OFFICIAL INFORMATION MATERIALS

To enter the June 9-11, 2023 the direct link on AES is:

https://advancedeventsystems.com/events/29014

To enter the June 12-13, 2023 the direct link on AES is:

https://advancedeventsystems.com/events/29016

JUNE 9-10-11, 2023 (Event one) Girls 13-14-15-16-17-18

JUNE 12-13, 2023 (Event two) Girls 12-13*-14*-15*-16*-17*-18* and Boys 14-13-12u

*** Girls 13-14-15-16-17-18u have three day or two-day option**

*** Teams can play in both events if desired as they are separate events**

OPEN TO ALL TEAMS-MEMBERSHIP NOT REQUIRED IN AAU, JVA or USAV-however all staff must have current background check either thru USAV or JVA

Here is the link to obtaining a Background check thru JVA:

https://jvavolleyball.org/membership/manage-your-club/background-screenings-aps/#apply-background-screen

Information Links

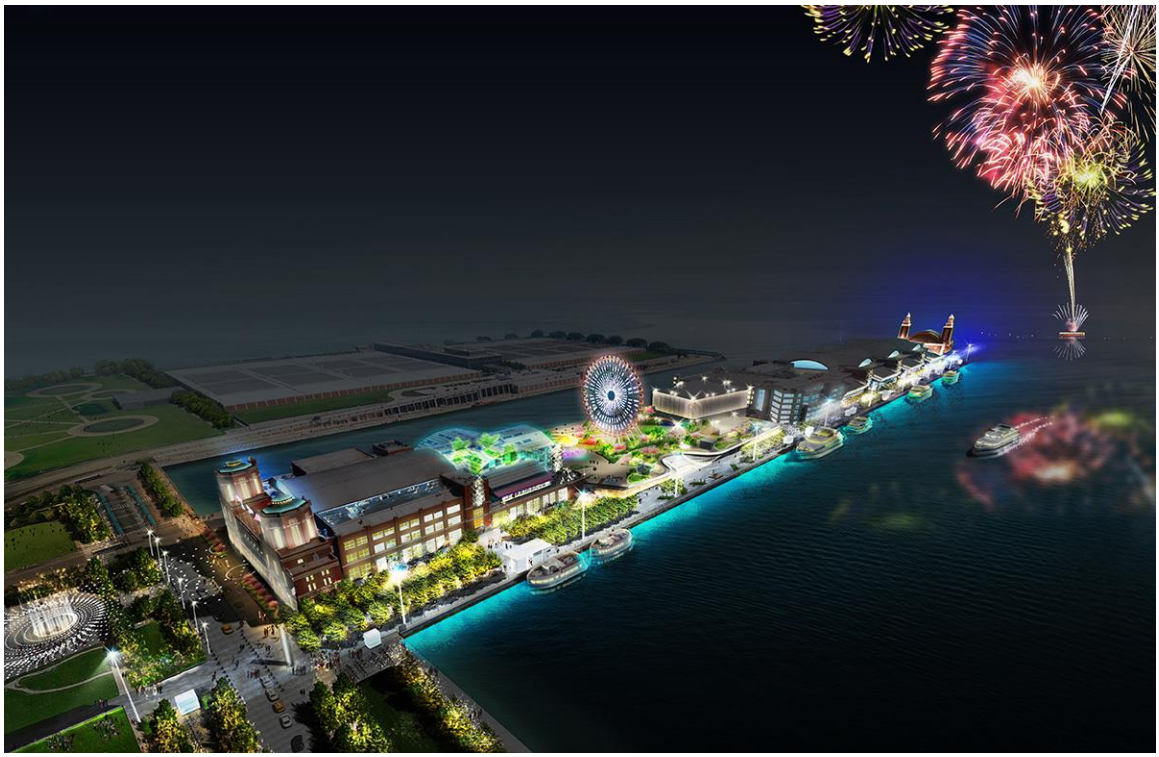
Email: midwestjvb@gmail.com

www.midwestjrvolleyball.com

www.navypier.com

Hotel Link:

https://book.passkey.com/event/50397484/owner/15090011/home



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JUNIOR NATIONAL VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

JUNE -9-13,2023

Event #1 June 9-11, 2023

A 3-Day Event for Girls 13u-14u-15u-16u-17u-18u

Event #2 June 12-13, 2023

A two-Day Event for Girls 12u-13u-14u-16/15u/18/17u and

Boys 12-13-14u

EACH EVENT IS SEPARATE, TEAMS CAN ENTER BOTH IF DESIRED

Tournament Sponsors:

Mikasa® Sports, Official Volleyball

Welcome

- Our 27th anniversary with Asics® America Corporation!
- Our 48th year running this event in the Great Lakes/Chicagoland Area

Playing Venue

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- Sports Medicine
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INITIAL ROSTER DEADLINE IS June 1st*

THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO ALL TEAMS—AFFILIATED OR NON-AFFILIATED AS WE WILL BE INSURING THE EVENT THRU JVA SO IF YOU ARE AAU, USA VOLLEYBALL, JVA OR UNAFFILIATED YOU CAN PLAY IN IT! NO MEMBERSHIP IS NEEDED!

THIS IS A FIRST-COME FIRST SERVE EVENT! NO QUALIFYING NEEDED… DON'T WAIT!

***Rosters from AES or bring to Check In … Initial Deadline June 1, 2023 for rosters but any changes to players or staff can be made at check in.. There is no 'frozen" roster rule**

June 9-11, 2023 and June 12-13, 2023

ASICS® JUNIOR NATIONAL VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

PO BOX 92543

HENDERSON, NEVADA 89009

www.midwestjrvolleyball.com

Email: Midwestjvb@gmail.com

September, 2023

Dear Coaches and Directors,

We look forward to your arrival at Chicago's beautiful Lakefront Navy Pier, the #1 Midwest Tourist Attraction for Visitors. The Asics® Junior National Volleyball Championships is the oldest running mega volleyball event! This is the 48st year of this event, and our 27th with the finest complete volleyball provider of apparel, footwear, and accessories--Asics® America Corporation! We are proud and privileged to provide this national caliber volleyball championship event in the Chicago land area! We are most excited that there is no qualifying for our event—it is available to all teams, whether you belong to any organization or not, on a first come, first serve basis. It gives an opportunity for all teams, no matter the experience or skill level, to taste the excitement of *boys' and girls'* teams playing simultaneously from all over the United States, Canada and we often get teams from Hawaii and Puerto Rico. This is the 17th time we have hosted at the fan favorite Navy Pier- 2003, 2006, 2009-2023, and it is our permanent venue. Unlike McCormick Place where there is unlimited space and courts one

mile down the Chicago Lakefront—we are limited to 30 courts and 240 teams in each session/480 total teams for both sessions. You need to *enter early through www.advancedeventsystems.com*, as we cannot exceed this capacity. The ambience of the Chicago Lakefront and the stunning views of being right in the heart of the Chicago skyline make this a worthwhile and one-of-a-kind venue. You will be playing on an indoor pier/convention hall (FESTIVAL HALL) that extends out into Lake Michigan nearly a mile-with yachts, skyscrapers, a new hotel called the Sable, and lakefront activity at your feet. Parents enjoy the outdoor restaurants, beer gardens, and entertainment while play continues inside the convention center known as Festival Hall A and B.

It is with great pride and anticipation that we welcome you and our exceptional volunteer tournament staff that travels from all over the United States to participate/or assist with the event. We believe you will discover Chicago to be a beautiful city with its museums, sporting and cultural events, lakefront activity and the number one tourist attraction in the Midwest, Navy Pier. Chicago has a lot to do and explore in a city of exceptional friendliness/ cleanliness that is the ultimate family-friendly destination!

Our event is in its 27th year of sponsorship with ASICS® America Corporation and its 29th year with Mikasa® Sports as the official ball. Boys and Girls will compete in 12u, 13u, 14u, 15u, 16u, 17u, and 18u age divisions. The event annually draws 5000 plus athletes and guests from all over.

For some teams, this is the culmination of the junior season. For others, it is a pre-national warm up for a National Championship or the season ending highlight. This event is for *all* caliber of play and our outstanding scheduling technicians are highly efficient flowing teams after initial pool play into appropriate divisions. We give awards to EVERY DIVISION!

Plan for your visit to the Chicago area to help ensure an enjoyable and rewarding experience. We encourage you to *enter early,* as space is limited. You only need to go to AES (rosters not needed to enter)—initial rosters so we can prepare check in materials ahead of time are not due until *June 1, 2023*. You can add or delete to your rosters after June 1 at check-in, we do not abide by a 'frozen roster policy". We do not require teams to use any hotel block—you are free to choose and book any hotel in the area that suits your needs and budget. *NO POLICY OF Play and Stay*!! Also, waivers are allowed for players who play in the same grade level but are up to one year older in age according to JVA rules.

The Sheraton Grand Chicago, ASICS HEADQUARTER HOTEL, is holding a large block of rooms for teams that desire a hotel within walking distance of Navy Pier and it will SELL OUT early. You can reserve the hotel special rate that will be available in October from the MCI link we will have soon. The Sheraton Grand, 301 East NORTH Water Street, Chicago, IL 60611 is a top-notch hotel on the Chicago River. You must book thru our link, do NOT call the Hotel to reserve! The link is to book:
https://book.passkey.com/event/50397484/owner/15090011/home

https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/chigs-sheraton-grand-chicago-riverwalk/overview/?scid=f2ae0541-1279-4f24-b197-a979c79310b0

2023 JUNIOR NATIONAL VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS
June 9-11 and June 12-13, 2023/ TWO SEPARATE SESSIONS
Chicago's Navy Pier
600 East Grand Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60611
Hosted by: Midwest Junior Volleyball, Inc.
Title Sponsor: ASICS® America Corporation
Official Ball Sponsor: Mikasa Sports
Official Sports Drink: Gatorade

COMPETITION VENUE:

We are pleased to return to Chicago's Lakefront Navy Pier again for our 17th year due to popular demand! It's a world class atmosphere with a multitude of events happening—beautifully located out on Lake Michigan amidst views that are world famous. The renovations to Navy Pier recently make it even more enticing.
For a look at the venue go to: www.navypier.com

COMPETITION FORMAT:

On Friday, Saturday, and Sunday June 9-11, 2023 competition will be for girls 13u-18u in a three-day format with pool play days one and two, and elimination brackets day three. Single elimination begins with bracket play on day three where you will compete until eliminated or win the championship of your division! Entry fee $750

PLEASE NOTE: In the event of a late drop or cancellation that is unforeseeable, we may have to adjust pools to "AUTO three", which means, 3 sets against other the two teams, (6 sets total) when a fourth team in the pool drops late. This is not our desirable format, but occasionally a late drop occurs and no other option exists.

June 12-13, 2023 is a two-day format for boys 12u-14u and girls 12u-14u with a combined 16/15u, 17/18u wishing a two-day format. If there are enough entries in this two-day format to

separate 16/15 and 18/17 girls, we will. Day one is pool play and day two is bracket elimination play. Entry fee is $475

All pool-play days use the format of "wave play" in the preliminary rounds of competition, 8:00 AM and 2;30 PM. *You cannot choose the wave* and they will not be announced until about two-three weeks before the event. Waves will be posted on our website and first match times will be announced no later than 1 week before the competition at: www.advancedeventsystems.com

On the final day of competition in each session, all teams must be prepared for an 8:00 am start as bracket play depends on seeding and results from preliminary rounds.

CONVENTION CENTER RULES:

- **All guests can be driven up onto Navy Pier and dropped off, regardless of whether you choose to park or not—the best drop off point is the East or West Entrance drop off down the North Side of the Pier—look at the map at**
- **https://navypier.org/assets/Documents/Navy-Pier-Chicagos-Ultimate-Playground.pdf**
- **Follow the signs to "Festival Hall"**
- **Garbage must be placed in containers throughout the Hall to make an enjoyable experience for all-—teams who do not clean their bench areas after each match will incur a 10-point penalty on their next match/first game (both teams will the incur the penalty as it is their responsibility to clean both bench areas!) Eating or drinking at the score tables will incur the same penalty as above**
- ***COOLERS* are not permitted in the Convention Center. There are plenty of park areas along Lake Michigan adjacent to the Convention Center so leave your coolers in your cars and picnic outside. The view is spectacular! Convention Center Security will confiscate any coolers brought into the hall for safety reasons.**
- **SMOKING is not permitted in the Halls—smokers will have to check for designated areas where smoking is allowed.**
- **NO OUTSIDE CHAIRS ARE PERMITTED TO BE BROUGHT IN PER CHICAGO FIRE MARSHAL CODE. Chairs are provided, and seating areas are limited to spaces the event staff feels safe to place. Generally, seating is behind the end lines and not permitted between the courts but on a few courts, it may be opposite…check at each court and referees will police this! Officials have the right to request spectators be moved or to eject unruly fans.**
- **ALCOHOL is not permitted in the Hall of competition per USA Volleyball Rule book**

PARKING:

- **We highly encourage the use of vans and car-pooling to save on parking costs.**
- **Navy Pier parking rates and advance parking discount link will be sent as soon as they are made available for 2023**
- **Also consider parking apps like Spot Hero, Panda Parking, etc.**

EVENT SCHEDULE:

- **All teams, regardless of session may check in at the Lobby leading into FESTIVAL HALL ON NAVY PIER, ROOM 202-2007 on Thursday, June 8th from 10:00 am until 6:00pm — check in entails verifying your roster, making roster changes, receiving final schedules which could include late changes, drops, etc., picking up team credentials to enter the venue, picking up reserved guest registration bands, etc….. Our staff will be on hand to answer any questions you may have. *IT IS NOT MANDATORY TO CHECK IN JUNE 8TH—YOU CAN CHECK IN BEGINNING AT 6:15 AM* FRIDAY, *JUNE 9TH BEFORE PLAY BEGINS!* However-if you choose to check in Thursday, June 8, and you are not staying except to check in---have someone drop you off at the East area turnaround guest drop off and come back for you to avoid parking charges!**
- **Teams playing June 12-13 can check in Thursday, June 8 from 10am until 6pm, or Friday, June 9 from 8:00am until 6:00pm, or beginning Sunday, June 11 at 10:00am-4pm or the day you play Monday, June 13 starting at 6:15 am.**
- **No team can compete without checking in or can enter the hall without their credentials that coaches receive at check-in**
- ***One coach/club director / team rep can check in all teams if necessary!***
- **Please report to tournament check-in booth for lost credentials**

APPLICATION PROCEDURES/ENTRY FEES:

- **Entries are accepted on a first come, first serve basis…there is no qualifying for this event and it is open to all levels of play**
- **There are a total maximum number of teams we can accept in each division …so enter early…we will send confirmation as soon as we process your team registration fees**
- **Entry Fees are $750 for the three-day event June 9-11th and $475 for the two-day event June 12-13th-which can be paid with a Credit Card on AES at www.advancedeventsystems.com or mailed with a check**
- **Full Entry Registration Fee must be included with entry form to be a valid entry that is confirmed *in order of arrival* in our office**
- **we process all entries in order of arrival**
- **If paying by check, mail all entry forms printed from AES with fees/ NO ROSTER NEEDED by check to:**

ADDRESS TO MAIL/CORRESPOND:

ASICS® Junior National Volleyball Championships

PO BOX 92543

Henderson, Nevada 89009

www.midwestjrvolleyball.com

CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

ASICS® Junior National Volleyball Championship OR

Pay ONLINE AT: www.advancedeventsystems.com

ADMISSION/TOURNAMENT PASSES:

- **FREE Event credentials are provided for a roster maximum of 14 players and two coaches for each team…. Club directors attending but not coaching must indicate themselves only *once on one team roster—do not list your name multiple times on other team rosters in your club***
- **There are *no chaperone* passes issued—only credentials to players, club directors and coaches listed on the roster. Any personnel caught giving their credential for another person illegally using it to enter the hall will *be ejected from further participation in the tournament***
- **Advance Group Discounted Credentials will be available by requesting on the official form, minimum of 10 sets required to get the discounted tickets. At the door there are no discounts, $20 a day CASH only**
- **In addition, advance tickets for spectators, as an individual or group can be purchased on the SPORTS WRENCH APP ..the link will be posted in the Spring and a credit card can be used for these**
- **3 Day passes purchased online at this Link for June 9-11 *https://tickets.sportwrench.com/#/events/457277104***

- ***2 Day passes purchased online at this Link for June12-13 https://tickets.sportwrench.com/#/events/490527892***

THE ASICS VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS IS A PRIVATE EVENT:

- **Participation in or attendance at the ASICS CHAMPIONSHIPS NAVY PIER is solely by permission from the Event. The Event and Navy Pier Security may revoke that permission at any time, for any reason. All attendees, including players, coaches, officials, and guests must register and must wear their entry credential at all times. Entry credentials may not be shared with or transferred to any other person. By registering, the participant or attendee agrees to these stipulations and all Code of Conduct Rules: violators will be ejected from the event for its duration**
- **Personal chairs are not allowed in Navy Pier, Seating is provided at each court for spectators. Outside Food and drink is allowed in—however, no coolers allowed in Festival Hall—keep in your cars**

- **Weapons of all kinds and ammunition are prohibited, both open carry and concealed carry.**

- **Smoking and smoking devices are prohibited.**

- **Alcoholic beverages are prohibited inside Festival Hall.**

- **Illegal drugs and illegal use of any drugs are prohibited in the building.**

GUEST CODE OF CONDUCT:

We have adopted the implementation of the USA Volleyball Code of Conduct and any guest or participant violating any of these rules are subject to permanent dismissal from the venue.

I WILL abide by the official rules of USA Volleyball and JVA.
I WILL display good sportsmanship at all times.
I WILL encourage my child and his/her team, regardless of the outcome on the court.
I WILL educate myself on the unique rules of this facility.
I WILL honor the rules of the host and the host facility.
I WILL generate goodwill by being polite and respectful to those around me at this event.
I WILL redirect any negative comments from others to the respective Event Director

I WILL direct all concerns regarding officials to the Head Coach for my team as opposed to - contacting the Head Official directly.
I WILL immediately notify the Event Director and/or Program Administrator in the event that I witness any illegal activity.
I WILL support the policies and guidelines of the team/club that I represent.
I WILL acknowledge effort and good performance, remembering that all of the players are ama teur athletes.

I WILL model exemplary spectator behavior while attending this event.
I WILL respect the history and tradition of the sport of volleyball by being a good ambassador.
I WILL NOT harass or intimidate the officials.
I WILL NOT coach my child from the bleachers and/or sidelines.
I WILL NOT criticize my child's coach or his/her teammates.
I WILL NOT bring and/or carry any firearms into any venue.

REFUND POLICY:

- **Teams withdrawing from the tournament after entering and being accepted, who withdraw BY WRITTEN NOTIFCATION, prior to a deadline of May 1, 2023 will receive a 50% refund of entry fee**
- **Teams withdrawing after May 1 *WILL NOT RECEIVE A REFUND UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER THE COMMITTEE DEAMS A VALID REASON***
    - ***If COVID-19 or any unforeseen event causes cancellation of event or any unforeseen circumstance, entry fee may be refunded of payments made minus any sunken costs that are not recoverable***

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FORCE MAJEURE:

- ***Since our costs are fixed for the budget of running this event, in the event a match or matches must be cancelled for circumstances out of our control—no refunds can be granted, and we will impose the legal term of force majeure- this can be power/facility outages, pandemic or health concerns, terrorism threats, etc.***

WHAT TO BRING:

Each coach should hand carry and have in his/her possession the following items in case of accident or age dispute:

- **Players medical release forms in case of injury (keep in your possession or access to online))**
- **JVA signed Waiver form for all players and staff (keep in your possession or access to online**
- **Practice balls for warm up—we do not provide**
- **First Aid kit**
- **Any Masks, sanitizers, wipes, protection equipment. IF required**

TEAM ROSTERS:

- **The team roster is limited to 14 players and 2 coaches. Only those persons, whose names are listed on the roster, may sit on the player's bench during competition. Only those persons, whose names are listed on the OFFICIAL ROSTER FORM, will be issued a Championships Credential, which allows free admission into the venue for all 5 days. NO EXCEPTIONS!**
- **Rosters MUST be submitted in AES or if that is not possible via email to *Midwestjvb@gmail.com***
- **DEADLINE FOR INITIAL ROSTER SUBMISSION is June 1, 2023**
- **All coaches on the bench must have a CURRENT JVA OR USAV Background clearance**

ROSTER CHANGES:

- **Changes after June 1st must be done at tournament check in at Navy Pier Registration Desk outside FESTIVAL HALL/you may add or delete**

WAIVERS

- **JVA accepts players up to one year past birthday age deadlines published by USAV—simply email us at midwestjvb@gmail.com with players name and team and we will check the box for waiver**

RULES AND REGULATIONS:

- **The governing rules of play shall be those set forth in the most current 2023 United States Volleyball Official Rules publication, with any modifications decided upon by the tournament staff**
- **Any changes, additional rules, and/or modifications will be published in the tournament rules distributed at the Championships check in**
- **All questions, concerns, or protests shall be handled by the Championships Competition Committee, including rule changes**
- ***We do NOT play tie-breaker matches at this event unless the Championships Committee feels necessary***

OFFICIATING/SCOREKEEPING:

- **The 2023 ASICS® Junior National Volleyball Championships is proud to have the support and cooperation of a strong core of certified volleyball officials/ referees.**
- **As typical of most events, teams will be required to provide scorekeepers, lines judges, and R2 officials when assigned on the master schedule…Any team failing to fulfill their officiating duties when assigned will occur a $100 fine, second offense in the event will be expulsion from the event**
- **All teams should be ready to play or officiate at the scheduled times. However, the tournament committee reserves the right to move matches up in time or to open courts, if necessary, to keep on schedule. We will make every attempt to not start a match earlier than scheduled unless the two teams competing agree to do so**

TOURNAMENT RESULTS:

- **Coaches must check the posted score reports on AES www.advancedeventsystems.com) immediately for accuracy**
- **A central location pod will answer all questions about format, results, etc.**
- **Any errors must be reported to the Results Pod immediately prior to the next round of play by the teams impacted by the error or the results stand**
- **Live results and schedule on www.advancedeventsystems.com**

OFFICIAL BALL:

- **Mikasa will provide the official volleyballs for the event. V200W is currently planned for all ages except 12u**
- **12 and under age divisions will be utilizing the Lite version of Mikasa VUL500**

AWARDS:

- **The top four teams in each GOLD DIVISION will receive individual medals for the players and a trophy to 1st Place Gold Winners**
- **All first-place consolation brackets will also receive individual medals for the players for winning their respective divisions -- we know how important every level of play is-not just the Gold Division-- so we are committed to awarding these to reward and recognize all our winning teams!)**
- **Coaches are to check the results center as to where to go to receive your medals if you win one---they will be awarded immediately after your championship match / or officiating responsibilities**

SPORTS MEDICINE:

- **A sports medicine team is provided and stationed in strategic areas of the venue for emergency care and preventative taping, etc.**
- **Clubs must bring their own supplies or purchase them from the Staff Trainers**
- **We highly recommend all teams carry a first aid kit with supplies/ICE IS ONLY SUPPLIED FOR INJURIES SUSTAINED DURING THE EVENT**
- **Navy Pier will also have certified paramedics, security, and Emergency ambulance service available for our event in case of an injury/accident that requires such care**
- **Coaches make sure to carry your medical releases and information**

SAFETY

- *Private Security Hired for Event*

- *Navy Pier Security and The Chicago Fire Department EMS monitors and patrols Navy Pier*
- *Certified EMS on duty in the Hall as well as Athletic Trainers*

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EXHIBITION, MEETING & SPECIAL EVENT SPACES

- 31 Aon Grand Ballroom
- 12 Crystal Gardens
- 27 Festival Hall A
- 28 Festival Hall B
- 29 Lakeview Terrace
- 30 Rooftop Terrace

MUSIC & THEATERS

- 20 Chicago Skakespeare Theater
- 26 Miller Lite Beer Garden (seasonal)
- 8 Navy Pier IMAX® Theater (under construction)
- 18 The Yard at Chicago Skakespeare (under construction)

CULTURAL ATTRACTIONS & RIDES

- 21 Amazing Chicago's Funhouse Maze
- 4 Bike & Roll Chicago (seasonal)
- 16 Centennial Wheel & Pier Park
- 3 Chicago Blackhawks Skate By The Lake (seasonal)
- 9 Chicago Children's Museum
- 25 Dreihaus Gallery of Stained Glass
- 2 Polk Bros Park
- 1 Polk Bros Fountain & Plaza
- 17 The Wave Wall
- 22 WBEZ Radio

RESTAURANTS

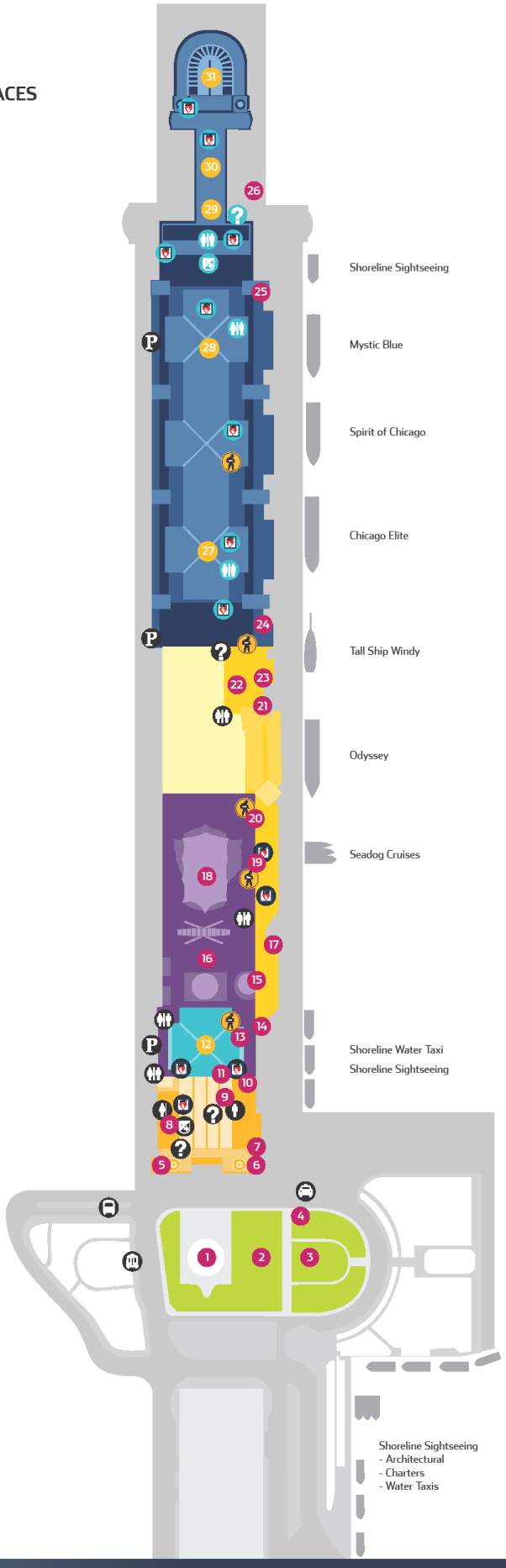
- 23 Billy Goat Tavern & Grill
- 6 Bubba Gump Shrimp Co. & Market
- 13 Chango Loco Mexican Cantina (seasonal)
- 19 DMK Burger Bar & Fish Bar, Lalos, Pork Chop BBQ, Feshii & Tiny Tavern (opening soon)
- 11 Food Court
- 5 Giordano's Pizza
- 7 Harry Caray's Tavern
- 14 Jimmy Buffet's Margaritaville Bar & Grill
- 10 McDonald's
- 15 New Food Experience: Big City Chicken, Big Bowl Chinese Express & Frankie's Pizza By The Slice
- 26 Miller Lite Beer Garden (seasonal)
- 24 RIVA Crab House & RIVA Cafe

SHOPPING

Retail kiosks and shops located throughout Navy Pier

TOUR & DINING BOATS

Along Dock Street and Ogden Slip



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- Taxi Stand
- CTA Bus Stop
- Free Trolley Stop
- Parking Entrance
- Parking Paystation
- ATM
- Security/First Aid
- Guest Services/Info
- Restrooms
- Automatic External Defibrillator

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MCI Official hotel booking for those desiring to stay at Headquarter Hotel Sheraton Grand Chicago...link is:

https://book.passkey.com/event/50397484/owner/15090011/home

SPORTS WRENCH WILL HANDLE ADVANCE INDIVIDUAL TICKETS