



2026 JVA World Challenge
JVA/AAU 18U National Championships
Tournament Procedures Reference Guide



Topic	Tournament Procedure/Information
Venues	Kentucky Fair & Expo Center 937 Phillips Lane, Louisville, KY 40209 Kentucky International Convention Center (KICC) 221 South Fourth Street, Louisville, KY 40202
Information Website	https://www.jposports.com/world-challenge
Match Assignments	Assignments will be posted on the website before a general email is sent Assignments may only be changed by a Head Official Friday's Assignments will be available by Thursday at 10:00 pm Saturday – Sunday Assignments will be available by 9:00 pm the night before
Tournament Meeting	Friday, April 10, 7:10am in Referee Rooms – EXPO – Room E3 KICC – Overlook North
Travel Difficulties	Now through Friday 7:30 am – call Joseph O'Neal (270) 993-2217 Friday 7:31 am – call the appropriate EXPO or KICC phone number
Hotel Information	If you have difficulty checking in, text Shaun Linton at 502.292.7493 If you plan to check-in after 8:00 pm, it is recommended that you call the hotel to confirm your reservation. It is recommended that you contact the hotel 24 hours before your planned arrival to confirm your reservation with the confirmation number You will need to put down a credit card for incidentals You are responsible for hotel parking Be a great roommate!
Arrival at Venue	Arrive EARLY! Be at the gate by 6:30 am for the 8:00 match (4,000+ cars will be behind you instead of in front of you!) Do not argue with security; have your credentials ready to show as you walk into the facility each time
Logistics	Snacks & water will be provided each day Lunch & Dinner You may bring in your own healthy snacks
Important Locations	EXPO <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Officials Room: Room E3 – 2026 JVA World Championship & The 18U • Officials Room: Room C105 – South Lounge • South Pod Near Ct. 11 Cts. 1 -39 • JVA Championship Desk: Near Ct. 67 Cts. 40 - 79 • North Pod: Near Ct. 93 Cts 80 - 110 EXPO 8:00 match – Room E3 pick up ball, scoresheets, pen/pencil, towel
Check In Procedures	Check-In will be from 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm at the EXPO, in our Referee Lounge room E3 . Kentucky Fair & Expo Center 937 Phillips Lane, Louisville, KY 40209 If you miss the Thursday time, we will open at 6:30 am EXPO – Room E3 KICC – North Overview Lounge

Check Out Procedures	<p>Google Form Click Here If you dispute the published match count contact Angela Hummeldorf.</p> <p>The Google Form will close Monday, April 13th at 9:00 am</p>
Officials' Uniform	<p>Tournament credentials are required to enter the playing area. Be prepared to show to security staff.</p> <p>Referees may wear any approved Certified Officials' shirt color (blue, gray, white) or AAU, JVA polos, if two officials are assigned; there is no need to coordinate shirt color.</p> <p>SATURDAY – PINK JVA/AAU Polo</p> <p>Outerwear with 2026 JVA/AAU ¼ Zipp preferred, or any JVA or AAU outerwear.</p>
Match start time	<p>First match of the wave - start at designated time, teams first match of day, give proper warmup (10 min.) The National Anthem and morning announcements at 7:45 am. Coin Toss after the National Anthem for 8:00 am match.</p>
Match Responsibilities	<p><u>General Procedures</u></p> <p>Pick up the score sheet, paperwork, pens and pencils, game ball, and towel in appropriate Officials Lounge for the 8:00 am, Ensure you have the correct score sheet for your court; if you are working multiple matches in a row, you can pick up multiple score sheets. Do not leave any equipment unattended; return the game ball unless given to the referees for the next match. At the end of the morning wave, return the game ball to Championship Desk; leave pens and pencils and towels at the court at the end of the evening wave, return all equipment to Championship; leave flip charts on the court.</p> <p><u>Entering Results</u></p> <p>Mobil Scoring entry will be used; check the website for the link and Password</p> <p><u>Sanctions/ Unusual Situations</u></p> <p>Report any unusual situations to a head official after the match.</p>
Match Warm-up	<p>All matches:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2 minutes shared court - 4 minutes for serving team - 4 minutes for receiving team <p>Matches will move ahead of schedule if time allows with the following exception: Warm-ups for matches in the 15-18 divisions will not begin more than 25 minutes ahead of schedule.</p>
Work Team World Challenge	<p>A rostered player or adult may be the 2nd referee for the team's assignment. A Rostered adult must always be courtside. The work team reports to the official no later than the beginning of the serving team's warm-up. A head official will make the final determination if penalty points will be assessed, note on the score sheet the time the work team becomes complete-let a head referee know if you have a penalty situation before the next match starts</p>
Work Team 18U National Championship	<p>A rostered adult must be the R2. This person also counts as being the adult supervising the work team.</p>
Team Captain	<p>USAV 5.1.2 When the ball is out of play, only the game captain is authorized to speak to the referees:</p> <p>PARAPHRASING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ask for an explanation ● Ask for an interpretation ● Express a disagreement ● To protest (which must be considered) <p>You must LISTEN with a smile!</p>
TIME MANAGEMENT	<p>After the match, verify that the correct team won the match and start the 10-minute timer. Be diligent!</p> <p>When the server is in the service zone with the ball, and you can see one eye and a nose, blow the whistle to beckon for serve!</p>
Protest Procedures	<p>If a coach or captain is attempting to protest against a judgment decision, you should deny the protest.</p>

<p>USAV 5.1.2.1 Page 29-30 and Page 128</p>	<p>-If the coach/captain does not believe it is a judgment decision, remind the coach/captain that the coach may be assessed a red card penalty if the protest is accepted, and the protest committee rules that the protest was based on a judgment decision. -Only the protest committee or the head official can assess this penalty. In case of a rules protest, the 1st referee gets off the stand and consults the rules book (or reviews the scoresheet in the case of a scoring discrepancy). If the referees can resolve the issue by showing the coach the rules (or by correcting the scoresheet), they may do so, and play will continue. Wait without discussion for the protest committee to arrive and resolve the protest. Answer the protest committee's questions honestly and succinctly. After the protest is resolved, finish refereeing the match; further discussion with the head official</p>
<p>Head Officials and Tournament Staff</p>	<p>JVA World Challenge Tournament Director</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steve Bailey <p>The 18U National Championship Tournament Director</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joe Jablonski <p>Head Referee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joseph O’Neal (270) 993-2217 <p>The 18U National Championship - Head Referees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tony Cothron • Zach McCrite • Jung Park <p>JVA World Challenge</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jim Arts • Tony Cothron • Doug Grinnell • Karl Koopman • Linda Lawrence • Mike Trotter • Kevin Welch <p>Assignors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Angela Hummeldorf, (859) 802-3201 • Amberly Tullis, (859) 512-3549
<p>Communication</p>	<p>EXPO PHONE (270) 620-0035</p>
<p>Philosophy</p>	<p>Volleyball is an exciting sport that we can watch and enjoy. Our role is to provide support, maintain control, and ensure fairness by applying the rules without bias. Most importantly – it is a game!</p>
<p>Catering Schedule EXPO Food served in E3 and C105</p>	<p>Friday Lunch (11:00 am) Ramiro’s Dinner (5:00 pm) City BBQ Saturday Lunch (11:00 am) Chick-fil-A Dinner (5:00 pm) Bucca di Beppo Sunday (11:00 am) Ramiro’s</p>
<p>Tie Breakers</p>	<p>No Tie Breakers</p>

		Friday			Saturday			Sunday		
		18U National	EXPO	KICC	18U National	EXPO	KICC	18U National	EXPO	KICC
Arts	Jim		PM - Desk			PM - Desk			All Day	
Cothron	Tony				PM				All Day	
Grinnell	Doug		PM			AM Desk			All Day	
Hummeldorf	Angela		Office			Office			Office	
Koopman	Karl			PM		PM			All Day	
Lawrence	Linda			AM			AM			All Day
McCrite	Zach	All Day			All Day			All Day		
O'Neal	Joseph		All Day			All Day			PM - Desk	
Park	Jung	All Day			AM			All Day		
Trotter	Mike		AM - Desk				PM		AM - Desk	
Tullis	Amberly		Office			Office			Office	
Welch	Kevin		PM			AM				All Day