

Welcome to the 2009 Dennis Lafata Gateway Boys' Festival!

Tournament T-shirts For Sale

Tournament short and long sleeve t-shirts with this year's logo will be available for purchase for all age divisions (\$15 each for a short sleeve t-shirt and \$20 each for a long sleeve t-shirt). If your division has multiple sites they will only be available at one. Please check with the site directors for specifics.

Roster Verification

Prior to beginning play, a coach, team representative or club director must confirm a team's presence by signing the roster. The signing agent is verifying that all the information contained on the roster is both complete and accurate. At least one coach listed on the roster (Head or Assistant) must possess a minimum coaching certification level of IMPACT. **No roster additions (players or coaches) may be added once a team has commenced match play.** The signing agent assumes all responsibility for the club and for any consequence if the roster information is false or incorrect. The players for any team earning a bid will be frozen as submitted at registration (see note below). Each player is required to wear the same jersey number throughout the entire event, with limited exceptions as required by emergency or blood rule applications.

Bids to OPEN Division at Nationals

Four (4) OPEN bids will be awarded at this event based on finish order in the 16s, 17s and 18s divisions. We did not meet the required number of teams (16) in the 14s & 15s divisions, so only three (3) bids will be awarded in those divisions. If you finish in a bid award position, you will need to sign a "Bid Acceptance Sheet" indicating that you are accepting the bid to the Open Division at the Junior National Tournament. In order to be eligible for the JOVC, a team must meet all USAV entry requirements.

Frozen Players

If a team accepts a bid the players on that team's roster are frozen to that team. A frozen player cannot play for another team in a qualifying event or the JOVC. Obtaining a bid defines the team as "qualified" for the JOVC. Switching a player from the roster of a qualified team to the roster of a team attempting to qualify will result in sanctions being imposed on the already qualified team, its club, and/or the individual(s) involved. Likewise, no player may switch from one qualified team to another qualified team, even within the same club. There are no restrictions on additions to the roster (up until the limit of 15 players) of new players or players from non-qualified teams. All teams and players must maintain eligibility compliance within their region.

Sanctions for Not Using Bids

Teams that earn bids (win and accept) must use their bids or be subject to sanctions according to these policies: If a team that earns an Open bid or an at-large Open bid does not participate in the JOVC in the division in which it earned the bid, that team, its coaches, its club director and all its club's teams will be suspended from participating in Boys' JOVC for the following season. If a team finishes in a bid award position and declines the bid, that team will not be eligible for at large consideration.

Matches

All matches will be best 2 of 3 match play (sets 1 & 2 to 25 points, set 3 if needed to 15 points) There will be NO point caps in any sets - must win by two points.

Warm-Up Procedure

10 minutes total between matches which will be divided as follows:

2 minutes shared ball handling

4 minutes serving team has the court

4 minutes receiving team has the court

Any serving must be done within your allotted 4 minutes. There will be no shared serving.

Missed or Late for Officiating Assignments

Teams late for or missing officiating assignments will be penalized 1 point for every minute late up to a maximum of 25 points (or 1 set). The time officially begins at the start of the receiving team's warm-up. A rostered adult must be present courtside while any members of the team are officiating. The officiating team will be considered incomplete if a rostered adult is not present. 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. If you are moving playing sites you will not be penalized before we investigate, unless you do not show up

Team Forfeitures

A team that intentionally forfeits a match will be excluded from further participation in the event. If a team forfeits a match, the forfeit will be considered intentional unless the team shows good cause for the forfeit. The Arbitrator will determine if good cause exists. Any team that intentionally forfeits a match will be reported to the YJOVD Competition Chair and the USAV Events Department. If a team intentionally forfeits a match in the Gold Level during the third round of pool play in an Open division the team's sanction will be the same as the sanction for rejecting a bid: *That team, its coaches, its club director and all its club's teams will be suspended from participating in all national qualifying events for the following season.*

Protest Procedure

A team captain may lodge a protest regarding officiating. Only a protest on rule interpretation or application will be accepted, referee judgment is not protestable. Protests will be handled by a committee consisting of the Head Official, the Tournament Director, and the head referee at the playing site. The protest committee will rule on protests immediately.

Ethics & Eligibility

This event is part of the USA Volleyball Junior National Championships. Participants, individual or team, may access normal Due Process channels should their eligibility to participate be in question. Procedures including appeal options are outlined in the Bylaws of USA Volleyball in Article XI. Bylaws can be found in the current issue of the *USAV Official Guidebook*. The *Guidebook* is available through Regional Commissioners, from the USA Volleyball national office, at the event Championship Desk, and on the USAV website at <http://www.usavolleyball.org>.

EVENT ARBITRATORS

Event Arbitrators serve as the first level for hearing and resolving ethics and eligibility issues at a specific USA Volleyball event. Teams or individuals accused of committing violations of ethics and/or eligibility rules and regulations at qualifying and/or championship events shall meet with the Event Arbitrator. The authority for the Event Arbitrator begins with the arrival of a team and individual participants in the event's city or forty-eight hours prior to the first day of competition, whichever is earlier, and shall continue through the duration of the event through its conclusion. Decisions of the Event Arbitrator shall be conveyed immediately to the affected parties and may be appealed to the Event Ethics and Eligibility Appeals Committee appointed for each qualifying and/or championship event of USA Volleyball.

EVENT ETHICS AND ELIGIBILITY APPEALS COMMITTEE

An Event Ethics and Eligibility Appeals Committee shall be formed for each qualifying and championship event sponsored by USA Volleyball. Each committee shall be composed of three members, one of whom shall meet the definition of USA Volleyball as a domestic player. Each committee shall act on appeals of the ethics and eligibility decisions that occur during the conduct of the event. The conduct of the event shall commence when an individual or a team arrives at the site of the event, or forty-eight hours in advance of the first day of competition for that event, whichever is earlier, and shall conclude with the departure of the individual and/or team from the city in which the event has been held. If the committee is of the opinion that a violation is of such a nature that requires further review or more serious discipline, they may file a recommendation with the Member Organization that the team/participant represents and/or with the USVBA Corporation Ethics and Eligibility Committee for extended disciplinary measures.

Awards

Each first, second, and third place team in the Gold Division of an age group will receive a team plaque. Players on each team finishing in first, second, or third place in the Gold Division will receive an individual tourney medal. Players on first and second place teams in the Silver & Bronze Divisions will receive an individual tourney medal. Players on first place teams in the Copper Division will receive an individual tourney medal.

Trainers

A trainer will be available at the site for each age group. Notify the site director if you require a trainer.

GOOD LUCK & HAVE FUN!