

# Gateway Region USAV 2010 Girls Regional Championships

**Bronze/Copper & G11: April 24 & 25**

**Gold/Silver: May 1 & 2**

**Location:** Various locations throughout the St. Louis metropolitan area (MO & IL).

**Entry Fees: \$205** per team. Make checks payable to *Gateway Region USAV*.

**Entry Deadline: Thursday, April 1, 2010.** All entries that are received in the Gateway Office by the deadline date will be accepted. After April 1, teams will only be accepted as needed to fill pools. **A late fee of \$40 (total entry of \$245) will pertain to teams accepted after the deadline.**

**Format:** Teams enter the championships in either the **combined Gold/Silver division** or in the **combined Bronze/Copper division** (except girls 11s, which will only have one division). The Bronze/Copper and girls 11s Championships will be played on April 24 & 25. The Gold/Silver Championships will be on the following weekend, May 1 & 2.

Both divisions will complete pool play on Saturday with playoffs on Sunday. Pool sizes will be determined by number of teams entered, but 4 or 5 team pools are planned. Teams will be seeded into a playoff bracket based on the pool play results. All playoffs will be double elimination guaranteeing a minimum of 2 matches on Sunday for all teams.

**NOTE:** Because of the double elimination format – teams that do not show on Sunday (or drop out on Saturday after play has begun) will be held responsible for their officiating duties on Sunday – which is 2 matches. **A fine of \$100 per match will be assessed per Region policy to pay the persons that fill in for the absent teams.** Our goal is to run a quality event – not to make money on teams. Please plan on showing up both days.

**Eligibility:** All Gateway Region registered teams that enter by the deadline are guaranteed entry into the Regional Championships. After the deadline, teams will be accepted as needed to fill out odd numbered pools. Teams wishing to participate in the Gold/Silver division of all age groups but 11s, must have played in a minimum of TWO Gateway Region tournaments in their own age level prior to April 1 to help with seeding. Any questions on eligibility should be addressed to the Tournament Director, Nicki Fisaga, at 314/849-1221.

**Waivered Teams:** Teams with waivered players (registered with the region at the beginning of the season) will not be allowed to participate in the 12s – 18s Gold/Silver Tournament.

**Limitations:** Teams may enter only one championship event. Players on the roster of a team in the Gold/Silver division of Regionals ARE NOT eligible to participate on a team in the Bronze/Copper division. Players on the roster of a team in the Bronze/Copper division may be added to a Gold/Silver roster.

**Awards:** At minimum, individual custom Gateway Region Championship medals for first and second in all divisions. Girls' top divisions will also have 3<sup>rd</sup> place medals awarded.

**Officials:** First referees will be provided for ALL matches. Teams must provide certified officials to fill in the rest of the officiating crew (down referee, scorekeeper, libero tracker and/or visual scorer and 2 lines persons). Teams that have not completed their certification process will be charged \$40 per match to provide a scorekeeper and down ref. Lines persons must still be provided by the teams that are charged.



**Coaches...** if you are a certified referee and can help out as an official (for pay!) when your team is not playing on Saturday, please contact Nicki Fisaga at [fisaga@gatewayvb.org](mailto:fisaga@gatewayvb.org).

**Regional Championship Seeding:** The seedings will be based on head to head results throughout the season as supplied by tournament directors. Only results against other teams in the same age group will be used. If you have any head-to-head results from tournaments outside of the region you would like to consider - please email us ([mayer@gatewayvb.org](mailto:mayer@gatewayvb.org)) by April 1 with those results. Remember, only results within your age group against Gateway teams will be considered and out of region results must be confirmed either by a representative from each team or an online reporting tool before they will be entered into the system.

**Region Merchandise:** Shirts with this year's logo will be available for sale at all Saturday sites but may not be there the entire event. Teams wishing to purchase in quantity may contact the Region office ahead of time to make arrangements. We have ordered larger quantities of smaller sizes this year but we tend to sell out early at many venues. If you want a shirt in your size, plan to buy early. If you are interested in purchasing a shirt prior to the event, contact Shannon at the Region Office, [loso@gatewayvb.org](mailto:loso@gatewayvb.org) or 314/849-1221.

**Send completed entry forms to:** Gateway Region USAV, 10075 Bauer Rd., St. Louis, MO 63128

**Questions?:** Contact Tournament Director Nicki Fisaga, [fisaga@gatewayvb.org](mailto:fisaga@gatewayvb.org), 314/849-1221

### **Entry Process for Junior National Events**

Pre-tournament Manuals for all events can be downloaded from the USAV web site, [volleyball.teamusa.org](http://volleyball.teamusa.org).

USA Junior Olympic Girls Volleyball Championships will be located in Reno, NV.

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Deadlines for entry material to the Gateway Office are posted on the Gateway web page, [www.gatewayvb.org/juniors.html](http://www.gatewayvb.org/juniors.html)

### **Penalty for Teams That Drop**

Teams that drop out of the Gateway Regional Championships less than 24 hours prior to the start of the tournament may be penalized. Penalties may include, but are not limited to the following: imposing a \$200 monetary fine to the club, prohibiting the club from registering the following season and/or prohibiting the club from participating in the Gateway Regional Championships for the following season.