



Path to the National Beach Tour Junior Championship



USA Volleyball offers junior beach competition to boys and girls ages 10 to 18 years. Each gender has the following age divisions: 12 and under (12U), 14 and under (14U), 16 and under (16U), 18 and under (18U). **All athletes must be current members of USA Volleyball in order to participate at all USA Volleyball or USA Volleyball Sanctioned Events. To join or renew a membership, go to <https://www.teamusa.org/usa-volleyball/membership/regions>.**

The National Beach Tour Junior Championship (NBTJC) is comprised of three Divisions:

- Open Division** – Our elite competitive division. Teams are required to earn a bid at a Beach National Qualifier (BNQ) event in order to register for this division. Boys may also earn an Open Division bid at Beach Regional Qualifier (BRQ) events.
- American Division** – This division is only available for girls. Teams must earn a bid by competing at a BRQ event. Boys that compete in BRQs and earn a bid will be awarded Open Division bids.
- Patriot Division** – This division is available for both boys’ and girls’ teams who have not earned a bid, but would still like to compete for a National Title. Registration is open to eligible, current USA Volleyball members.

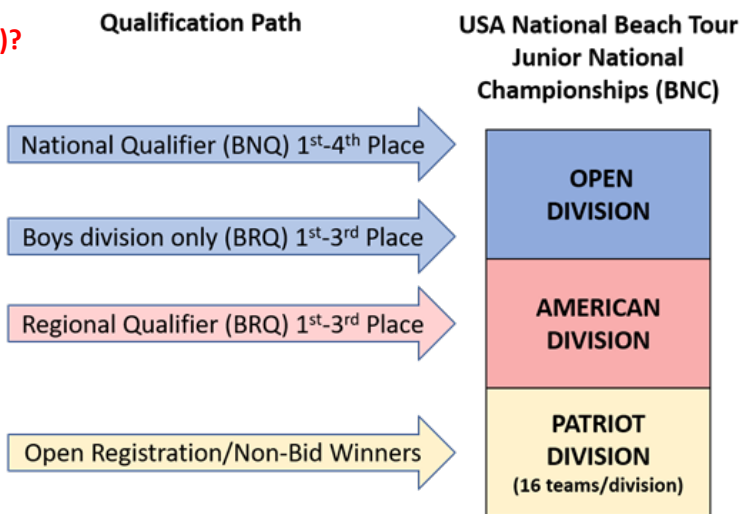
National Beach Tour Junior Championship Qualifying Events

What is a Beach National Qualifier (BNQ)?

A BNQ is a national level tournament where athletes from across the country, and international athletes are welcome to participate. BNQs provide bids to the Open Division of the NBTJC to the top 4 finishing teams, per age group, per gender.

What is a Beach Regional Qualifier (BRQ)?

A BRQ is a region level tournament where athletes from within the host’s USAV Region are welcome to participate. Athletes from outside the host region may request permission to participate by contacting the host region. BRQs provide bids to the top 3 finishing teams, per age group, per gender. Girls will receive bids into the American Division while Boys will receive bids into the Open Division of the NBTJC.



BNQ events are licensed by USAV and operate under the parameters set forth by USAV. BRQ events are operated and managed by the Regional Volleyball Associations.



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Participation Information

USA Volleyball utilizes the USA National Beach Ranking System to determine tournament seeding. Athletes can earn points by participating at USA Volleyball sanctioned events. Rankings are based on the five (5) best finishes in the previous 365 days. Rankings hold for one (1) year with points falling off after 365 days. Go to <https://usav.seedingpal.com/home> to view current rankings.

How Bids Work:

Bids are awarded to both athletes on a team. It is not required to compete in the NBTJC with the same partner the bid was earned with. Teams may choose to split up, or one athlete may decide not to attend the championship. In such cases, their partner is permitted to participate with a different athlete, as long as the new athlete is a current USA Volleyball member.

At least 1 athlete per team must have earned a bid in order to participate in the Open Division and for Girls in the American Division of the NBTJC.

Athletes/teams may earn multiple bids in one (1) or different age groups but can only accept one (1) bid for each age group.

If an athlete/team has earned both an Open Bid and an American Bid, for the same age group, they will have to choose which to participate in. They cannot compete in both divisions, unless the bids are for different age groups.

BNQs do not trickle down bids for the Open Division

BRQs may trickle down American Division bids, but no further than to 5th place

International Athletes:

USA Volleyball welcomes international participants at National Beach Tour Events. Interested teams will need to contact us at Beachevents@usav.org to receive the necessary documents and registration instructions. Teams will still be required to earn a bid if they wish to compete in the Open Division of the NBTJC.

To register for a tournament/event:

Go to www.NationalBeachTour.com for a list of BNQs and BRQs and click on the event you would like to participate in. Remember that you need a partner and both participants must have a current USAV membership. One participant registers the team.

For additional information, please refer to the manual on our website: <https://www.nationalbeachtour.com/about>