



Information for Teams/ Participants/Spectators

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**NO OUTSIDE CHAIRS OR COOLERS PERMITTED!
SEATING PROVIDED IN THE HALL AROUND COURTS
PLEASE DO NOT MOVE CHAIRS FROM COURTS!**

THREE-DAY EVENT JUNE 15-16-17, 2018

TWO- DAY EVENT JUNE 18-19, 2018

The exact schedule of team pools and times will not be released until usually the week before on AES (www.advancedeventsystems.com) due to the numerous changes that occur in the final 2-3 weeks before the event---whatever wave you are assigned to --you have a 3 in 4 chance, or 3 in 5 chance of being in the first match of the wave and only 1 or 2 teams are off the first slot of the wave, depending if they are in a 4 or 5 team pool. So be prepared to be there for wave start time, we will not pre-release exact team match times until posted on AES at www.advancedeventsystems.com

WAVES ANNOUNCEMENT FOR AGE DIVISIONS!*

THREE DAY EVENT JUNE 15-16-17, 2018*

- The starting time for Fri-Sat, June 15-16, 2018, is 8:00 am for Girls 14u, 15u
- The starting time for Fri-Sat, June 15-16, 2018 is 2:30 pm for Girls 16u, 17u, 18u
- The starting time for ALL DIVISIONS on Sunday, June 17, 2018-it depends on your seed/bracket placement --the first time slot is 8:00 am so be prepared to play first--there are no "waves" ...Sunday bracket play is SINGLE ELIMINATION
- We anticipate the last matches (for teams that advance far into the playoff finals in some age divisions) June 17, 2018 to start no later than 6:00pm--some divisions will be done sooner, especially 14-15u who played AM Wave all weekend

TWO DAY EVENT JUNE 18-19, 2018*

- The starting time for Monday, June 18 is 8:00 am for Girls 12u, 13u and Boys 14u
- The starting time for Monday, June 18 is 2:30 pm for Girls 14u, 15u, 16u and Boys 16u is 2:30 pm
- The starting time for ALL DIVISIONS on Tuesday, June 19th depends on your seed/bracket placement...the first time slot is 8:00 am so be prepared for as early as an 8:00 am start-- there are no "waves" on the final day

*The Asics® Championship Committee reserves the right to change the waves before the event begins if necessary--this has never occurred, but this disclaimer must be stated

VENUE

- Navy Pier Chicago, FESTIVAL HALL, 600 East Grand Avenue, Chicago, Ill 60611
- www.navypier.com is the venue website...the event website is: www.midwestjrvolleyball.com
- Parking: The parking lots are privately owned and operated by non-Navy Pier corporations...this is the number one public tourist destination in Illinois. We are planning at press time to extend a \$5 per day discount coupon, first come first serve until our supply runs out, which will be made available at the check-in/registration Booth outside Festival Hall Daily--show your parking ticket for this discount and you will be given one daily discount coupon...YOU PAY UPON EXITING NAVY PIER THRU A VENDING MACHINE SO YOU WILL INSERT YOUR TICKET AND THIS COUPON FOR NET PRICE...THERE IS PLENTY OF AWESOME FREE ENTERTAINMENT, BEAUTIFUL VIEWS, AND FIREWORKS ON THE PIER THAT THE COST OF PARKING IS WELL WORTH THE EXPERIENCE! The Asics Championships holds no responsibility if parking is sold out or the discount supply runs out. There are other off-site parking lots within walking distance-try www.parkingpanda.com or other sites

- THERE ARE NO IN AND OUT PRIVILEGES. The Navy Pier parking rate IS FOR UP TO 24 HOURS, but you must exit to use the \$5 coupon, and then if you plan on leaving the car overnight, you must re-enter and park again in the garage to leave it for over 24 hours. IF YOU ARE STAYING AT A LOCAL HOTEL IN WALKING DISTANCE, WE SUGGEST LEAVING YOUR CAR IN NAVY PIER AND WALKING OR TAKE THE FREE TROLLEY. SAVES MONEY AND DOUBLE-PARKING FEES
- THE TWO PARKING LOTS ARE ON THE NORTH SIDE OF THE PIER...SIGNAGE IS EXCELLENT.... THERE IS ALSO IS A FREE DROP OFF /TURN AROUND LOCATED BETWEEN THE LOTS JUST PAST THE EAST LOT.
- We highly suggest car-pooling to save on gas/ parking costs: vans, minivans, SUV's, etc to share parking/gas expenses with other families. ALSO, THERE IS PARKING OFF THE PIER WHICH MAY BE CHEAPER IF YOU LIKE TO WALK. Google various parking apps like www.parkingpanda.com
- We also highly suggest public transportation—the city of Chicago is wonderful to get around on public transportation—web site is: www.navypier.com There is a free trolley near the pier to various area sites and to UNION STATION during peak times
- NO COOLERS ARE ALLOWED IN THE CONVENTION HALL OR TO BE STORED IN THE HALLWAYS OR PUBLIC AREAS—THEY MUST BE LEFT IN YOUR CARS—YOU MAY BRING IN YOUR OWN FOOD TO THE HALL HOWEVER, AS LONG AS IT IS NOT IN A COOLER...you may also eat outside
- DROPPING OFF GUESTS: Use the turnaround for free, located after the East Parking Lot, on the Pier to drop off guests, teams, handicapped, senior citizens, etc before parking.
- Daily Admission for spectators to NAVY PIER'S FESTIVAL HALL is \$10 per person, and Children 12 and under are Free. Plenty of wristband tickets will be on sale in the lobby of the entrance outside Festival Hall each day of the tournament... Daily wristband tickets are good for the entire day—both sessions for dates where there are two sessions. There will be a separate color for each of the five days...the clubs were offered a group discount for ticket blocks and if they ordered by May 31 were either mailed to them or will be at check-in WILL CALL for pick up—**this discount is no longer available after May 31**...TICKETS THIS YEAR ARE WRISTBANDS AND MUST BE WORN ON THE WRIST PRIOR TO ENTERING THE HALL AND MUST BE SHOWN EACH TIME YOU ENTER (they are not exchangeable for a different day or refundable)—ANYONE TRYING TO REUSE A WRISTBAND FOR ANOTHER GUEST WILL BE EJECTED AND THE WRISTBAND CONFISCATED.
- All participating players, directors, and coaches that are listed on the official rosters will be given free credentials that are good for the entire 5 days at check in
- Athletico will be the official athletic trainers for the event to treat injuries and illness. We also have EMS, paramedic personnel, and Chicago Police Officers on duty at Navy Pier during the event. Ice will be given for injuries only

TEAM CHECK IN/PRACTICES

- Teams can check in beginning Thursday, June 14 from 10:00 am until 7:00 pm, Friday, June 15 from 6am until 2:30pm, Sunday, June 17 from 9am-4pm, and lastly Monday, June 18 from 6:00am until all play begins... CHECK IN will be in designated area outside Festival Hall...signs will be posted...Directors/coaches can check in **all teams** for any of the two sessions at once if preferred during these times. NO ONE WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE HALL WITHOUT A CREDENTIAL OR ADMISSION WRISTBAND
- Coach must bring a signed check in JVA Form (we will have plenty on hand if you forget it) http://www.jvaonline.org/assets/JVA_Coaches_Event_SignIn_Form_2017.pdf
- We must also have a Waiver Form for each player and staff turned in at check in found at: http://www.jvaonline.org/assets/JVA_Release_of_Liability_2017.pdf
- Coaches and Directors can check in all teams at once or individually...players are not needed at check in—just a coach or director of the team/club. SAVE MONEY! Have someone drop you at the turnaround after the EAST LOT AT THE PIER.... while you go in to check in! They may have to drive around a bit while you check in, but it may save you the cost of a full day parking fee! Or walk over from your hotel or ride one of the many free trolleys if you are staying near Navy Pier!
- **Courts for PRACTICE will not be available due to the time needed to set up except for our guests from Puerto Rico and Hawaii**

ROSTERS

- **This event is open to all players—you do not have to have a membership to USA Volleyball, AAU, or JVA as we pay to insure the teams!**
- **Waivers are also accepted—according to JVA rules a player can play if they are up to one year older as long as they are in the same grade as the other team members...you do not have to apply for a waiver—just attach a birth certificate copy to your roster at check-in**
- All teams are required to have an official roster on file. You must post your INITIAL roster in AES (www.advancedeventsystems.com) by June 1, 2018 or email us a copy if you cannot use AES
- Changes (adds or deletes) after June 1 must be executed at check in. You can add player(s) or coaches up until first match time and you must provide name, uniform number, JVA waiver form

- Credentials will be issued for those players, coaches, and club directors listed on the official final roster **PLEASE DO NOT LIST ANY PERSONNEL TWICE**—in other words a head coach or an assistant coach assists on another team—do not list them again on the other team they assist on.... these are to be worn when entering the hall for admittance. **Any player, coach, or staff member who gives their credential to another person for gaining admittance to the Hall will be expelled from the tournament. Chaperone passes are not issued for this event.**
- No one may sit on the bench that is not listed on the roster for insurance purposes

ATHLETIC TRAINERS

AthletiCo will be onsite to provide taping for the athletes as well as athletic training services to all injured participants in the tournament. Parents, Coaches, and Athletes should not hesitate to get an injury evaluated at the AthletiCo tent. AthletiCo *will NOT* provide ice except for injuries. The AthletiCo staff will try to accommodate every athlete to the best of their ability, however; athletes will be treated on a first come first serve basis and based on the severity of the injury.

- It is required that all coaches hand carry and have in their possession (do not turn in to check in) a Medical and Release Form in case of injury—these can be USAV forms, AAU forms, or JVA forms—here's JVA form if you need one:

http://www.jvaonline.org/assets/JVA_Medical_Release_2017.pdf

- Please make sure to bring these with in case of injuries and keep with you always

SEATING

- The city of Chicago has strict fire code rules for your safety and the protection of others
- Chairs will be provided around each court in appropriate areas-DO NOT MOVE THEM!
- Seating is allowed in appropriate areas around each court—the referees will ask any spectators to move if they are in the areas considered necessary for players to have space to play in....persons taking photographs or videotaping must adhere to the referee's discretion of appropriate places to stand
- NO CHAIRS ARE PERMITTED TO BE BROUGHT INTO THE HALL FROM OUTSIDE

AWARDS

Please check the posting /results area and AES(www.advancedeventsystems.com) for updates on the final day of play on which divisions are eligible for awards

- Medals will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, 3rd (both semifinal losers) in the top gold division of each age grouping *-only players and head coach present will be given awards*
- Player Medals and Team Award will be awarded to the winners of the other Division brackets (1st place only) in Silver, Bronze, Copper, etc.
- Please report to the awards booth after the conclusion of your match/or officiating assignment if you are an award winner so the staff may present them to your team...we encourage parents or friends to bring cameras to take team photos

ATHLETE/COACH/SPECTATOR CONDUCT

- If in the opinion of the ASICS@JR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS COMMITTEE the behavior of an athlete, coach, or spectator is inappropriate, we will remove them from the site. Navy Pier has Chicago Police Officers on duty during the event to assist in the unlikely event of an occurrence.

ALCOHOL POLICY AT JVA VOLLEYBALL JUNIOR EVENTS

- Navy Pier has numerous bars, restaurants, and a beer garden that serves alcohol. It is prohibited to bring alcohol in Festival Hall where the event takes place.

VALUABLES

- As with all large events in public facilities, we suggest you leave valuables at home
- We also suggest designating a person to watch all team equipment at all teams, DO NOT LEAVE ANY TEAM GEAR UNATTENDED!
- The event, its agents, contractors and Navy Pier is not responsible for lost or stolen items

LOST AND FOUND

- Tournament Results areas will house any items turned in that were lost and found

OFFICIAL BALL

Our sponsor is Mikasa Sports and we are excited to announce we are one of a select few events again chosen to use the MIKASA OFFICIAL BALL OF THE OLYMPICS! The model is Mikasa MVA200—which can be viewed at www.mikasasports.com . It is the FIVA ball. Boys and Girls 12u will use the Mikasa Lite ball.

