

Gateway Region USAV
2017 Girls' Regional Championships
Girls 11s-14s: April 22-23, 2017
Girls 15s-18s: April 8-9, 2017

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

Entry Fee: \$250 per team. Make checks payable to Gateway Region Volleyball.

Entry Deadline: **Monday, March 27, 2017**. All complete entries received in the Gateway Region Office by the deadline will be accepted. After March 27, teams will only be accepted as needed to fill pools. A late fee of \$40 (total entry of \$290) will be applied to teams accepted after the deadline. No refunds will be given after the entry deadline, even if a replacement team is found.

Entry Process: Send **(1) Webpoint roster** and **(2) entry fee** to: Gateway Region VB, 10075 Bauer Rd, St. Louis, MO 63128. **IMPORTANT: Please write the following on the top of your roster:**

- 1. Date of Tournament**
- 2. Age Division**
- 3. Bronze/Copper or Gold/Silver**

Format: Teams enter the championships in either the combined Bronze/Copper division or the combined Gold/Silver division. There are Gold/Silver and Bronze/Copper divisions for ALL age groups, including 11s. 12s-17s waived teams are not permitted to play in the Gold/Silver division. 11's waived teams CAN enter either 11s Gold/Silver or Bronze/Copper.

Both divisions will complete pool play on Saturday with playoffs on Sunday. Pool sizes will be determined by the number of teams entered, but 3 or 4 team pools are planned. Teams will be seeded into a playoff bracket based on the pool play results. All playoffs will be single elimination with a consolation bracket, guaranteeing a minimum of 2 matches on Sunday for all teams (except in a drop situation).

NOTE: Because of the tournament 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.**

Eligibility: All Gateway Region teams entered by the deadline are guaranteed entry into the Regional Championships. After the deadline, teams will be accepted as needed to fill 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 March 14 to help with seeding. Any questions on eligibility should be addressed to the Tournament Director, Randi Tyler at tyler@gatewayvb.org.

Waivered Teams: Teams with waived players (registered with the region at the beginning of the season) will not be allowed to participate in the 12s-17s Gold/Silver Tournament. Waivered 11s teams can play in EITHER Gold/Silver or Bronze/Copper.

Playing Rules: 11s division only – all non-deciding sets played to 19 points, deciding sets played to 15 points.

- 1) 12s-18s all levels - non-deciding sets to 25 points, deciding set to 15 points.
- 2) 12s-18s Bronze/Copper & 11s – Gateway Region rule modifications permitted (step-in line at 12 and Under, playing with 5, one team jersey for libero).
- 3) 12s-18s Gold/Silver – USAV rules, no Gateway Region rule modifications permitted.

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 Championships. Players on the roster of a

team in the Bronze/Copper event may be added to a Gold/Silver roster on a different weekend. Players may only play with one team for a weekend.

Awards: Individual custom Gateway Region Championships medals are awarded for first and second place finishers in the Championship Bracket in all divisions. Teams finishing in 1st and 2nd place in the Consolation Bracket will receive regular tourney medals.

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, scorer, 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 scorer and down ref. Lines persons must still be provided by the teams.

Regional Championship Seeding: The seeding will be based on head to head results throughout the season as supplied by tournament directors. Only results against other Gateway teams in the same age group will be used. If you have any head-to-head results from tournaments outside of the region please e-mail us (mayer@gatewayvb.org) before March 14 with those results. Remember, only results within your age group against Gateway teams will be considered. 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. We tend to sell out early at many venues. If you want to purchase in advance contact Melissa at the Region Office, pouyer@gatewayvb.org or 314-849-1221.

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.

If a team drops from Regionals to play in another volleyball event (i.e. Qualifier) after the entry deadline, the club will be banned from participating in Regionals the following year.