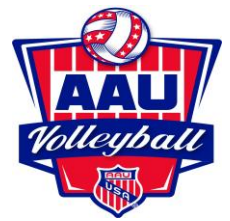


AAU VOLLEYBALL SUPER REGIONAL & GRAND PRIX TOURNAMENTS



2026 TOURNAMENT GUIDELINES

Following are guidelines of hosting/participating in an AAU Super Regional or Grand Prix Tournament. This information may be revised at the discretion of the AAU Volleyball Executive Committee. ALL Grand Prix and Super Regionals **MUST** be approved by AAU Volleyball Executive Committee

1. AAU License & Membership

- a. Hosts must submit the AAU Super Regional/Grand Prix Application Form to the AAU National Office. The National Committee will review applications for approval. A limited number of Super Regional and Grand Prix events will be approved. **Stay to Play events will not be accepted.**
- b. **All participants must be members of the AAU (club, athletes and non-athletes).** It is the tournament Host's responsibility to ensure participants are AAU members. This can be done in the following ways:
 - i. Require teams to complete their roster online at www.aauvolleyball.org/register and submit a copy of the AAU generated team roster with their entry.
 - ii. Require teams to present proof of membership at check-in which includes an AAU generated team roster, AAU generated club listing or copies of AAU membership cards.
 - iii. If using AES for registration, require teams to import their AAU memberships for validation. If memberships have been imported the roster will mark them as verified.
- c. The tournament must be promoted as an AAU licensed event. Dual licensed events will not be approved. An event flyer will be required as part of the application process and must include the approved AAU language provided in your approval email. The AAU shield must be used in the event logo and/or must be clearly displayed on the event website.
- d. Super Regional and Grand Prix events must take place before the start of the AAU Junior National Volleyball Championships. However, it is recommended that tournaments take place prior to the entry deadline to Nationals, which is typically the second week in May. Teams winning a Super Regional or Grand Prix event will be reimbursed the entry fee provided they contact volleyball@aausports.org by July 1st, 2026. **Refund requests will not be accepted after July 1st, 2026. It is the responsibility of the Tournament Host to relay this information to winning teams. Winning teams WILL NOT automatically be refunded, nor will they be contacted by the National Office.**
- e. Officials must have an AAU membership when working national level events including Super Regional and/or Grand Prix events. It is the tournament host's responsibility to require officials to provide their valid 2026 AAU membership number before the start of the event.

2. Free/Discounted Entry Fee

- a. The winner in each girls' age division with **16 or more teams** will receive a free entry fee to the AAU National Championships or the AAU Volleyball Festival. The winner in each boys' age division with **12 or more teams** will receive a free entry fee to the AAU National Championships. If less teams participate, the entry fee will be adjusted on a percentage basis per the chart below based on the number of teams that participated in that division.

2026 Super Regional/Grand Prix	
Number of Girls' Teams in Division	Percent of Entry Fee to be Paid for Nationals or Volleyball Festival
16	100%
15	90%
14	80%
13	70%
12	70%
11	60%
10	60%
9	50%
8	50%
7	40%
6	30%

2026 Super Regional/Grand Prix	
Number of Boys' Teams in Division	Percent of Entry Fee to be Paid for Nationals
12	100%
11	90%
10	80%
9	70%
8	70%
7	60%
6	50%
5	40%
4	30%

- b. This is not a bid; your team must be registered & accepted (which includes paid) for either the AAU National Championships or The Volleyball festival before your division closes. This is a team award for the current season and may not be passed to another team in your club or saved for the future. If your division is closed, you have the option to be put on the wait list or enter another division in the same age group. All teams must still register for the AAU National Championships or Volleyball Festival by the appropriate entry deadline and/or before the event has sold out. **Spots will not be automatically held for winning teams.** All teams must follow the entry requirements and policies as outlined in the event information packet. It is the responsibility of the event Host to relay this information to participating teams.
- c. Teams earning a free or discounted entry fee must contact the AAU National Office by July 1st, 2026. Refunds will be issued after the National Tournament or The Volleyball Festival to teams who participated in the event of their choice. It is the winning team's responsibility to contact volleyball@aausports.org to receive their free or discounted entry fee. **Refund requests will not be accepted after July 1st, 2026.** Winning teams **WILL NOT** automatically be refunded, nor will they be contacted by the National Office.
- d. Girls' teams can choose to use their free/discounted entry fee for the AAU National Championships or the Volleyball Festival. Boys' teams can only use their free/discounted for the AAU National Championships.
- e. Teams participating in multiple events can only earn one entry fee for the National Championships or one entry fee for the Volleyball Festival. Teams cannot earn multiple entry fees for the same event.

- f. If the first-place team has previously won a Super Regional or Grand Prix or is not attending either the National Championships or the Volleyball Festival, the entry fee will drop down to the second-place team. The entry fee will not drop to any teams below second place.
- g. The free/discounted entry fee applies only to the team that won the event. The club cannot apply it towards a different team within the same club.
- h. The National Championships and Volleyball Festival are open to all teams meeting the entry requirements, regardless of placement or participation in a Super Regional or Grand Prix tournament.

3. Tournament Structure

- a. The event can be one or multiple days, as approved by the AAU.
- b. Each Host can offer one or all age groups, as approved by the AAU.
- c. The AAU National Headquarters will assist each Host, but it is the Host's responsibility to organize the tournament. The Host may retain all proceeds from entry fees.
- d. Blast emails may be sent from the AAU National Office to assist in promoting the event. Contact the AAU Volleyball department to request a blast email. Hosts should not rely solely on these emails for promotion of the event. The blast email schedule is at the discretion of the AAU National Office.
- e. Each Host must submit direct link to event results to AAU National Headquarters. The event host must also submit a spreadsheet with each age division offered, the winner of each age division, total number of teams in each age division and the total number of teams in the event. **This must be submitted within 3 days of the conclusion of the tournament.** The National Headquarters will verify the percentage of the entry fee to be awarded to the winning team in the top division of each age. Hosts must submit this recap for winning teams to receive their refunds. Hosts will lose their right to run a Grand Prix or Super Regional event in the future if this information is not submitted.
- f. Each Host must communicate to the winning teams that they must contact the AAU National Office. Full or partial refunds will not be issued **UNLESS** the winning team emails volleyball@aausports.org with their team name and the event that they won by July 1st, 2026. **Refund requests will not be accepted after July 1st, 2026. It is the responsibility of the Tournament Host to relay this information to winning teams.** Winning teams **WILL NOT** automatically be refunded, nor will they be contacted by the National Office.
- g. Each Host must adhere to the following guidelines:
 - i. Must have run a previous AAU Volleyball Event.
 - ii. Must be an AAU club in good standing.
 - iii. Must incorporate the AAU Shield in their event logo.
 - iv. Must refer to AAU and include AAU Shield on event webpage.
 - v. Must refer to AAU and include AAU Shield in all event marketing
 - vi. Must have AAU Certified Officials
 - vii. Must have a head official that can handle protests and rule clarifications.
 - viii. Events on the same weekend must be at least 200 miles apart unless special approval is received by the Committee.
 - ix. Must use an online registration & scheduling program visible to everyone
 - x. Must have a dedicated on-site tournament director at all locations

4. Super Regional Guidelines

- a. Any team meeting the AAU membership requirements and rules can participate.
- b. The tournament is open to teams nationwide and not limited to teams within a District or Region. There will be a limited number of Super Regionals conducted, so teams from outside of your District should be

invited.

- c. Rules of the AAU National Championships must be followed. This includes, but is not limited to:
 - i. All participants must meet the age requirements.
 - ii. All players must live within the AAU District of their team or in a bordering District and comply with the guidelines set forth in the AAU Code Book. Adult members are not bound by residence requirements. Hawaii, Alaska and US Territories, including Puerto Rico, do not have bordering Districts.
 - iii. The Libero player may serve in one rotation in a set.
 - iv. Boys are not permitted on girls' teams. Girls are not permitted on boys' teams.
 - v. For additional rules, please refer to the AAU Volleyball Handbook and National Championships Rules.

5. Grand Prix Guidelines

- a. Any team meeting the AAU membership requirements and rules can participate.
- b. This tournament is intended for teams within a particular District or adjoining Districts to form a regional event.
- c. Rules of the AAU National Championships must be followed. This includes, but is not limited to:
 - i. All participants must meet the age requirements.
 - ii. All players must live within the AAU District of their team or in a bordering District, and comply with the guidelines set forth in the AAU Code Book. Adult members are not bound by residence requirements. Hawaii, Alaska and US Territories, including Puerto Rico, do not have bordering Districts.
 - iii. The Libero player may serve in one rotation in a set.
 - iv. Boys are not permitted on girls' teams. Girls are not permitted on boys' teams.
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**For additional information, please contact AAU Volleyball
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