

2017 Dennis Lafata Boy's Bid Classic Tournament Information

Event Entry

All teams must register online thru Advanced Event Systems (AES): <https://advancedeventsystems.com/events/10678/divisions>. All entry materials must be received by February 1, 2017, in order for a team to be eligible for entry into the event. **The date an entry application is received does not automatically determine the team's acceptance into the tournament. Payment and a hard copy of the tournament entry form must also be received, as well as hotel requirements.** Currently the only acceptable payment method is by check. Once all entry materials are received, teams will be accepted until a division is full. For 2017 the Tournament will offer both Club and Open Divisions, with a maximum of 64 teams in every division.

Stay & Play

This is a Stay & Play event. A list of hotels can be found in AES. If additional assistance is needed, please contact Scott McQueen, smcqueen@capitolsportscenter.com or 1-800-476-0060 ext 18.

Refund Policy

If a team withdraws from the event after the entry deadline, for any reason, a refund will not be issued.

Roster Submission

Complete event rosters must be submitted by February 2, 2017. Registration numbers are required for all rostered players and staff. ALL coaches listed on the event roster (Head and Assistants) must possess a minimum coaching certification level of IMPACT. An IMPACT certified coach, listed on the event roster, must be present and on the bench at all times. All participating adults must have passed the USAV-approved background screen.

Waived Players

Teams **MAY NOT** use players who have a waiver from their region for age requirements in the 15 & Under through 18 & Under age divisions. Exception for Boys 14 & Under Division: Regionally waived boys' teams in the 14 & Under age group will be allowed to participate by following the USAV age/grade definition. Proof of age/grade must be sent to the USAV Events Department before a player can be added to the roster.

Reporting Results

Complete and accurate results must be submitted in AES. Failure to enter results could affect the event entry as well as seeding for the event. In the absence of results, a letter of explanation addressing the reasons why results are not available must be sent to the Tournament Director. Results submitted after January 30, 2017, will not be considered for seeding purposes.

Roster Verification

Prior to beginning play, a coach, team representative or club director must confirm a team's presence at the Tournament by signing the roster. The signing agent is verifying that all the information contained on the roster is both complete and accurate. ALL coaches listed on the event roster (Head and Assistants) must possess a minimum coaching certification level of IMPACT. An IMPACT certified coach, listed on the event roster, must be present and on the bench at all times.

No roster additions (players or coaches) may be made 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 *Frozen Players* section 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. All participating adults must have passed the USAV-approved background screen.

Bids to OPEN Division at Nationals

A maximum of three (3) OPEN bids will be awarded at this event based on finish order in each division. If a division does not meet the required number of teams entered, that division will have less bids awarded. Trickle down will be determined by the number of entries per age group. If additional playoff matches are necessary to award a trickle down bid(s), teams will hold their original playoff bracket seed going into the new playoff bracket. 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 BJNC, a team must meet all USAV entry requirements.

Frozen Players

At the time a team earns a bid the players on the roster are frozen to that team. A frozen player cannot play for another team in a qualifying event or the BJNC. Obtaining a bid defines the team as "qualified" for the BJNC. 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 must use their bids or be subject to sanctions according to these policies: If a team that earns and accepts an Open bid or an at-large Open bid does not participate in the BJNC in the division in which it was awarded the bid, that team, its coaches, its club director and all its club's teams will be suspended from participating in Boys' JNC and bid tournaments 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, including bid playoff matches, will be the best 2-out-of-3 sets. The first two sets will be played to 25 points using rally scoring, with one team winning by two points and no point cap. If a third set is necessary, it will be played to 15 points using rally scoring, with one team winning by two points and no point cap. USAV rules apply.

Warm-Up Procedure

The warm-up schedule (2-4-4) for all matches will consist of:
2 minutes shared court time for ball handling
4 minutes of exclusive court time for the serving team
4 minutes of exclusive court time for the receiving team
There will be no shared hitting time

Team Officiating Duties

A team's failure to have a complete officiating crew – including a rostered adult for that team – available and on time for an officiating assignment could result in the team having to forfeit the first set of its next match. **The officiating team will be considered incomplete if a rostered adult is not present.** A rostered adult must be present at the score table while any members of the team are officiating. **For the 14s division a rostered adult is required to be the second referee.**

For every minute an officiating team is late to fulfill its assignment, one point will be awarded to that team's next opponent in the first set of the next match up to 25 points. No more than 25 points will be awarded to the team's next opponent, even if the team designated to officiate misses the entire match. The time that determines how many penalty points are assessed begins at the start of the receiving team's warm-up.

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. Officiating Penalties with regards to three-way ties are included with the Tie-Break Procedures.

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 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 USAV 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 award. Players on each team finishing in first or second place in the Gold Division will receive an individual tourney medal.

Trainers

Trainers will be available for the entire event. Their location in the facility will be marked.

Tournament T-shirts For Sale

Tournament t-shirts with this year's logo will be available for purchase.