

**2025 AAU  
AAU CLEVELAND OPEN  
GRAND PRIX  
VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT**

Dear Teams and Coaches:

Welcome to the 2025 AAU Cleveland Open Grand Prix Volleyball tournament in Cleveland , OH. This year's 2025 event will feature 207 girl's and boys juniors' teams playing in a 2 day format at the Huntington Convention Center.

The weekend will feature the 12-18 divisions playing in a 2 day format.

We wish you the best of luck in the competition! This Years event has the most competitive field of teams we have had here at this tournament. We look forward to having you here year after year.

We want to thank all the teams for supporting this event. Have a great time and make loads of new friends. Enjoy yourself!!

Sincerely,

Staff

# TOURNAMENT INFORMANTION

February 1-2, 2025

Check in ON LINE

**TEAM CHECK-IN** We will have a Check in on Friday night at Cleveland. 6pm-9pm .  
Huntington Convention Center of Cleveland

**CHECK IN: ALL TEAMS**

FRIDAY JANUARY 31, 2025 6:00PM -9:00PM

Huntington Convention Center of Cleveland  
. 300 Lakeside Ave E  
. Cleveland ,OH 44114

**PLAY SITES** Huntington Convention Center of Cleveland  
. 300 Lakeside Ave E  
. Cleveland ,OH 44114

AM 8:00AM - 1:00PM      PM 3:00PM - 8:00PM

**ADMISSION:** This year's event will have an admission fee for spectators  
of \$15 per day \$28.00 for a 2 day pass [www.buymypass.com](http://www.buymypass.com)

\*Athletes will just need to show their jersey to gain admission to the Gyms.

\*Teams will be issued a coaching credential pass for each coach listed on their roster

\*Spectators will be able to purchase a colored wrist band at the door each day at 7am,

**MATCH LENGTH** Each division will have a specific format. Some matches will be 2/3  
games 25 points and 15 in the 3<sup>rd</sup> game. In some other division there will be a crossover  
match. Some 3 team pools will play 3-25pts sets.

## **WARM-UP**

There will be no shared hitting during warm-ups.

The first match of the pool for each team will have warm-up time of 2-4-4. (4 minutes for one  
team to have whole court - 4 minutes for the opposing team to have the entire court).

All the remaining matches for that pool will have a warm-up time of 4-4. (4 minutes for one  
team to have the whole court - 4 minutes for the opposing team to have the whole court. There  
is no shared serving after the first match for each team.

## **PROTESTS**

If a protest is to be filed, it must be done at the time of the incident. NO LATER. The first referee is obligated to acknowledge and record all protests. Only the floor captain may file protests. (The exceptions to this are the 14 division and under, where the acting team coach may act).

**PARKING FEE** There will be a parking fee at the CC

## **OFFICIATING RESPONSIBILITIES**

A rostered COACH must be in the Officiating crew. We will provide a certified 1st referee for each match.

Each team is responsible for supplying 1 down official, 2 lines people, 1 scorekeeper, 1 visible scorekeeper and 1 Libero tracker. Each team must provide whistles. Failure to provide officiating for your next assigned match could result in a forfeit of the first game of your next match. For every minute your officiating team is late, 1 point is given to the opponent in your match, up to the 25-0 forfeit. No more than 25 points will be awarded to the team's next opponent, even if the team designed to officiate misses the entire match. The clock begins at the end of warm up.

The second offense will result in the loss of your match.

There will be certified 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> referees for the finals in all age divisions.

## **TOURNAMENT TEE SHIRTS**

Tournament Tee Shirts will be on Sale. Supplies are limited.

## **FACILITY RULES:**

Due to incidents in previous years there will be a **NO TOLERANCE** policy this year for misbehavior by players/teams and spectators in the venues:

**COOLERS** **NOT ALLOWED** in the facilities.

Violation of these policies or any other general misbehavior may result in **IMMEDIATE** dismissal from the facility for the remainder of the day.

**TRAINERS** There will be a trainer available to tape ankles and assist with minor injuries at the facilities.

## **SEEDING**

All seeding for this event is done by the tournament committee.

## **AWARDS**

Each 1st and 2nd place team in Gold division will receive a team award and individual medals.

- **Girls Winners of each Gold Division will receive a free entry in the 2025 AAU National Tournament .Min of 16 Teams to receive 100% . A reduced fee will be awarded to division with less teams in the divisions.**
- **Boys Winners of each Gold Division will receive a free entry in the 2025 AAU National Tournament .Min of 12 Teams to receive 100% . A reduced fee will be awarded to division with less teams in the divisions.**

## **TOURNAMENT POSTINGS:**

We will be using Advanced Event Systems for this event. It will be live results on the web. It is your responsibility to know when you play. All postings will be at ON THE WEB.

**BALLS:** Teams will need to bring warm up balls.

**CHAIRS:** No outside chairs allowed in the CC.

## **ALL COACHES**

It is each team's responsibility to determine their Saturday finish and to report to any officiating responsibilities that they may have prior to their scheduled play on Sunday morning. Failure to report to your appropriate court on Sunday morning will carry the penalties outlined in the officiating responsibilities. If you are in doubt, please check with the gym director.

The tournament director reserves the right to change courts for the final matches, if one court is running ahead.

### **TIE BREAKING PROCEDURES**

**There will NOT be any tie-breaking games played. In the case of a tie, the teams will be ranked by head-to-head results in case of a 2-way tie, or in the case of a 3- way tie: set percentage, and then, if necessary, point percentage.**

### **MATCH AND FORFEITURE TIMES**

The FIRST MATCH of any round or wave will not begin before its' scheduled time. Within a wave, a match may be advanced no more than ten (10) minutes from the scheduled starting time. The last round of the wave may be advanced more than the specified 10 minutes if all participants are in agreement (includes both teams playing, and the officiating team). The second game of the match is forfeited 10 minutes after the forfeiture of the first game.