

**WELCOME**

# INTRODUCTIONS

NASA Directors: Connie Nicholson, Kelly Emerson,  
Holly Richards

NASA South Director: Jennifer McKannan

Website and Social Media: Tanequa Whitman

Tournament Scheduling & Administration: Holly Richards

Practice Scheduler: Jacqueline Richards

# #theNASAway

## Philosophy and Mission

**THE PRIMARY MISSION OF NASA IS TO HAVE A POSITIVE INFLUENCE IN THE LIFE OF ALL OF OUR PLAYERS**

- Founded in 1990
- Training the whole student-athlete
- Positive, yet competitive environment
- Communication
- Positional Skills Training (Kelly Emerson, Holly Richards, Kristene Bell & Tanequa Whitman)
- 1.5 hour/2 hour practices (2-3 times per week)

# NASA BASH 2026

NASA BASH Tournament Director:

Nancy Rickmeyer

NASA BASH Court Supervisors:

Chris Daum and Davy Knight

NASA BASH Hospitality Coordinator:

Carrie Jakob

NASA BASH Volunteers:

Heather Knight

**February 21-22, 2026**

- **Von Braun Civic Center South Hall**
- **120+ Teams**
- **Parent Volunteers**
- **Court Sponsorships**
- **Vendors**
- **Club and Team Pictures (Friday Night)**

## 2025-2026 Tryout Location & Schedule

### Johnson Legacy Center

6000 Cecil Fain Dr.

Huntsville, Al 35810

| Age Group                     | Born on or After | Tryout Date | Tryout Time     |
|-------------------------------|------------------|-------------|-----------------|
| 11 & Under                    | 7/1/2014         | 7/11/2025   | 5:30pm-7:00pm   |
| 12 & Under                    | 7/1/2013         | 7/11/2024   | 5:30pm-7:00pm   |
| 13 & Under                    | 7/1/2012         | 7/12/2024   | 8:30am-10:00am  |
| 14 & Under                    | 7/1/2011         | 7/12/2024   | 10:30am-12:30pm |
| 15 & Under                    | 7/1/2010         | 7/12/2024   | 1:00pm-3:00pm   |
| 16 & Under                    | 7/1/2009         | 7/13/2024   | 1:00pm-3:00pm   |
| 17 & Under                    | 7/1/2008         | 7/13/2024   | 3:00pm-5:00pm   |
| 18 & Under                    | 7/1/2007         | 7/13/2024   | 3:00pm-5:00pm   |
| Makeup Tryouts All Age Groups |                  | TBD         | TBD             |

**REGISTER ONLINE:** [nasavolleyball.com](https://nasavolleyball.com)

# TEAM NAMES:

- National Team - PURPLE
  - Example: 17 PURPLE
- 2ND National Team - BLACK
  - Example: 17 BLACK
- Regional Team - WHITE
  - Example: 17 WHITE
- Regional Team - PINK
  - Example: 17 PINK

There is no difference between Purple and Black. Both teams will attend the same caliber of tournaments and both will have the option to go to Nationals or a National like tournament. Same with our White and Pink Regional teams. They will both attend the same caliber of tournaments.

\*\*Directors and Coaches will determine whether each team will be a National or Regional team after commitments start coming in. Your team name on the website will clearly state the team level (Purple, Black, White or Pink)\*\*

# Age Group Determination

## USA VOLLEYBALL JUNIOR PLAYER AGE DEFINITION

### For use during the 2025-2026 Season

To determine the correct age division, please find the Month of Birth in the left column and then the year of birth in the same row. The heading of the column matching the Year of Birth is the correct age bracket.

|      | 18 & Under <sup>1</sup> | 18 & Under <sup>2</sup> | 17 & Under | 16 & Under | 15 & Under <sup>3</sup> | 14 & Under <sup>4</sup> | 13 & Under <sup>5</sup> | 12 & Under | 11 & Under | 10 & Under | 9 & Under | 8 & Under |
|------|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------|------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|
| July | 2006                    | 2007                    | 2008       | 2009       | 2010                    | 2011                    | 2012                    | 2013       | 2014       | 2015       | 2016      | 2017      |
| Aug  | 2006                    | 2007                    | 2008       | 2009       | 2010                    | 2011                    | 2012                    | 2013       | 2014       | 2015       | 2016      | 2017      |
| Sept | 2006                    | 2007                    | 2008       | 2009       | 2010                    | 2011                    | 2012                    | 2013       | 2014       | 2015       | 2016      | 2017      |
| Oct  | 2006                    | 2007                    | 2008       | 2009       | 2010                    | 2011                    | 2012                    | 2013       | 2014       | 2015       | 2016      | 2017      |
| Nov  | 2006                    | 2007                    | 2008       | 2009       | 2010                    | 2011                    | 2012                    | 2013       | 2014       | 2015       | 2016      | 2017      |
| Dec  | 2006                    | 2007                    | 2008       | 2009       | 2010                    | 2011                    | 2012                    | 2013       | 2014       | 2015       | 2016      | 2017      |
| Jan  | 2007                    | 2008                    | 2009       | 2010       | 2011                    | 2012                    | 2013                    | 2014       | 2015       | 2016       | 2017      | 2018      |
| Feb  | 2007                    | 2008                    | 2009       | 2010       | 2011                    | 2012                    | 2013                    | 2014       | 2015       | 2016       | 2017      | 2018      |
| Mar  | 2007                    | 2008                    | 2009       | 2010       | 2011                    | 2012                    | 2013                    | 2014       | 2015       | 2016       | 2017      | 2018      |
| Apr  | 2007                    | 2008                    | 2009       | 2010       | 2011                    | 2012                    | 2013                    | 2014       | 2015       | 2016       | 2017      | 2018      |
| May  | 2007                    | 2008                    | 2009       | 2010       | 2011                    | 2012                    | 2013                    | 2014       | 2015       | 2016       | 2017      | 2018      |
| June | 2007                    | 2008                    | 2009       | 2010       | 2011                    | 2012                    | 2013                    | 2014       | 2015       | 2016       | 2017      | 2018      |

# TRYOUT INFORMATION CONTINUED

- Online Registration: [www.nasavolleyball.com](http://www.nasavolleyball.com)
  1. JVA Medical & Liability Forms (all done online)
- Walk-up registration will be done online:
  1. Parent must be present for walk-ups
- Check-in will begin 30 minutes before each session
- Cost \$55 online
- Cost increase to \$70 if you register the day of tryouts

# Age Group Determination

- Age group is determined by your child's birth date.  
NOT their age at tryouts!!!
- Example: If they were born on or after July 1, 2010, then they will play 15s.
- If you have a July or August birthday and your player would like to play with her school grade then they are allowed to play up.
  - **They cannot play down**

\*\*You will have to tryout in your correct age group first and then your preferred age group.

Example: If you have to tryout for 15s due to your birth date but would like to play 16s, you will have to tryout for 15s and 16s.\*\* You are able to select multiple age groups when you register for tryouts.

# 2025-2026 (White) Regional Fee Schedule

| <u>Team</u> | <u>Approximate Fee</u> |
|-------------|------------------------|
| 11U         | \$1000 (4 tournaments) |
| 12's-17's   | \$1950 (6 tournaments) |

## **NOTE:**

Price includes 1 practice shirt and 2 uniform jerseys. Prices subject to change based on final tournament decisions.

11U Regional - 4 tournaments (2/2 day tournaments & 2/1 day tournaments)

12's-17's Regional - 6 tournaments ( All 2 day tournaments)

**\*\*\*Directors and Coaches will determine whether each team will be a National or Regional team at tryouts. Your team name on the website will clearly state the team level (National or Regional)**

# 2025-2026 (Purple/Black) National Fee Schedule

| <u>Team</u> | <u>Approximate Fee (Does not include Nationals)</u> |
|-------------|---|
| 12's-13's   | \$2300 (6 tournaments)                              |
| 14's-17's   | \$2700 (6 tournaments)                              |
| 14's-17's   | \$3100 (7 tournaments)                              |
| 18's        | Depending on final tournament schedule              |

## **NOTE:**

Price includes 1 practice shirt and 2 uniform jerseys.

**Prices are subject to change based on final tournament decisions.**

12's-13's - 6 tournaments (All 2 day tournaments)

14's-17's - 6 tournaments (5/2 day tournaments 1/3 day tournament)

14's-17's - 7 tournaments (5/2 day tournaments & 2/3 day tournament)

\*\*\*AAU/USAV National fees will be assessed at a later time\*\*\*

\*\*\*Directors and Coaches will determine whether each team will be a National or Regional team at tryouts. Your team name on the website will clearly state the team level (National or Regional)

# PAYMENT SCHEDULE

- Fees cover all tournament entry fees, gym rentals, equipment, coaches salary, and overhead costs (insurance, website management, etc.) + 1 practice t-shirt, and 2 uniform jerseys
- It DOES NOT cover travel expenses for players or any other extras (spandex/socks/shoes)
- Deposit due to secure your spot on the roster; which is applied towards your total cost
  - \$200 for 11U
  - \$300 for 12-17 Regional teams
  - \$350 for 12 & 13 National
  - \$500 for 14-17 National teams

# PAYMENT SCHEDULE

- 3 monthly payments (**11U**)
  - Monthly payments due Nov 10, Dec 10, Jan 10
- 5 monthly payments/6 monthly payments (**12-17 Regional and National teams**)
  - 5 Monthly payments due Nov 10, Dec 10, Jan 10, Feb 10, Mar 10
  - 6 Monthly payments due Oct 10, Nov 10, Dec 10, Jan 10, Feb 10, Mar 10
  - Once you have chosen your payment plan (5 or 6 months) you CANNOT change mid season.
  - Payments will be done through our website; SportsEngine. PAYMENTS ARE AUTOMATED
  - After making your deposit an email will be sent. This will show your balance and when the next payments will be due.

# SAMPLE TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

|            | <b>11U (4 tournaments)</b>                                  | <b>12/13's Regional (5 tournaments)</b>                          |
|------------|---|--|
| <b>JAN</b> | Rally Challenge - Cartersville, GA<br>Birmingham Blitz      | Rally Challenge - Cartersville, GA<br>Birmingham Blitz           |
| <b>FEB</b> | NASA Bash - Huntsville, Al<br>Singing River - Muscle Shoals | Music City Meltdown - Franklin, TN<br>NASA Bash - Huntsville, Al |
| <b>MAR</b> | Lucky Charms - Cullman                                      | JVA Backyard Bash - Franklin, TN                                 |
| <b>APR</b> |   | AAU MidSouth Challenge - Franklin, TN                            |

# SAMPLE TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

|            | <b>12's National<br/>(6 tournaments)</b>   | <b>14-17's Regional<br/>(6 tournaments)</b>  | <b>13-17's National<br/>(7 tournaments)</b>   |
|------------|--|--|---|
| <b>JAN</b> | Rally Challenge - Cartersville, GA<br><br>Birmingham Blitz                           | Sweet Tea - Hoover Al<br><br>Rally Challenge- Cartersville, GA<br><br>Birmingham Blitz | Sweet Tea - Hoover, Al (3days)<br>AAU MLK - Franklin, TN<br>K2 Elite - Sevierville, TN  |
| <b>FEB</b> | NASA Bash - Huntsville<br><br>Music City Meltdwn - Franklin, TN                      | Music City Meltdown- Franklin, TN<br><br>NASA Bash - Huntsville, Al                    | Beast of the Southeast - Atlanta, GA<br>NASA Bash - Huntsville, Al  |
| <b>MAR</b> | Vette City Challenge - Bowling Green, KY   | Vette City Challenge - Bowling Green, KY<br><br>AAU Birmingham                         | Bluegrass - Louisville, KY<br><br>Peachtree Classic - Cartersville, GA<br><br>AAU Alabama Grand Prix - Foley, AL                  |
| <b>APR</b> | Spring Showdown - Bowling Green, Ky<br><br>Showdown in the Smokies - Sevierville, TN | Spring Showdown -<br>Bowling Green, KY   | Big South, Atlanta, Ga (3days)<br><br>JVA World Challenge - Louisville, KY<br>(3days)<br><br>Showdown in Smokies- Sevierville, TN |

# Practice Facilities

1. Johnson Legacy Center (6000 Cecil Fain Dr., Huntsville, AL)
2. Grace Lutheran Church (3321 Memorial Pkwy Frontage Rd., Huntsville, Al)

# PRACTICE SCHEDULE

- **11U will practice 2x a week**
- **12s-17s will practice 3x a week**
- **Practices (Positional & Team)**  
Season starts November 2025
- **Possible Practice Times:**
  1. Saturdays: 8:30am-2:00pm (2Hour Time Slots)
  2. Sundays: 1:00-5:00pm (2Hour Time Slots)
  3. Weekdays (Mondays-Thursdays): 5:00-8:00pm or 5:30-8:30pm
    - a. 5:00-6:30 or 6:30-8:00 (Johnson Legacy Center)
    - b. 5:30-7:00 or 7:00-8:30 (Grace Lutheran)

# TEAM INVITATIONS/COMMITMENT POLICY

- 12 & Under: Teams will be posted on our website by tryout number no later than **10:00pm, July 11**
- 13s, 14s & 15s: Teams will be posted on our website by tryout number no later than **8:00pm, July 13**
- 16s & Up: Teams will be posted on our website by tryout number no later than **8:00pm, July 14.**
- **The sooner you make your decision the faster each player can find a club home**
- Accept your team invitation
  - Pay your deposit on our website.

# HOW TO ACCEPT YOUR TEAM INVITE

- ALL tryout numbers will be posted on our website under the team you have been placed, including alternates.
  - If you have been placed as an alternate, please email us to let us know if you have accepted a position with another program.
- To **ACCEPT** your position, please select the payment link under **ACCEPT** to pay your deposit.
  - Deposits are **NON-REFUNDABLE**
- To **DECLINE** your position, please select the email address as seen below. In your email please put your players name and team declining.

## ACCEPT SPOT

Please email your coach by clicking on the email address **AND** click on the payment link below to pay your downpayment, this will secure your spot on the roster.

## DECLINE SPOT

Please click on the email address to decline your spot: [volleyballnasa@gmail.com](mailto:volleyballnasa@gmail.com)

# Commitment Team Meeting

- Mandatory for players and 1 parent
- Finalize tournament schedules and practice times/dates
- Finalize details about jerseys, practice t-shirt and merchandise
- August 10 - Johnson Legacy Center
  - 1:30pm-2:30pm (11s-13s)
  - 2:30pm-3:30pm (14s-15s)
  - 3:30pm-4:30pm (16s -18s)

# 2025-2026 Coaching Staff

## National Coaches

11s: Cara Ojeda  
12s: Cierra Davis  
13s: Kelly Emerson  
14s: Holly Richards  
15s: Tanequa (T) Whitman  
16s: Kristene Bell  
17s: Jacqueline (J) Richards  
18s: T/J/Holly

## Head/Assistant Coaches (in no particular order)

|                    |                    |
|--------------------|--------------------|
| LaToria Thomas     | Katie Pettit       |
| Jordan Crook       | Caroline Moyer     |
| Kayla Jefferson    | Calli Tanielu      |
| Ashton Knight      | Lindsey Roach      |
| Shelby Bates       | Beverly Christian  |
| Shelby Fox         | Jason Rutherford   |
| Bre Madry          | Emily Redman       |
| Shelby Madry       | Brooklyn Stiles    |
| Taylor Altman-Gill | LeighAnna Tralongo |
| Laney Kelley       | Tam Nguyen         |
|                    | Marissa Lacey      |
|                    | Becky Greene       |

**\*\*Coaches subject to change based on team needs and results at tryouts**

**\*\*Coaches will be listed on offer**