



OFFICIAL INFORMATION MATERIALS

To enter the June 5-7, 2026, event, the direct link on AES is:

<https://www.advancedeventsystems.com/40903>

To enter the June 8-9, 2026, event, the direct link on AES is:

<https://www.advancedeventsystems.com/40904>

JUNE 5-7, 2026 (Event one) Girls 13-14-15-16-17/18

**JUNE 8-9, 2026 (Event two) Girls 11/12-13*-14*-15*-16* -
18/17 and Boys 14-13**

* Girls 13-14-15-16-18/17 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 thru 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>

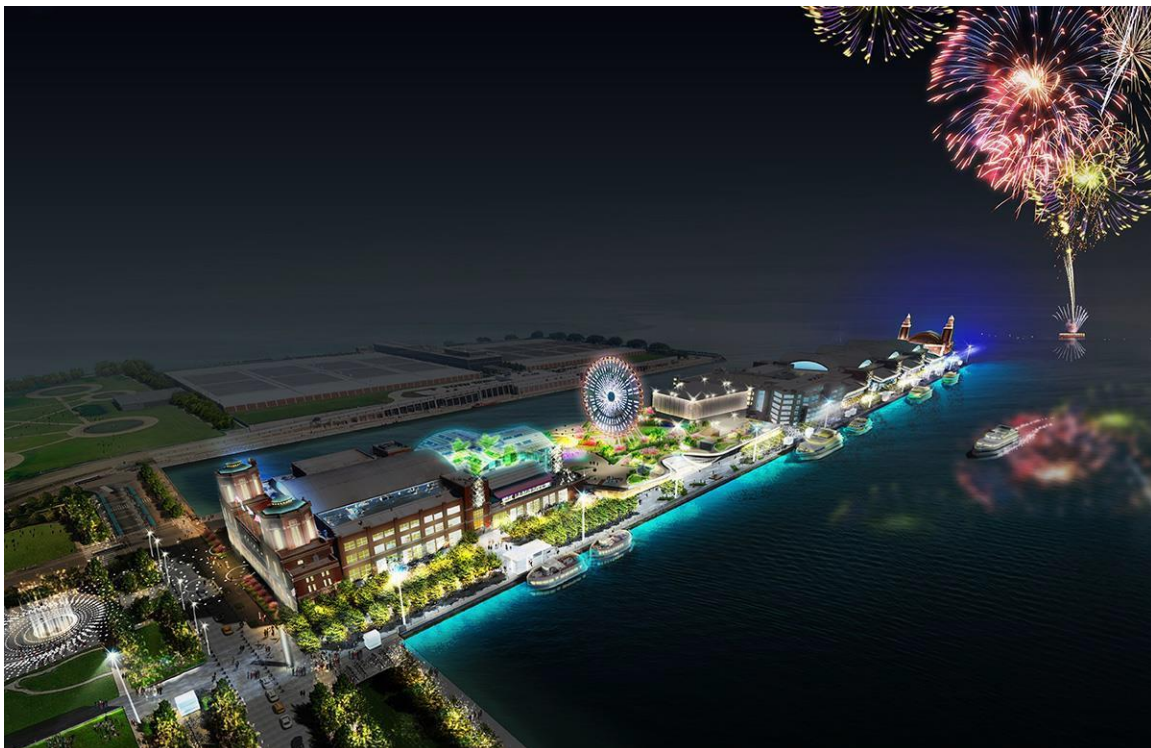
Information Links

Email: midwestjvb@gmail.com

www.midwestjrvolleyball.com

www.navypier.com

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THIS IS *NOT* A STAY TO PLAY EVENT!



JUNIOR NATIONAL VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

TWO EVENTS JUNE 5-6-7-8-9, 2026

Event #1 June 5-7, 2026

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

Event #2 June 8-9, 2026

A two-Day Event for Girls 11u/12u-13u-14u-15u-16u-18/17

and Boys 13-14u

EACH EVENT IS SEPARATE, TEAMS CAN ENTER BOTH IF DESIRED

Tournament Sponsors:



Mikasa® Sports, Official Volleyball

Welcome

- Our 31th anniversary with Asics® America Corporation!
- Our 51th year running this event in the Great Lakes/Chicagoland Area

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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-- Initial Deadline June 1, 2026 for rosters but any changes to players or staff can be made at check in.. There is no 'frozen' roster rule-we want everyone to play!



June 5-6-7, 2026 and June 8-9 2026

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July, 2025

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 one of the oldest running mega volleyball events! This is the 51th year of this event, and our 31th 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 20th time we have hosted at the fan favorite Navy Pier- 2003, 2006, 2009-2026, 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 thru* 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 Hilton 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 31th year of sponsorship with ASICS® America Corporation and its 31th year with Mikasa® Sports as the official ball of the Olympics. Girls will compete in 11u/12u, 13u, 14u, 15u, 16u, 17u/18u age divisions, we host Boys in 14-13u as well if we get enough Boys entered. 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.

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, 2026**. 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.

We will pass on hotel leads for you in the near future if you wish to use them. We will also forward parking and guest credentials information when they are available. We can tell you since clubs are holding tryouts in early in many states now, we have been filling the 3-day event as early as September! Don't wait to enter!



2026 JUNIOR NATIONAL VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS June 5-6-7, 2026 and June 8-9, 2026/ TWO SEPARATE SESSIONS

Chicago's Navy Pier
FESTIVAL HALL A/ B
ENTRANCE IS THRU
ROOM 202-207

600 East Grand Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60611

Hosted by: Midwest Sports Management

Title Sponsor: ASICS® America

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 20th 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 5-6-7, 2026 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! Minimum 7 matches.

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 8-9, 2026 is a two-day format for boys 13/14 and girls 11u-18u. Day one is pool play and day two is bracket elimination play. Minimum 5 matches.

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

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.

- 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
- <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 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. Small soft coolers are OK and outside FOOD and DRINK IS allowed to be brought in 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. 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
- 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 advance parking discount link will be sent as soon as they are made available for 2026
- Also consider parking apps like Spot Hero

EVENT SCHEDULE:

- All coaches, regardless of session may check in at the Lobby leading into FESTIVAL HALL ON NAVY PIER, ROOM 202-2007 on Thursday, June 4th from 10:00 am until 5:00pm — 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, etc..... Our staff will be on hand to answer any questions you may have. **IT IS NOT MANDATORY TO CHECK IN JUNE 4TH—YOU CAN CHECK IN BEGINNING AT 6:15 AM FRIDAY, JUNE 5TH BEFORE PLAY BEGINS!**

If you choose to check in Thursday, June 4, 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 8-9, 2026 can check in Thursday, June 4 from 10am until 5pm, or Friday, June 5 from 8:00 am until 6:00pm, or beginning Sunday, June 7 at 10:00am-4pm or the day you play Monday, June 8 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, Room 202

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

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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: midwestjrb@gmail.com

Venmo: @midwestjrb

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 has to 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 ..www.sportswrench.com
- 3 Day passes purchased online at this Link for June 5-7, 2026 for \$45
- www.sportswrench.com
- 2 Day passes purchased online at this Link for June 8-9, 2026 for \$30
- www.sportswrench.com
- *Single day passes can only be purchased on site/\$20 CASH ONLY PER DAY*
- *Senior Citizens \$10 a Day, Cash Only*
- *Military with ID \$10 a day, cash Only*

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 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 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 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 NOTIFICATION, by a deadline of April 15, 2026 will receive a 50% refund of entry fee
- Teams withdrawing after April 15, 2026 ***WILL NOT RECEIVE A REFUND UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES UNLESS THE COMMITTEE DEEMS 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*



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 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
- DEADLINE FOR INITIAL ROSTER SUBMISSION is June 1, 2026
- All coaches on the bench must have a CURRENT JVA or AAU Background clearance/It is THE ONLY ONE ACCEPTED

ROSTER CHANGES:

- Changes after June 1st must be done at tournament check in at Navy Pier Registration Desk Room 202 inside 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 2026 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 tie-breaker matches at this event unless the Championships Committee feels necessary in an unusual situation*

OFFICIATING/SCOREKEEPING:

- The 2026 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-USA is currently planned for all ages except 12u
- 12 and underage divisions will be utilizing the Lite version



AWARDS:

- The top two teams (1st and 2nd) in each GOLD DIVISION will receive individual medals for the players and a trophy to 1st Place Gold Winners and 2nd Place Gold Winners
- All first-place consolation brackets SILVER DIVISION AND BRONZ 1 DIVISION will receive individual medals
- Starting with 2024, we have created CLUB and CLASSIC DIVISIONS IN SOME AGE GROUPS TO BREAK DOWN LARGE BRACKETS/SKILL LEVELS
- CLUB Level is considered stronger than CLASSIC Level
- 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 ROOM 205 LOBBY

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

SAFETY

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

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REHYDRATE REPLENISH REFUEL
EVERY OUNCE COUNTS





SCAN FOR A MAP OF NAVYPIER





**MCI Official hotel booking for those desiring to stay at
Headquarter Hotel available in near future**

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PARKING

**NAVY PIER WILL RELEASE THE LINK TO RESERVE
PARKING IN THE NEAR FUTURE**



TRANSPORTATION MAP

