGE RECRUITING INFORMATION

University Athlete is the official college coach's communication tool for the Girls Junior Olympic Event.

All player data is extracted from Advanced Event Systems (AES) and supplied to colleges on their PDAs. Teams that submit incomplete player information are putting their athletes at a disadvantage for recruiting purposes. It is the responsibility of the Team Representative/designee to input the data into the registration system (AES) accurately and completely for all players. Player information will be supplied to colleges for 15-18 age divisions only.

University Athlete is an important tool for all participants, parents and coaches. Most colleges obtain important information on student-athletes from data collected by University Athlete. For more information on University Athlete please visit their website at www.universityathlete.com.

PRE-TOURNAMENT TICKETS

Admission to the USA Junior Olympic Girls Volleyball Championships is by credentials or ticket only. Advance sales will save money and avoid lines at the ticket windows, especially the first days of each division.

Pre-Tournament Tickets can be ordered on-line through Brown Paper Tickets. Click on the Brown Paper Tickets icon on the following page to purchase tickets: http://usavolleyball.org/event/event/571?page_id=2451. Follow the directions listed on the website. Save yourself time by ordering online! **DEADLINE FOR ORDERING TICKETS ONLINE IS JUNE 12th**. Children 12 and under are free.

Tournament Pass	At-Door	In Advance
Senior Citizen Tournament Pass (age 60+)	\$25.00	\$20.00
Student Tournament Pass (age 13 – 18 & college students)	\$25.00	\$20.00
Military Tournament Pass (with Military ID)	\$25.00	\$20.00
Age Group Tournament Pass (good for 4 Days)	\$35.00	\$30.00
All Tournament Pass (good for the whole tournament)	\$45.00	\$40.00
Senior/Student/Military One Day Pass	\$7.00	Not available
Adult One Day Pass	\$12.00	Not available

Note: If purchasing Senior Citizen, Student or Military tickets, the person must show ID to pick up your wrist band for the tournament.

The Age Group Pass is good for the 4 days each age division is playing. If you have multiple children playing in this tournament the All Tournament Pass is suggested.

COACHES AND CLUB DIRECTORS - PLEASE SHARE THE 'ADVANCE TICKET ORDER PROCESS' AND ACCESS TO THE USAV WEB SITE WITH PARENTS AND YOUR TRAVELING PARTY. BUYING TICKETS AHEAD OF TIME CAN SAVE YOUR PARENTS TIME AND MONEY AT THE EVENT AND HELP THEM AVOID LONG LINES AT THE TICKET COUNTERS.