



Tournament 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 2026 AAU National Championships or the 2026 Volleyball Festival. The free/partial entry is awarded by the AAU Volleyball Executive Committee and is based on 16 teams in a division. To be eligible for the free/partial entry, the team must be signed up and compete in the same or lower division at event of their choice. Free/partial entries are 2026 team awards may not be passed to another team or saved for another year. If 1st Place does not accept the free/partial entry will be passed on to the 2nd place team.

This free /partial entry is not a bid. AAU Nationals is closed. To use the free entry to either event you must be signed up and accepted into the event. Refunds will be sent after the completion of the event of your choice to the teams who participate in that event.

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!

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.

Each Coach must personally check in at their playing site prior to their first match on Saturday only. Each verified coach will be given a coach's wristband which must be on their wrist. Only players and verified coaches are allowed on the team bench or in team or playing area.

Having your team's roster completed and accurate on AES allows fans to easily identify where a team or athlete is playing.

Tournament Play Schedule

The entire tournament playing schedule will be posted on 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 min

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 1 person for flip score. 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 with penalty points 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 playoffs on Sunday. Teams are scheduled for a minimum of two matches on Sunday.
- 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.
- 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 younger). 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 bench and 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. **Except DeVos Place**
- **At DeVos Place warm-up balls and carts will be provided on every court. All other facilities will not have warm-up balls – teams need to bring their own warm up 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.
- 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 beginning Tuesday May 28th

- 1 day only \$15/adult. \$12/Students 1st-12th Grade
- 2 day (weekend) \$25/adult. \$20/Students 1st-12th Grade
- Ages 5 & under are not required to purchase a ticket.

Facility/Food Rules

The safety of all participants and spectator is a high priority. Spectators. are limited to a small personal size bag. No large bags, wagons, roll-a-bags coolers etc. will be allowed in any venue. Be aware that if anything looks suspicious, bags 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 of any type
- **No Wagons (wagons may not be used as strollers or ball carts)**
- No outside food or drink allowed in any facility,
- Players may bring a snack for themselves in their duffle bag. Water/Sports Drinks are permitted in players duffle bags.
- **Players with specific Medical Dietary needs – must pack those items in their duffle bags**
- Tailgating is permitted at most sites - be sure to clean up after you are finished.
- No smoking/vaping on the property of any facility
- No animals in any facility except service dogs with their license properly displayed on their vest. No therapy/emotional support animals allowed
- There will be a greater variety of food selections at DeVos.
- Weather dependent there will be tables on the back riverside patio of DeVos

DeVos Place we will provide warm-up balls and carts on every court. No VB's may be brought into DeVos Place including personal VB's,

All other facilities will not have warm-up balls – Teams need to bring their own. Keep in mind you could be at DeVos Place one day and at a different facility on the other day.

After the MJVBA Championships all balls and carts are available for purchase. Contact Volleyfest Staff for more info.

Playing Venues

DeVos Place, 303 Monroe Ave NW, Grand Rapids. Courts 1-36 **NO outside chairs allowed.** Concessions available. **WARM-UP BALLS PROVIDED – NO VB's may be brought into DeVos Place.**

Grand Rapids Community College, 111 Lyon St NE, Grand Rapids. Courts 37-42 Plenty of Seating. Concessions available. Bring warm-up balls.

MSA Fieldhouse, 5435 28th St. Ct. SE, Grand Rapids. Courts 43-48 non-marking chairs allowed. Concessions available. Bring warm-up balls.

MSA Woodland, 2100 28th St SE, Grand Rapids. Courts 49-54 non-marking chairs allowed. Concessions available. Bring warm-up balls.

Grand Valley State University, 1 Campus Dr., Allendale. Courts 55-60 non-marking chairs allowed. Limited Concession. Bring warm-up balls.

Courthouse, 8895 Byron Commerce Dr SW, Byron Center. Courts 61-78 non-marking chairs allowed. Concessions available. Bring warm-up balls.

Impact Dynamic, 2830 Port Sheldon St, Hudsonville. Courts 69-74 **NO outside chairs allowed**. Concessions available. Bring warm-up balls.

Aquinas College, 1700 Fulton St E, Grand Rapids Courts 75-79 Non-Marking chairs allowed. Concessions available. Bring warm-up balls.

East Kentwood HS, 6230 Kalamazoo Ave SE, Kentwood. Courts 80-83 non-marking chairs allowed. No Concessions. Bring warm-up balls.

East Kentwood Freshman 6170 Valley Ln Dr SE, Kentwood (Next to the HS) Courts 84-85 non-marking chairs allowed. No Concessions. Bring warm-up balls.

Byron Center HS 8500 Burlingame Ave SW, Byron Center Courts 86-89 Non-Marking chairs allowed. No concessions. Bring warm-up balls.

Special Olympics of Michigan 160 68th SW Grand Rapids Courts 90-92 NO outside chairs allowed. Concessions available. Bring warm-up balls.

