

2024 EVENT MANUAL



JULY 18-21, 2024

Iowa Events Center &
Wells Fargo Arena
Des Moines, Iowa

Updated May 2024

1. ORGANIZER & HOST

1.1. Host Region:

- 1.1.1. Iowa Region of USA Volleyball
- 1.1.2. 8170 Hickman Rd, Ste 5, Clive, IA 50325
- 1.1.3. Tel: (515) 727-1860, (M-F, 9a-4p CST)
- 1.1.4. www.iowavbregion.org

1.2. <https://www.usavregions.org/2024-usa-all-star-champs.html>

1.3. Event Planning Committee:

- 1.3.1. Steve Bishop, Florida
- 1.3.2. Kurt Trout, Iowa
- 1.3.3. Brian Sharkey, Badger
- 1.3.4. Phillip Bryant, Gulf Coast
- 1.3.5. Ron Pelham, Arizona

1.4. Official's Planning Committee:

- 1.4.1. Steve Kenyon, Southern
- 1.4.2. Devonie McLarty, Great Lakes
- 1.4.3. Michelle Prater, Southern
- 1.4.4. Julie Voeck, Badger

1.5. Event Staff:

- 1.5.1. Brett Myres, Tournament Director
- 1.5.2. Kurt Trout, Competition Director
- 1.5.3. Molly MacQueeney, Event Coordinator
- 1.5.4. Dan King, Court Manager
- 1.5.5. Michelle Prater, Head Official
- 1.5.6. Devonie McLarty, Head Official

2. HOST CITY AND COMPETITION VENUE

2.1. Host City: The 2024 USA Volleyball All-Star Championship will be held in the Iowa Events Center & Wells Fargo Arena in Des Moines, IA.

2.2. International Airport of Arrival and Departure: The International Airport for the arrival and departure of participating teams & officials is the Des Moines International Airport (DSM). 5800 Fleur Drive, Des Moines, IA 50321

2.3. Competition Venue: The competition venue for participating teams is the Iowa Events Center & Wells Fargo Arena. 730 3rd Street, Des Moines, IA 50309

2.4. Practice Venue: The practice venue for participating teams is the Iowa Events Center & Wells Fargo Arena. 730 3rd Street, Des Moines, IA 50309

2.5. Accommodations, Meals and Transportation

2.5.1. Accommodations

- 2.5.1.1. Delegations and teams are responsible for acquiring their own lodging through the Catch Des Moines travel site or may find their own.

2.5.1.2. <https://mmxreservations.com/fer/#/desmoines?pageCode=USAVolleyballAll-Star>

2.5.1.3. Officials: Hotel accommodations will be arranged by the Host from July 17-22nd. (Accommodations for July 22nd will be provided if requested and approved by tournament host.) Specific communications regarding logistics, travel, etc. will be communicated directly to the event officials by the Official's Planning Committee.

2.5.2. Meals

2.5.2.1. Delegations and teams are responsible for their own meals during the duration of the event.

2.5.2.2. Officials may be paid \$20 per day in per-diem if food is not provided, when working a full schedule.

2.5.3. Transportation

2.5.3.1. Delegations and teams are responsible for their own transportation to and from the airport upon arrival and departure. **Note* Select hotels offer a complimentary shuttle service available on a first come first served basis.**

2.5.3.2. Transportation to and from the practice and competition venue is the responsibility of each delegation and team participating.

3. TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES:

3.1. All teams are eligible to train at the training venue the day prior to competition on **Wednesday, July 17**. Scheduling is on a first come first served basis. A practice schedule sign-up link will be available on the official event webpage (see above).

3.2. Training is limited to one official 90 minute training session per day per team. Teams may coordinate a second training session to scrimmage a team from another delegation during the other team's respective training/practice block.

3.3. All Teams will be provided practice balls for trainings but are required to sign out one ball cart with 10-12 balls per court by leaving a valid driver's license or international ID.

4. STATUTES & AUTHORITY:

4.1. [FIVB Official Rules of the Game](#) unless designated in Appendix A

4.2. Protest Committee: A protest committee will consist of at least two of the following individuals, if needed:

4.2.1.1. Head Official

4.2.1.2. Tournament Director

4.2.1.3. Competition Director

4.2.1.4. Event Host

4.2.1.5. Other International or National Official not involved in the protest, if needed to avoid a regional conflict for any of the above individuals.

4.2.2. All rulings of this committee are final and not subject to appeal.

4.2.3. All protests will be settled at the time they are lodged. No match will be allowed to proceed until the protest is settled. Protests can be related ONLY to a misapplication of the rules of play.

- 4.2.4. Rule USAV 5.1.2.1 Participants must accept referees’ decisions with sportsmanlike conduct and without dispute. In the case of doubt, clarification may be requested through the game captain.
- 4.2.5. What is considered to be an offense that may be protested?
 - 4.2.5.1. Failure of the first referee to apply the correct rule to a given situation.
 - 4.2.5.2. Failure to charge the correct penalty-sanction for a given fault.
 - 4.2.5.3. Rule USAV 5.1.2.1 [Judgement calls are NOT subject to protest].

5. EVENT SCHEDULE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Activity</u>
• July 15-17, 2024	Arrival of Region and International Delegations.
• July 17, 2024	Practice Day for all teams
○ 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM	(Must Pre-Register for Training Time)
• July 17, 2024	Preliminary Inquiry/Check In for all teams
○ 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM	(ON SITE & MANDATORY)
• July 18, 2024	Day 1 – Competition (Pool Play)
○ 8:00 AM	First round of matches begins.
○ 8:00 PM	Last scheduled match start time
• July 19, 2024	Day 2 – Competition (Pool Play)
○ 8:00 AM	First round of matches begins.
○ 8:00 PM	Last scheduled match start time
• July 20, 2024	Day 3 – Competition (Pool Play)
○ 8:00 AM	First round of matches begins.
○ 8:00 PM	Last scheduled match start time
• July 21, 2024	Day 4 – Competition (Playoffs/Championship Matches)
○ 8:00 AM	Semifinals, Placement, and Medal Matches.
○ 6:00 PM	Last scheduled match start time
• July 22, 2024	Departure Day All Delegations.

- 5.1. The tournament schedule will be released by the week of July 8th. If you find any errors in your schedule, please email the Tournament Director at Brett@iavbreg.org.
- 5.2. Final rosters will be live for all teams in SportWrench after the Preliminary Inquiries are completed and all rosters are verified. No roster changes are permitted once a team competes in their first match.

6. PARTICIPATING TEAMS AND DELEGATIONS COMPOSITION

- 6.1. Team Composition: Each team may consist of 15 players (maximum)
- 6.2. Max of 5 staff from the options below:
 - 6.2.1. Head Coach (1 max)
 - 6.2.2. Assistant Coach (2 max)
 - 6.2.3. Team Rep (1 Max)
 - 6.2.4. Team Leader (1 Max)

BENCH PERSONNEL: ONLY those persons whose names appear on the verified roster receive credentials and are permitted to sit on the bench or be in the bench area.

8. PLAYER'S ELIGIBILITY

8.1. Age Groups & Divisions

- Girls Age Divisions
 - U13 Division – Born in 2012 or Later
 - U15 Division – Born in 2010 & 2011
 - U17 Division – Born in 2008 & 2009
 - U19 Division – Born in 2006 & 2007
- Boys Age Divisions
 - U15 Division – Born in 2010 or Later
 - U17 Division – Born in 2008 & 2009
 - U19 Division – Born in 2006 & 2007

8.2 Region Eligibility

A player needs to try out for the All-Star program of the region where they have membership. Only after he or she has tried out for their home Region (in person or via video submission) can they be granted permission to explore All-Star programs outside of the home Region. Rationale: This prevents athletes from shopping around Region All-Star programs. The home Region should have the right of first refusal. This is not meant to prevent the athletes from participating, but instead prevent the home Region from losing any region members to other Region teams they will end up playing at the event. This also prevents pre-formed teams from approaching Regions outside of their own for consideration of sponsorship in a future All-Star Championship

9. STAFF ELIGIBILITY

9.1. REGION AND USA TEAMS: All staff listed on the roster of a team must have the following:

- 9.1.1. Current USAV Membership
- 9.1.2. Current Background Screening
- 9.1.3. Current SafeSport Certification
- 9.1.4. Current Impact or Higher Coaching Education Certification from USAV

10. REGISTRATION

10.1. Entry Fee

10.1.1. Region and International Club Teams All divisions \$1,400 per team.

10.2. Refund Policy

10.2.1. If a team submits an entry form and the appropriate entry fee and withdraws **PRIOR** to the closing deadline for entries, that team will receive a full refund of its entry fee.

10.2.2. **NO ENTRY FEE, OR ANY PORTION OF SUCH FEE**, will be refunded to a team that withdraws from this event **AFTER** the closing deadline of **May 15, 2024**, for entries.

10.2.3. When a USAV event is canceled or interrupted due to acts or threats of war, acts or threats of terrorism, or a health risk alert, event entry refunds will be made to individuals or teams on a prorated basis once all of event organizer's out-of-pocket expenditures for the canceled or interrupted event have been settled from such fees.

10.3. Registration and Roster Due Date

10.3.1. All-Star Teams

10.3.1.1. By May 15, 2024, each region must enter the USAV All-Star Championship tournament by registering in SportWrench, in the division(s) they intend to compete in. Registering in SportWrench does not require rosters to be submitted to enter a division.

10.3.1.2. Rosters are to be submitted into each teams' SportWrench registration by the posted deadline on the event webpage. International Teams will receive an SportWrench login to submit rosters once the Event Organizer has accepted the team into the event.

10.3.1.3. Roster Due Date: July 8, 2024 at 1:00 pm CST

10.3.1.3.1. After the roster due date, roster changes can only be made at the Preliminary Inquiry.

10.3.1.4. A maximum of 24 teams will be allowed per division. If a division is oversubscribed, teams will be moved down/up a division based on:

10.3.1.4.1. Multiple teams in a division from one region.

10.3.1.4.2. Historical results for the in the USA All-Star Championships.

10.4. Player Final Registration (Preliminary Inquiry): An official team delegate (head of delegation) is required to attend the Preliminary Inquiry. It is recommended that the head coaches also attends.

10.4.1. Region Teams:

10.4.1.1. Samples of Captain's & Libero's Uniforms (if different from the Captain's uniforms).

10.4.1.2. Two signed team rosters

10.5. Teams must have proof of DOB for EACH player if requested. It is to be shown upon request to any authorized representative of the Control Committee or Event Staff.

10.6. Proof of insurance coverage for each member of the delegation should be available should it be necessary.

10.7. Payments: Entry fees are due May 15, 2024.

10.7.1. Checks: check should be payable The Iowa Volleyball Region and sent to:

Iowa Volleyball Region
8170 Hickman Road
Suite 5
Clive, IA 50325

11. OFFICIATING: Teams will have no officiating responsibilities throughout the event. (i.e. referee, scorekeeper, line judge)

11.1. Officials: 1st referee, 2nd referee, scorer, assistant scorer and line judges are provided for all matches.

11.2. Official Ball & Uniforms

11.2.1. Official Ball: The official volleyball of all divisions of the event will be the Molten V5M5000 Flistatec.

12. UNIFORMS: The playing uniform must conform to USA Volleyball Rules Book Regulations.

Exceptions to these rules are noted below.

12.1. Each team must have available at least two (2) playing uniforms of contrasting colors (one set of DARK uniforms and one set of LIGHT uniforms). Please bring uniforms that are contrasting colors.

12.2. The team captain's and Libero's (if different from the captain's) uniforms will be presented at the preliminary inquiry.

12.3. The players' numbers must be the same for each possible set of uniforms.

12.4. Uniform numbers must be centered front and back.

12.5. Uniform numbers must be 4 or 6 inches (10 or 15 centimeters) in height on the front and 6 or 8 inches (15 or 20 centimeters) in height on the back of each jersey.

12.6. Numbers on the uniforms are limited to the numbers 1 – 99 inclusive.

12.7. Names on jerseys are recommended but not required.

12.8. Numbers on shorts are recommended but not required.

12.9. Captains Bar on jersey is recommended but not required.

12.10. Teams presenting uniforms that are not compliant with these regulations will require clearance from the Tournament Director.

12.11. Publicity on Uniforms: Publicity on players uniforms' must be in accordance with the FIVB Sport Material, Team Equipment, and Advertising Guidelines.

12.12. Dress Code for Coaches, Staff and Non-playing Team Members on the Bench

12.12.1. Only staff listed on the roster will be allowed to sit on the team bench.

12.12.2. For all Divisions: All Staff members on the team bench must be dressed similarly in Team/Club branded apparel or business casual attire.

12.12.3. Pants including athletic style pants (full length) of a similar solid color, or a matching pattern are acceptable.

12.12.3.1. Leggings (full length) are considered athletic style pants and must be of a similar solid color, or a matching pattern are acceptable.

12.12.4. Staff member(s) may wear a team Jacket/Warmup top while on the bench. If more than one Staff member wears a Jacket/Warmup top while on the bench these items must meet the "similar" requirements listed above.

12.12.5. Non-playing team members on the team bench must be dressed identically in team warm-ups or team apparel/uniform.

12.12.6. **Jeans, shorts, flip-flops, headwear or non-similar attire will not be allowed.**

13. COMPETITION FORMAT AND TEAM DISTRIBUTION

13.1. Match Protocol:

13.1.1. For each match, the court will be available for warm-up ten (10) minutes prior to the match time. If a previous match on the same court runs late, then the ten (10) minute warm-up time will begin at the conclusion of that match.

- 13.1.2. Following the captains' meeting with the referees for each match, the warm-up period for the match will consist of five (5) minutes for each team separately on the court (serving team with 1st five minutes followed by receiving team with 2nd five minutes).
- 13.1.3. Matches will not begin before the scheduled match time except as noted in #4 below.
- 13.1.4. The Control (Championship) Committee reserves the right to reschedule and/or relocate matches with respect to court and time to expedite competition. Any such changes will be posted on the electronic scheduling/results system, and every attempt will be made to inform the team representative of the change.
- 13.1.5. Pool Play: Depending upon field size, teams will be involved in at least one round robin of pool play followed by play-offs. All matches will be best of five sets to 25 points, fifth set to 15 points. Teams are guaranteed six (6) matches, but many teams will play more.
- 13.1.6. Play-offs: Single elimination bracket play. All matches will be best of five sets to 25 points, fifth set to 15 points.
- 13.1.7. Tie Breaking Procedure: No tie-breaking sets will be played; however, the following will be used to break ties in the event:
 - 13.1.7.1. For a tie involving two teams – head-to-head match results of those two teams.
 - 13.1.7.2. For a tie involving more than two teams with both match and set percentages tied:
 - 13.1.7.2.1. Set percentage (sets won over total sets played in that round of competition) will be used to get a 1 through X rank order of teams.
 - 13.1.7.2.2. If two teams remain tied, revert to the tie breaking format for 2 teams.
 - 13.1.7.2.3. If more than two teams remain tied, then point percentage. (points scored over the total of points scored and given up for that round of competition) will be used to get a 1 through X rank order of teams.
 - 13.1.7.2.4. If two teams remain tied, revert to the tie breaking format for 2 teams.

14. REFEREES

- 14.1. Selection Process: Officials will be selected and assigned by the Official's Planning Committee. Participating regions may make recommendations for 2 officials and 1 scorer from their region they would like to see invited.
- 14.2. All referees performing as R1, R2 or Scorer will be provided double occupancy lodging at a local hotel at the cost of the event.

15. MEDICAL PROCEDURES AND SERVICES:

- 15.1. On-site medical services and athletic training for this event will be provided. There will be a medical station centrally located on the courts for first aid and injury management. All first aid, injury assessment and management will be provided at no cost to athletes.
- 15.2. Preventative taping and kinesiotaping will be provided. If athletes provide their own tape, it is free to apply. If athletes DO NOT bring their own tape, a cost (posted at the medical station) will apply.

16. OVERSIGHT OF ATHLETES AND CURFEW

- 16.1. DUAL GENDER EVENT HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS: Similar tournaments have successfully integrated a dual gender event for many years. This is in large part due to the oversight of the coaching staff. To continue this tradition, coaches are expected to take an assertive role ensuring all athletes respect and abide by the guidelines of the program.
- 16.2. Take your oversight roles seriously and know that USAV holds programs responsible for the athlete's overall conduct both on and off the court. Athletes of either gender are not permitted in each other's rooms at any point.
- 16.3. CURFEW:
 - 16.3.1. Pool curfew is 9:00 PM at all hotels.
 - 16.3.2. Quiet time is the hours of 10:00 PM – 7:00 AM. When returning during quiet hours, please be respectful as others will have early practices or matches.
 - 16.3.3. For athletes: In room by 10:00 PM. Lights out is at 10:30 PM. During the tournament, lights out times need to be as close to 10:30 PM as possible.

17. PARTICIPANT BEHAVIOR:

- 17.1.1. At all times participants must behave respectfully and courteously in the spirit of FAIR PLAY, not only towards the referees, but also towards other officials, the opponent, team-mates and spectators.
- 17.1.2. As member of your delegation representing your region, country, or sanctioning body, you must accept responsibility to uphold ethical and appropriate behavior as compared to accepted normal standards and the specific standards which apply to your participation in the USAV All-Star Championships.
- 17.1.3. You have a responsibility to represent your region, country, or sanctioning body, in a manner that enhances the image and reputation of all programs.
- 17.1.4. The USAV All-Star Championships will not condone any sort of inappropriate behavior (Bullying, Harassment, Misconduct, etc.).
- 17.1.5. Failure to comply with these requirements will result in penalties that could include expulsion, disqualification, removal from the tournament, depending on the seriousness of the offence.

18. EVENT ENTRY

- 18.1. SECURITY: Everyone attending the event will be required to have a credential, be in uniform or have a paid ticket.
- 18.2. ADMISSION: All **spectators** will need to purchase the proper spectator admission ticket:
 - 18.2.1. Full Event Pass – \$60 4 days (7/18-7/21)
 - 18.2.2. Daily Event Pass – \$20 1 day only*Ticket information will be posted on the 2024 USAV All-Star Championships Website*
- 18.3. COLLEGIATE COACHES: Admission is free when checking in on site through University Athlete/NCSA to get event credentials. Credentials will be distributed at the Ticketing Help Desk with a valid QR Code & Photo ID.

19. EVENT MERCHANDISE: Event merchandise sales will be held in the facility during the USAV All-Star Championship.

20. GIFTS: It is customary to bring gifts to exchange with opponents during the pre-match handshake. This is not mandatory. Examples of gifts are pins, stickers, key chains, etc.

21. AWARDS

21.1. It is the obligation of the athlete (Team Manager) to be aware of applicable rules regarding the acceptance of awards i.e. NCAA, State HS Associations, etc.

21.2. Disciplinary occurrences of any kind – on or off court or on court (sanctions) - will result in a player being deemed ineligible to receive an individual award.

21.3. Team:

21.3.1. First Place in each age division will receive individual awards for the rostered athletes plus two or a maximum of 20 individual awards.

21.3.2. Second Place in each age division will receive individual awards for the rostered athletes plus two or a maximum of 20 individual awards.

21.3.3. Third Place in each age division will receive individual awards for the rostered athletes plus two or a maximum of 20 individual awards.

21.4. Individual:

21.4.1. All divisions will award a 6-person All-Tournament Team plus an MVP.

21.4.2. 1st Place Team – 3 all-tournament nominations plus MVP

21.4.3. 2nd Place Team – 2 all-tournament nominations

21.4.4. 3rd Place Team – 1 all-tournament nomination

21.5. Region Cup (Region All-Star Programs only): This will be the final award presentation of the tournament.

21.5.1. Only USAV region delegations will be eligible to receive the Region Cup Award.

21.5.2. Points are awarded for 1st-3rd place. (1st=3 pts, 2nd=2pts, 3rd=1 pt)

21.5.3. The region with the highest total of points will be awarded the Region Cup.

APPENDIX A

Rule or Commentary in Effect -	FIVB Rules in regular font. <i>USAV Rules Book Regulations or rule being tested in italic font.</i>
Playable Area	<i>USAV 9: Each team must play within its own playing area and space (except Rule 10.1.2). The ball may be retrieved from beyond the free zone when the surface change is 1.25 cm (1/2") or less, the secondary surface is lower than the free zone and the area is free of obstructions. If obstructions or other safety concerns prohibit retrieval from beyond the free zone, the player retrieving a ball over a non-playing area must be in contact with the playing surface when contact with the ball is made.</i> <i>USAV 12.3: when playing on a portable playing surface, the server shall have at least part of both feet in contact with the playing surface before the 1st referee authorizes the service. After the 1st referee authorizes the service, if the server steps entirely off the playing surface with one or both feet, it is a service fault</i>
Team Composition	Rule 4.1.1 For the match, a team may consist of up to 15 players, plus one coach, a maximum of two assistant coaches, one team therapist and one medical doctor. Additional non-playing team members may sit on the bench if space permits. For FIVB, World and Official Competitions for Seniors: Up to 15 players may be recorded on the score sheet and play in a match.
Ball "out"	Rule 8.4: The ball is "out" when: Rule 8.4.1: all parts of the ball which contact the floor are completely outside the boundary lines Rule 8.4.2: it touches an object outside the court, THE CEILING or a person out of play.
Uniform - numbers	<i>USAV 4.3.3: The players' jerseys must be numbered in a permanent manner from 1 to 99 using Arabic numerals. Duplicate numbers are not allowed</i>
Uniform – captain identification	<i>USAV 4.3.4: It is recommended that the captain be identified with an 8 cm x 2 cm (3"x3/4") stripe of a different color from the jersey, underlining the number on the front of the jersey</i>
Uniform	<i>Players on a team may wear a mixture of uniform bottoms (spandex, shorts, pants, etc.) as long as all are the same color</i>
Personal Equipment and Prohibited Items	<i>USAV 4.5.1: It is prohibited to wear a cast, even if padded. Objects or equipment that may cause an injury or give an artificial advantage to the player must not be worn. A head covering made from cloth or soft, non- abrasive fabric may be worn; no waiver is required. Hats of any style are not permitted. A guard or brace, or headgear, are permitted; padding or a covering may be necessary. A prosthetic limb(s) is permitted; sharp edges may need to be wrapped or padded to ensure safety.</i>
Score sheet and scoring system	<i>A Modified FIVB Official Score sheet will be used for all Divisions. The Team Captain and Coach will be asked to verify the team rosters and sign the scoresheet prior to the match.</i>
Scoring	Rule 6.3 - To Win the Match 6.3.1 The match is won by the team that wins three sets 6.3.2 In the case of a 2-2 tie, the deciding (5th) set is played to 15 points with a minimum lead of 2 points.
Substitutions	<i>Rule being tested and in use for the 2023 All Star Championships Event:</i> <i>USAV 15.6a (modified): Six .1: Six substitutions are the maximum permitted per team per set. One or more players may be substituted at the same time.</i> <i>USAV 15.6b: A player in the starting line-up may leave the set and re-enter but only in his/her previous position in the line-up.</i> <i>USAV 15.6d (modified): Unlimited individual entries by a substitute within the team's allowable 6 substitutions are permitted. Each entry must be in the same position in the line-up.</i> <i>USAV 15.6e: More than one substitute may enter the set in each position.</i> <i>Girls U13 National – USAV 15.6.a (unmodified)</i> Twelve substitutions are the maximum permitted per team per set. Substitution of one or more players is permitted at the same time.

Rule or Commentary in Effect	FIVB Rules in regular font. <i>USAV Rules Book Regulations or rule being tested in italic font</i>
Designation of the Libero	<i>USAV Rule 19.1.1 - Each team has the right to designate from the list of players on the score sheet up to two (2) specialist defensive players: Liberos. If the team chooses to designate two Liberos at the start of the match, they are designated as Liberos for the entire match. If the team chooses to designate only one Libero (or no Libero) at the start of the match, the team may choose to change the player designated as Libero for each set, including playing any set with no Libero, but may not designate a second Libero for any subsequent set in the match</i>
Libero Actions	Rule 19.3.1.3 – The Libero may not SERVE , block, or attempt to block. Rule 5: The Libero(s) can be either team or game captain.
Re-designation of a new Libero	Rule 19.4.1: The Libero becomes unable to play if injured, ill, expelled or disqualified The Libero can be declared unable to play for any reason by the coach or, in the absence of a coach, by the game captain. Rule 19.4.2.2: If the Acting Libero becomes unable to play. He/she may be replaced by the regular replacement player or immediately and directly to court by a re-designated Libero. However, a Libero who is the subject of a re-designation may not play for the remainder of the match. If the Libero is not on the court when declared unable to play, he/she may also be the subject of a re-designation. The Libero declared unable to play may not play for the remainder of the match. Or: Rule 19.4.3.1: Where a team has registered on the score sheet two Liberos, but one becomes unable to play, the team has the right to play with only one Libero. No re-designation will be allowed, however, unless the remaining Libero is unable to continue playing for the match.
Coaching	For Women’s U19 International, Girl’s U17 National, Girls U17 International, Girls U15 International, Boys U19 National, Boys U17 National: Rule 5.2.3.4 – Coach may: Give instructions while standing or walking within the free zone in front of his/her team’s bench from the extension of the attack line up to the warm-up area, without disturbing or delaying the match. <u>Rule 5.3.1 – The assistant coach(es) sit(s) on the team bench, but has no right to intervene in the match.</u> For Girl’s U15 National, Boy’s U15 National, and Girls’ U13 National Divisions: <i>USAV 5.2.3.4: During play, the coach may give these instructions while standing or walking within the free zone in front of his/her team’s bench from the extension of the attack line up to the warm-up area, no closer to the court than 1.75 m (5’10”) from the sideline.</i> <i>USAV 5.3.1: One assistant coach at a time may stand to give instructions to the players on the court but has no right to intervene in the match. During play, this assistant coach may give these instructions while standing or walking within the free zone in front of his/her team’s bench from the extension of the attack line up to the warm-up area, and no closer to the court than 1.75 m (5’10”) from the sideline and its extension, without disturbing or delaying the match. The extension of the attack line is drawn to a distance of 1.75 (5’10”) from the sideline.</i> <i>In the event that divisions are combined for competition, the more lenient USAV coaching rule will be in effect for these matches for all coaches.</i>
Uniformity of coaches and non-playing team members on the team bench.	<i>For all Divisions:</i> All Staff members on the team bench must be dressed similarly in business casual clothing. Pants including athletic style pants (full length) of a similar solid color or a matching pattern are acceptable. Staff member(s) may wear a team Jacket/Warmup top while on the bench. If more than one Staff member wears a Jacket/Warmup top these items must meet the “similar” requirements listed above. Jeans, shorts, flip-flops, or headwear will not be allowed. Non-playing team members on the team bench must be dressed identically in team warm-ups or team clothing. Jeans, flip-flops, or headwear will not be allowed.

APPENDIX B

Protest Procedures

There are times where a team may question the interpretation or application of a rule by the first referee. These procedures for lodging a protest are based on having a protest committee available to hear the protest and make an immediate ruling before the next beckon for serve. Once there has been another beckon for serve to start the next rally, there may be no protest of the previous rally. If the protest has to do with the last rally of a set or the last rally of a match, the team has 60 seconds to lodge the protest. After that time, no protest will be accepted.

If a team disagrees with an interpretation or application of a rule from the previous rally, they may lodge a protest. This must happen before the next beckon for serve and must be lodged properly. To lodge a protest, the game captain must inform the first referee they would like to protest and why they are protesting. For 14 and under competition, the head coach may act in place of the game captain but may NOT cross the court to lodge the protest. They must send the captain to the first referee to tell them they would like to protest. For any level, if the game captain is not sure or has a hard time explaining what they are protesting, the first referee should come off the stand and talk to the coach that is requesting the protest.

Once the captain or coach has explained what they are protesting, the first referee must decide if the protest is accepted or denied. Only the first referee may accept or deny a protest. If it is a protest based on a rule or application of a rule, they should accept the protest and contact the protest committee to start the protest procedure. If the protest is only about a judgment call, the protest should be denied, and a delay sanction may be issued if it is clear that the coach was attempting to delay the match by protesting a clear judgment call. Judgment calls may not be protested.

Things that may be protested:

- 1) Misinterpretation or misapplication of a playing rule
- 2) Failure of the first referee to apply the correct rule to a given situation
- 3) Failure to charge the correct penalty/sanction for a given fault
- 4) Score sheet (score)

Once the first referee has accepted a protest, they must contact the protest committee. It is advisable to have an assigned Protest Committee available during the tournament to rule upon a protest as soon as possible. This could include someone available by phone if needed.

The referees will stay at the court and will send a responsible player or coach from the work team to the Championship desk or designated area to inform them there has been a protest. During this time, the referees will stand on their respective sides of the court on their sideline (Diagram A). There should be NO TALKING to each other or with any coach, player, or spectator during this time. Any attempts by either team to communicate with referees during this time should be respectfully declined, and the teams should be reminded that once the protest has been accepted, they must wait for the protest committee. Coach and player behavior during this time MAY STILL BE SANCTIONED, and sanctions are assessed once play has resumed.

When the protest committee has assembled, they will start the protest procedures. They will initially talk to the first referee to see who protested and confirm that the protest was lodged properly. They will then proceed to the protesting team to ask what they are protesting. Again, for 14 and below, the head coach may help or may act in place of the captain. For ages 15 and above, the captain must be the one who primarily talks to the protest committee. If the captain has difficulty communicating with the protest committee, the head coach may help as long as they behave in a sporting manner. Players and coaches MAY STILL BE SANCTIONED during this time. The protest committee also has the right to request a sanction to a player or coach if they believe their behavior is unsporting. These sanctions will be assessed before the next beckon for serve.

Based on the nature of the protest, the protest committee will approach the officiating team as needed. This could include one or both referees, the line judges, or the scorers in the case of a score sheet protest. The protest committee will collect the facts and then make a decision based on the information they collect.

Once the decision has been made by the protest committee, they will let both teams know the decision. After both teams have been informed, they will assist the officials (if needed) in getting the players on the court in the correct positions and making sure the score and score sheet are correct before resuming play. If there are sanctions that need to be given, they will be assessed at this time. Play then resumes.

The decision of the protest committee may not be protested. If a coach would like to discuss the decision of the protest, they may talk to the protest committee after the match.