

OFFICIAL TOURNAMENT MANUAL

MARCH 13-14, 2027

OPEN TO ALL TEAMS-MEMBERSHIP NOT REQUIRED IN AAU, JVA or USAV- however, All Coaches/ Participating Staff must have a current background check through JVA or AAU. they will *not* accept USA Volleyball Background check.

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

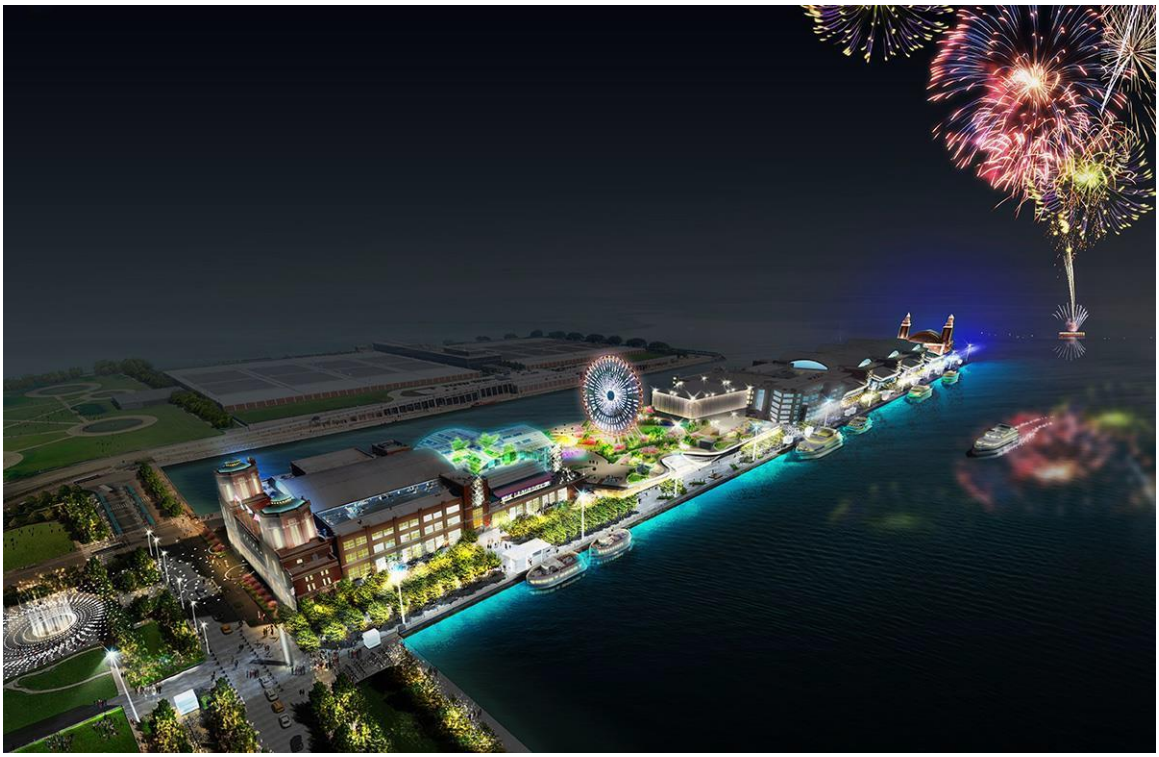
www.midwestjrvolleyball.com

www.navypier.com

JVA MEMBER CLUB



BOWNET AWARDS



THIS IS *NOT* A STAY TO PLAY EVENT!

AS a JVA EVENT, Stay to Play Policy cannot be used by tournament management.

- You have the freedom to book hotels if you need them by any means, yourself, travel agency, etc.
- If Downtown Chicago is too expensive consider Midway Campus 9 miles away or Rosemont 16 miles away, see lists below for hotels you can contact but we DO NOT HAVE ANY CONTRACTS WITH THEM
- Try using your travel company or sites like booking.com or direct chain hotel sites (best to book direct)
- Suggested hotels listed below, we do not book for teams.

MIDWAY AIRPORT HOTEL CAMPUS

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Suggested ASICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

SHAMROCK SLAM

★ MARCH 13TH–14TH, 2027 ★

MIDWAY HOTEL CENTER MAP



ROUTE TO NAVY PIER



APPROXIMATE DRIVE TIME

20–30 MINUTES

(Depending on Traffic)

ASICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

★ SHAMROCK SLAM ★

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TIPS FOR TRAVEL

- ✓ Leave extra time during rush hours
- ✓ Lake Shore Drive is scenic and well-marked
- ✓ Follow signs for Grand Ave to Navy Pier
- ✓ Parking available at Navy Pier

THANK YOU FOR STAYING WITH OUR HOTELS!

WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU TO CHICAGO FOR THE ASICS CHAMPIONSHIPS AT NAVY PIER!

ASICS SHAMROCK SLAM

MARCH 13/14TH, 2027

Chicago's Navy Pier

Stay, Play & Compete in the Heart of Rosemont!



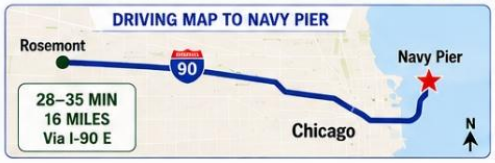
TRAVEL TIME TO NAVY PIER – CHICAGO



BY CAR	BY METRA TRAIN	BY TAXI / RIDESHARE
28–35 MINUTES 16 MILES Via I-90 E	55–65 MINUTES Rosemont Station → Millennium Station	$45–$65 (Depending on traffic & time of day)

Travel times are approximate and may vary depending on traffic and time of day.

DRIVING MAP TO NAVY PIER



20 GREAT HOTELS IN ROSEMONT

Minutes from the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center, Allstate Arena, Rivers Casino, Fashion Outlets & O'Hare International Airport (ORD)

CONVENTION CENTER / ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT

1. **Aloft by Marriott Chicago O'Hare**
   5300 N River Rd, Rosemont, IL 60018
2. **Loews Chicago O'Hare Hotel**
   5300 N River Rd, Rosemont, IL 60018
3. **The Rose Hotel Chicago O'Hare**
   5200 Pearl St, Rosemont, IL 60018
4. **DoubleTree by Hilton Chicago O'Hare – Rosemont**
   5460 N River Rd, Rosemont, IL 60018
5. **Embassy Suites by Hilton Chicago O'Hare Rosemont**
   5500 N River Rd, Rosemont, IL 60018
6. **Hilton Rosemont/Chicago O'Hare**
   5550 N River Rd, Rosemont, IL 60018
7. **The Westin O'Hare**
   6100 N River Rd, Rosemont, IL 60018
8. **Chicago Marriott Suites O'Hare**
   6700 N River Rd, Rosemont, IL 60018
9. **Hyatt Centric Chicago O'Hare**
   6350 N River Rd, Rosemont, IL 60018

ALLSTATE ARENA / MANNHEIM RD AREA

10. **Hampton Inn & Suites Rosemont Chicago O'Hare**
    7000 Mannheim Rd, Rosemont, IL 60018
11. **Sheraton Suites Chicago O'Hare**
    6501 Mannheim Rd, Rosemont, IL 60018
12. **Hyatt Place Chicago/O'Hare Airport**
    6810 Mannheim Rd, Rosemont, IL 60018
13. **Residence Inn by Marriott Chicago O'Hare**
    6420 N Mannheim Rd, Rosemont, IL 60018

ADDITIONAL ROSEMONT HOTELS

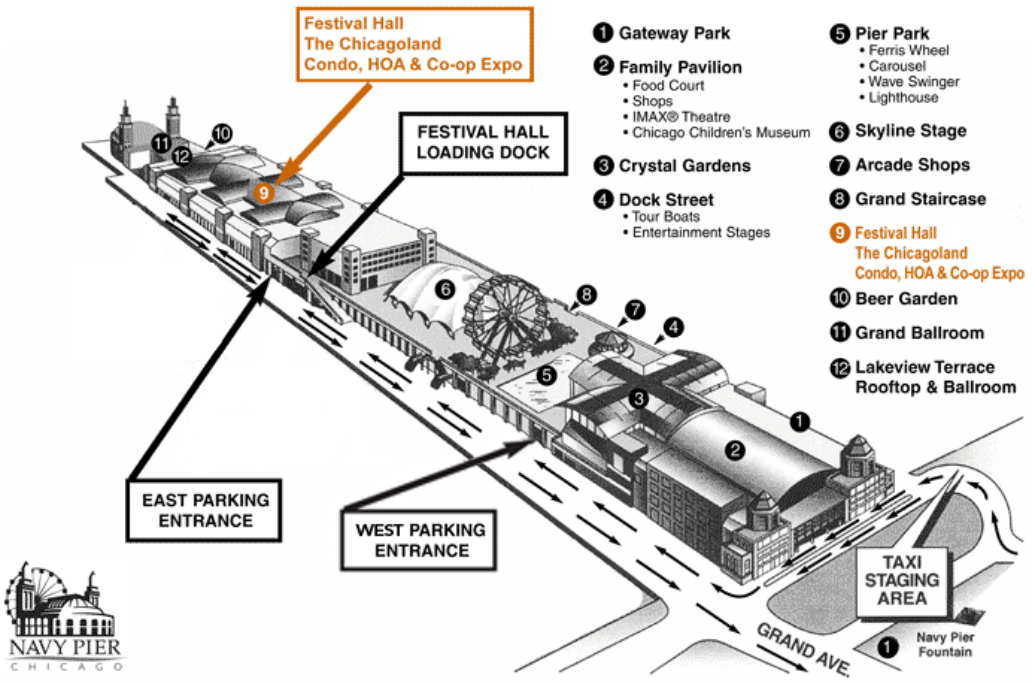
14. **Staybridge Suites Chicago O'Hare–Rosemont**
    6600 Mannheim Rd, Rosemont, IL 60018
15. **Holiday Inn Chicago O'Hare–Rosemont**
    6600 Mannheim Rd, Rosemont, IL 60018
16. **Extended Stay America**
    7501 W Touhy Ave, Rosemont, IL 60018
17. **Candlewood Suites Chicago O'Hare**
    6600 Mannheim Rd, Rosemont, IL 60018
18. **Best Western Plus O'Hare Intl South Hotel**
    3001 S River Rd, Des Plaines, IL 60018
19. **Courtyard by Marriott Chicago O'Hare**
    2901 S River Rd, Des Plaines, IL 60018
20. **Homewood Suites by Hilton Chicago O'Hare**
    2000 S Mannheim Rd, Des Plaines, IL 60018



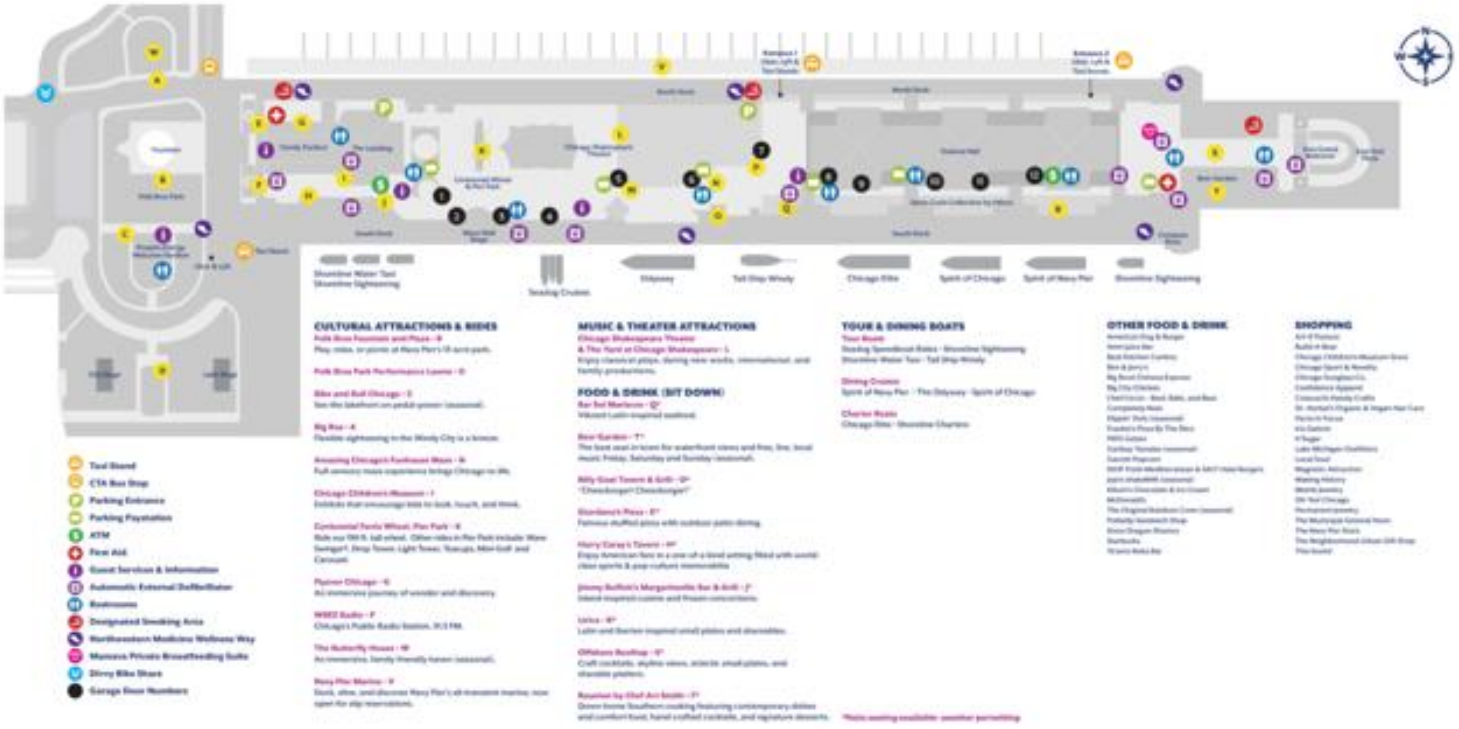
NAVY PIER
600 E Grand Ave
Chicago, IL 60611

NAVY PIER

Event Parking & Attraction Location Map



1. Gateway Park
2. Family Pavilion
   - Food Court
   - Shops
   - IMAX® Theatre
   - Chicago Children's Museum
3. Crystal Gardens
4. Dock Street
   - Tour Boats
   - Entertainment Stages
5. Pier Park
   - Ferris Wheel
   - Carousel
   - Wave Swinger
   - Lighthouse
6. Skyline Stage
7. Arcade Shops
8. Grand Staircase
9. Festival Hall
   The Chicagoland
   Condo, HOA & Co-op Expo
10. Beer Garden
11. Grand Ballroom
12. Lakeview Terrace
    Rooftop & Ballroom



EVENT HISTORY

This a brand-new event, after 32 years running our annual June ASICS JR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS, we have added a fun two-day St Patrick's Day Theme event. It is open to all teams, all skill levels. NO membership is needed in any organization to play. You do not have to have membership in AAU, JVA, or USAV as we pay to insure the teams.

The only requirement is you put a roster in AES and anyone who coaches or sits on the bench must have a background check.

COMPETITION VENUE:

We are pleased to return to Chicago's Lakefront Navy Pier again for this new event! 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 Saturday, and Sunday March 13-14, competition will be for girls 12u-18u and Boys 14/13 in a two-day format with pool play day one and elimination brackets day two. Day one is Pool Play 3 matches, day two is bracket play---teams will be placed in Gold, Silver, Bronze, etc. based on results from Saturday. Sunday teams will play a minimum of two matches--more if they continue to win in the Championship Brackets.

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.

All pool-play days use the format of "wave play" in the preliminary rounds of competition, 8:00 AM and 3:00 PM. *You cannot choose the wave,* and they will not be announced until about one month 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

- **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, the East Garage is closest.**

- **Follow the signs to "Festival Hall."**

CONVENTION HALL RULES

- **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.**
- ***HARD SHELL COOLERS* are not permitted in the Convention Center, but soft side ones ARE permitted. 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. Small soft coolers are OK and outside FOOD and DRINK ***IS*** allowed to be brought into the Hall.
- **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. Officials have the right to request spectators be moved or to eject unruly fans. PLEASE BE KIND AND VACATE CHAIRS FOR MATCHES YOU ARE NOT PLAYING IN FOR SPECTATORS ON THAT MATCH**
- **ALCOHOL is not permitted in the Hall of competition according to the USA Volleyball Rule book.**
- **OUTSIDE FOOD AND DRINK IS ALLOWED IN THE HALL BUT NO COOLERS EXCEPT SMALL SOFT ONES**

PARKING:

- **We highly encourage the use of vans and car-pooling to save on parking costs.**
- **Navy Pier parking rates and advanced parking discount links will be sent as soon as they are made available for 2027.**

Also consider parking apps like Spot Hero-there is a cheaper garage about a 4 block walk-- **456 E Illinois St. - Garage**

EVENT SCHEDULE:

- **All coaches, regardless of session must check in at the Lobby Terrace A Registration Booth leading into FESTIVAL HALL — 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, etc….. Our staff will be able to answer any questions you may have.** ***IT IS NOT MANDATORY TO CHECK IN March 12th—YOU CAN CHECK IN BEGINNING AT 6:15 AM SATURDAY MARCH 13th BEFORE PLAY BEGINS CONTINUING ALL DAY***
    - **If you choose to check in Friday, March 12 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! We will be open from 10 am to 4pm Friday for EARLY CHECK IN**
- **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, Terrace Lobby**

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…AES will send confirmation as soon as we process your team registration fees**
- **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 be aware mail can be slow**

ADDRESS TO MAIL/CORRESPOND:
Midwest Sports Management LLC
PO BOX 92543
Henderson, Nevada 89009
www.midwestjrvolleyball.com
CHECKS PAYABLE TO:
Midwest Sports Management LLC
Pay ONLINE AT: www.advancedeventsystems.com

OR PAY BY ZELLE OR VENMO TO AVOID CC FEES

Zelle: midwestjvb@gmail.com

PRACTICE TIMES DAY BEFORE, FRIDAY MARCH 12

Contact US IF YOU WISH TO PRACTICE 2-5PM

ADMISSION/TOURNAMENT PASSES:

- **FREE Event credentials are provided for a roster maximum of 15 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 (reason being everyone must be background checked)—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***
- **Tickets for spectators, as an individual or group can be purchased on the SPORTS WRENCH APP at: www.sportswrench.com**
- **2 Day passes purchased online at this Link for March 13-14, 2027 are $35**
- **www.sportswrench.com**
- ***www.sportswrench.com***
- ***Single day passes or weekend passes can only be purchased on site/$20 CASH ONLY PER DAY AT THE DOOR***
- ***Senior Citizens 65+ $10 a Day, Cash Only AT THE DOOR***
- ***Military with ID $10 a day, Cash Only AT THE DOOR***

THE ASICS SHAMROCK SLAM IS A PRIVATE EVENT:

- **Participation in or attendance at the ASICS SHAMROCK SLAM 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 always wear their entry credential. 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 *no*t allowed in Navy Pier, Seating is provided at each court for spectators. Outside Food and drink is allowed in—however, no hard-shell 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 always display good sportsmanship.
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 if 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 the players are. amateur 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, by a deadline of January 1, 2027, will receive a 50% refund of entry fee.**
- **Teams withdrawing after January 1, 2027, *WILL NOT RECEIVE A REFUND UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES UNLESS THE COMMITTEE DEAMS A VALID REASON***
- **Teams withdrawing by December 31, 2026, will receive 100% refund as it allows us to try and find a wait list team.**

- ***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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sound mind, sound body

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, but not limited to power/facility outages, pandemic or health concerns, terrorism threats, etc.*



WHAT TO BRING:

Each coach must have all players and staff fill out the JVA form online, we no longer collect them hard copy:

https://jvavolleyball.org/insurance-waiver-player-staff-form/

- **Practice balls for warm up—we do not provide.**
- **First Aid kit**
- **Any Masks, sanitizers, wipes, protection equipment, Athletic taping**

TEAM ROSTERS:

- **The team roster is limited to 15 players and 2 coaches. Only those people, whose names are listed on the roster, may sit on the player's bench during competition. Only those people, 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.**
- **DEADLINE FOR INITIAL ROSTER SUBMISSION is March 1, 2027**
- **All coaches on the bench must have a CURRENT JVA or AAU Background clearance/It is THE ONLY ONE ACCEPTED**

ROSTER CHANGES:

- **Changes after March 1 must be done at tournament check in at Navy Pier Registration Desk Room 206 inside FESTIVAL HALL/you may add or delete ALL ROSTERS MUST BE IN AES!**

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 2027 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 IF POSSIBLE**
- **All questions, concerns, or protests shall be handled by the Championships Competition Committee, including rule changes ALL DECISIONS ARE FINAL**
- ***We do NOT play tiebreaker matches at this event unless the Championships Committee feels necessary in an unusual situation.***

OFFICIATING/SCOREKEEPING:

- **The 2027 ASICS® SHAMROCK SLAM 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…**
- **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.**

MISSED OFFICIATING DUTIES

A Team's failure to have a complete officiating crew—including a rostered adult from the same Club—available and on time for an officiating assignment will results in penalties against the Team. • 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 set 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 official timed 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. AGE WAIVERED

NEW! WE ARE USING VOLLEY STATION TO SCORE MATCHES THIS YEAR!

- **Cuts down on pen and pencil scoring**
- **Coaches must download VOLLEY STATION APP ON THEIR DEVICE FOR YOUR TEAM TO DO SCORING ON**
- **https://volleystationscore.freshdesk.com/support/solutions/103000259163**

- **DOWNLOAD THE VOLLEY STATION APP**
- **ROSTERS ARE REQUIRED WITH PLAYERS UNIFORM NUMBER IN ORDER FOR VOLLEY STATION TO BE SCORED PROPERLY**

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. V2000 is currently planned for all ages except 12u

- **12 and underage divisions will be utilizing the Lite version**

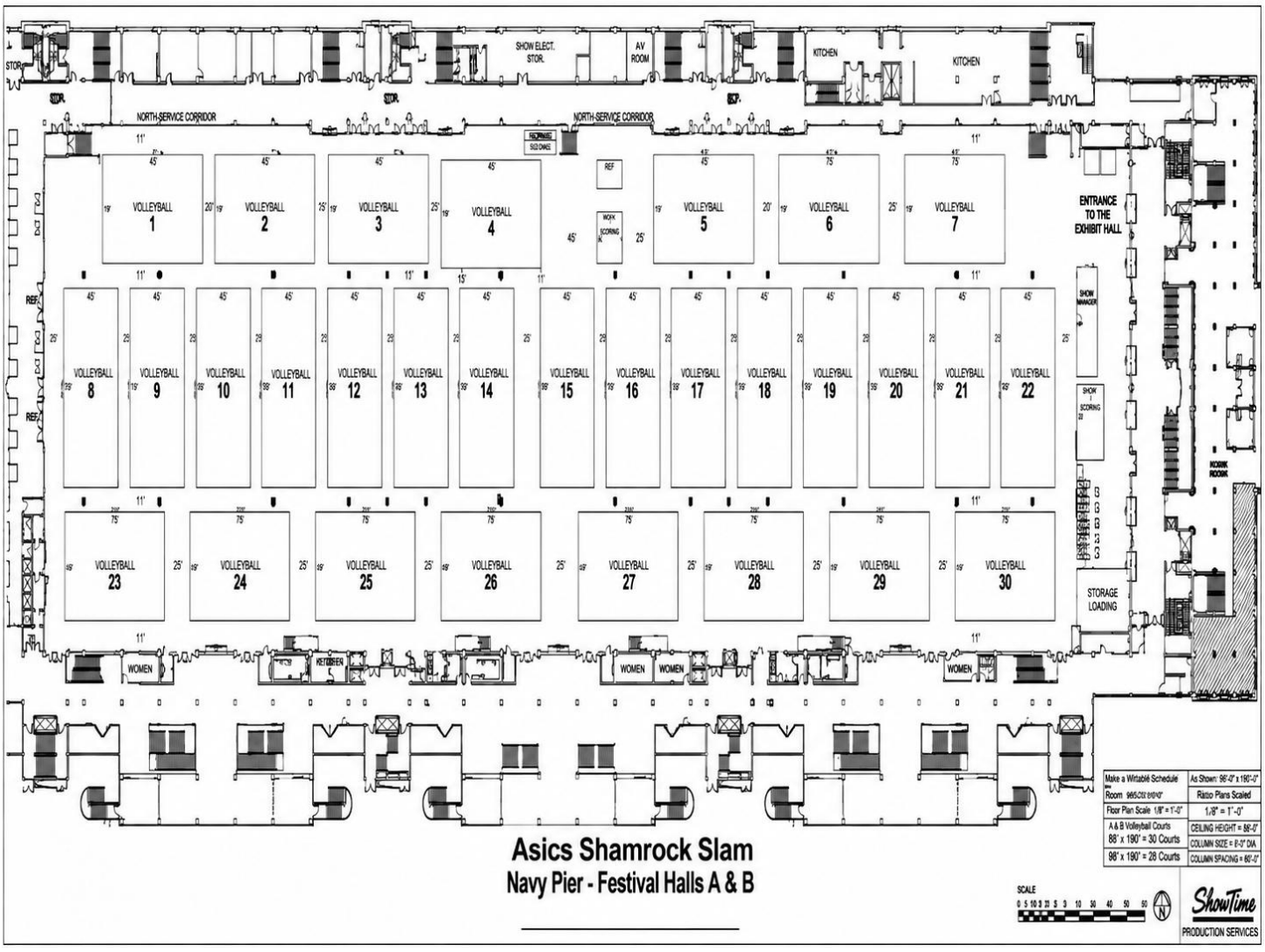
AWARDS NEW THIS YEAR!! COMMEMORATIVE RINGS!

- **The top two teams (1st and 2nd) in each GOLD DIVISION will receive individual commemorative RINGS for the players and a team award to 1st Place Gold Winners and 2nd Place Gold Winners**
- **All first-place TEAMS IN SILVER DIVISION WILL RECEIVE FINALIST'S RINGS**
- **Coaches are to check the results center as to where to go to receive your Awards if you win one---they will be awarded immediately after your championship match / or officiating responsibilities TERRACE REGISTRATION LOBBY AREA**

SPORTS MEDICINE:

- **A sports medicine team is provided and stationed in the center of the Hall by the balcony staircase 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 paramedic, security, and Emergency ambulance service available for our event in case of an injury/accident that requires such care.**
- **Coaches make sure to be able to access your medical releases and information.**





Asics Shamrock Slam

Navy Pier - Festival Halls A & B

AWARDS/FUN EVENTS

- **COMMEMORATIVE RINGS TO 1ST/2ND GOLD DIVISION AND 1ST IN SILVER DIVISIONS**
- **TEAM PLAQUE TO GOLD 1ST AND 2ND**
- **GIFT EXCHANGE—UP TO EACH TEAM IF THEY WANT TO EXCHANGE PRE-MATCH A TOKEN FROM THEIR CLUB OR PERHAPS A ST PATRICKS DAY THEME TOKEN---SHAMROCK, SOMETHING GREEN OR GOLD, ETC**
- **SOCIAL MEDIA PRIZE FOR BEST POST TAGGED TO OUR INSTAGRAM OF FUN AT THE VENUE: Instagram asics__navy__pier**
- **PRIZES FOR BEST COSTUMES FROM THE FANS REPPING ST PATRICKS DAY THEME**