



**TOURNAMENT INFORMATION GUIDE**

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## AAU Partnership

MJVBA AAU Grand Prix is an AAU Licensed National Event. The first-place team in up to 4 divisions in each age will receive a free/partial entry to the 2022 AAU National Championships or the 2022 Volleyball Festival. The free entry is awarded by the AAU Volleyball Executive Committee and is based on 12 teams in a division or an average of 12 teams in an age group with a minimum of 4 in the division. To be eligible for the free entry, the team must be signed up and compete in the same or lower division at event of their choice. Free entries are team awards may not be passed to another team in your club. If 1st Place does not accept the free entry will be passed to the 2nd place team.

This is a free entry not a bid. AAU Nationals is closed. To use the free entry to AAU Nationals you must be already excepted or on the waitlist if your team gets in the event.

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## Club Directors

**The only acceptable rosters are verified AAU rosters in AES.** No handwritten or typed rosters accepted. No Exceptions. No official roster No play!

## Creating an Official AAU/AES Roster

1. Log into your AES account at [www.advancedeventsystems.com](http://www.advancedeventsystems.com). If you do not have an account, you will need to create a Club Director account. If you are provided a message that the club already exists and you are unable to access your club, then contact AES Support for assistance. On the top tabs choose Sports, and then Indoor Volleyball from the drop-down menu.
2. On the left navigation, click on "Import" under Data Management.
3. Select AAU Import. Note: AAU Import will only be available if you have updated your AAU affiliation within your club details on AES.
4. Enter your current AAU Club Code and the individual AAU Non-Athlete Membership ID of your Club Director listed on your AAU account.
5. Click "Import".
6. If you are missing players or staff that have a current AAU membership, their membership is likely not attached to your AAU club membership in the AAU system. To add additional athletes/staff to your AES account, you may import your AAU information again after the new members have joined AAU/added their club code to their account.
7. Click on My Events on the left side of the page. Then click on My Teams next to 2022 MJVBA Championships AAU Grand Prix.
8. Add a roster for each of your teams by clicking on Roster next to each team. Be sure to click Save Roster after adding each roster. There should be a Y in the AAU verified column for everyone on your roster which means they have been pulled directly from the AAU website and are verified AAU members. There is no need to email in your rosters as we will pull them from AES for you.

## Team check-in

Team check-in will be online. Club directors must log into their AES account to check their teams in. Lindsey will notify Club Directors when on-line check in will be available.

A club or team representative is responsible to check in at their playing site prior to their first match on Saturday

Having your team's roster completed and accurate on AES allows fans to easily identify where a team or athlete is playing. University Athlete also uses the AES rosters for their college recruiting program.

## Tournament Play Schedule

The entire tournament playing schedule will be posted on [www.advancedeventsystems.com](http://www.advancedeventsystems.com) and will be updated every hour throughout the day.

### Match and Forfeit Times

Matches will begin 10 minutes from the conclusion of the preceding match. Warm-ups may not begin more than 25 minutes ahead of the scheduled match time unless agreed upon by both teams. Wave start times will not be moved up. Subsequent rounds and bracket play matches will be moved up whenever time allows. At the start time, if teams are not ready to play, the opposing team will be awarded one point per minute. After ten minutes, the first game will then be forfeited. The second game and match will also be forfeited after an additional 10 minutes.

### Work Team Assignments

1. First official will be provided for all matches. Each team is responsible to provide: 1 down official, 2 lines people, 1 official scorekeeper, 1 libero tracker and 2 people for flip score (2 on each court). You are responsible for your own whistles.
2. If you are late for your officiating assignment, the same penalties apply as to match and forfeit times. All penalties will be carried over to the following day if necessary. Maximum penalty would be the loss of the first set of your subsequent match. Please check closely to be sure you know the schedule. If you are uncertain, please ask the tournament director at your site. On time means the start of warm-ups, not match start time.
3. It is required that a coach or other adult team representative remains in the game area during team officiating assignments. No food or drink will be allowed on the worktable.
4. No cell phones or electronic devices allowed at the worktable. If a player(s) is found to be using a cell phone while working at the table, the official or tournament director may sanction that team up to a 10-point penalty which would be applied to that team's next match.
5. During bracket play all losing teams must stay and provide the work team for the following match unless specified differently. The game scheduled on your court may or may not be part of your division. If your match is switched to another court, you are still required to provide the work team. Teams not completing their last work assignment of the tournament will be fined \$100.

### Format

- Match play – best 2 out of 3 games. First 2 games to 25; deciding game if necessary to 15. No cap on any game. A few divisions may utilize 3 sets to 25.
- All teams advance to a playoff bracket on Sunday. You are scheduled for a minimum of two matches on Sunday. In the event of a tie for teams accepting the free or partial entry to AAU Nationals an extra playoff match may be needed to decide who receives the entry.
- Warm-ups (2-4-4) – 2 minutes shared ball handling, 4 minutes each team hitting and serving. Absolutely no ball handling by the team that is off. **Off teams are required to help shag** for the team that is hitting. Teams refusing to do this will be given a red card prior to the start of the match. Teams must provide their own balls for warm-ups. Balls are not provided.
- Coin flip prior to match will determine side and serve

## Protest Procedure

Protest must be filed at the time of the incident. Only the floor captain may file the protest (or coach in 14's and below). Once the protest is reviewed by the Head of Officials, his ruling is final. Judgment calls may not be protested.

## Tie breaking Procedures

There will be **no playoff games** to determine final placement within a pool. All Ties will be broken:

1. Two-way ties - Head-to-head pool results will always determine the winner.
2. Three-way ties
  - Set winning percentage
  - Point percentage within pool play
  - Coin Flip

## General Rules

- Only AAU registered members are allowed on the court.
- An AAU registered coach must be on the bench. A team without an AAU registered coach is considered incomplete and may not play.
- Any players, coaches or fans abusing the tournament officials or staff will be removed from the tournament.
- Chairs provided for the score table and team benches must be left in place
- Teams must provide their own warm-ups balls.
- Ball handling is to be done only on the playing courts or practice gym. No pepper in the hallways. No boom boxes or other sound amplification devices are to be used. Violation of this rule is a red card and point to start the match.
- Clean up your team's bench area when you leave. Please respect these facilities so we may continue to use them in the future.

## Admission

**All tickets need to be purchased online** [www.sportwrench.com](http://www.sportwrench.com) beginning Wednesday June 1st

- 1 day only \$14/adult. \$9/ages 6-18 & senior citizens (62 & up)
- 2 day (weekend) \$25/adult. \$15/ages 6-18 & senior citizens (62 & up)
- Ages 5 & under are not required to purchase a ticket

## Facility/Food Rules

The safety of every player and spectator is a high priority, steps will be taken by our security personnel to ensure this safety of all parents/spectators are limited to a small personal size bag. No large bags, wagons, roll-a-bags etc. will be allowed in any venue. Be aware that if anything looks suspicious you will be subject to searches by our security team. Anyone refusing a search will not be admitted into the facility.

## To keep a safe clean environment for everyone

- No Team Tables (You may not bring in your own table).
- No Coolers.
- No outside food or drink allowed in any facility,
- No Hot Drinks allowed in the playing areas
- Players may bring a snack for themselves in their duffle bag. Water/Sports Drinks are permitted in players duffle bags.
- Tailgating is permitted at most sites - be sure to clean up after you are finished.
- No smoking on the property of any facility
- No animals in any facility.
- There will be a greater variety of food selections at DeVos Place plus we are working with local restaurants to provide easy and quick lunch options.
- Weather dependent there will be tables on the back riverside patio of DeVos

**Playing Sites** - most sites allow non-marking

DeVos has plenty of seating – no outside Chairs

### Location #1

Devos Place  
303 Monroe Ave NW  
Grand Rapids MI  
Courts 1-36

### Location #2

Grand Valley State University  
1 Campus Dr  
Allendale MI  
Courts 37-43

### Location #3

Courthouse Athletic Center  
8895 Byron Commerce Dr SW  
Byron Center MI  
Courts 44-51

### Location #4

MSA Fieldhouse  
5435 28th St. Ct. SE,  
Grand Rapids MI  
Courts 52-57

### Location #5

MSA Woodland  
2100 28th St  
Grand Rapids MI  
Courts 58-63

### Location #6

East Kentwood HS  
6230 Kalamazoo Ave SE  
Kentwood MI  
Courts 64-67

### Location #7

SOMI (Old South Christian HS)  
160 68th St SW  
Grand Rapids MI  
Courts 68-70

### Location #8

Aquinas College  
1700 Fulton St E  
Grand Rapids MI  
Courts 71-76

### Location #9

Impact Dynamic  
3125 28th St. SW  
Grandville MI  
Courts 77-80

