

CHI-TOWN BOYS CHALLENGE



NOV 1-3, 2025 - Chicago, Illinois
McCormick Place

Tournament Information

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WELCOME!

The board of directors, staff, and members of JVA and AAU welcome you to the 2025 Chi-Town Boys Challenge. The Chi-Town Boys Challenge is a three-day event located in Chicago, Illinois that is co-hosted by JVA and AAU. We work hard to ensure this is a high-quality event and a great experience for all participants and their families.

We want to thank our official ball sponsor **Molten**; our housing service **Team Travel Source**; as well as our host, **McCormick Place**. The Chi-Town Boys Challenge will take place in three playing halls within McCormick Place:

- West Building
- Skyline Ballroom (located in West Building)
- North Building – Halls C1/C2

We hope our partnership with these groups makes your experience worthwhile.

ADMISSIONS

Ticket Scanning & wristbands will be in 2 separate locations outside the playing halls:

- West Building
- North Building

Spectator Ticket Options:

- \$45 Event Pass: *Allows you access into the event ALL days.*
- \$20 One Day Pass: *Ticket is valid for ONE day only.*
- Spectators ages 10 & under receive free admission.
- Admissions must be purchased online – NO cash sales at the door.
- Wristbands will be provided and must be worn on your wrist at all times.
- Lost or forgotten tickets/wristbands can be replaced by presenting a photo ID.
- Refund Policy:
 - Refunds must be requested within 30 days of the date the ticket was purchased.
 - Once a ticket is scanned, it is NOT assignable to any other individual or eligible for a refund.
 - Refunds can be requested by emailing tournaments@jvavolleyball.org

[Click here to purchase your spectator ticket\(s\).](#)

**Any questions about admissions, please email
tournaments@jvavolleyball.org**

PARKING

There are 2 main parking lots on the McCormick Place campus – all in close proximity to the convention center and ADA accessible.

The Chi-Town Boys Challenge will take place in three playing halls within McCormick Place:

- West Building
- Skyline Ballroom (located in West Building)
- North Building – Halls C1/C2
- Parking Lot Addresses:
 - Lot A (primary parking location) – 2301 South Prairie Avenue, Chicago, IL 60616
 - Lot B – 3050 South Moe Drive, Chicago, IL 60616

Purchase parking [online](#). Additional parking information at McCormick Place can be found on their [website](#).

Any questions about parking please contact mccormicksquare@spplus.com

AIRLINE DISCOUNT

Delta Airlines:

Delta Air Lines is pleased to offer special discounts for Junior Volleyball Association. Please [click here](#) to book your flights. You may also call Conferences and Events® at 1.800.328.1111* Monday–Friday, 8:00 A.M. – 8:00 P.M. (EST) and refer to Meeting Event Code: **NY46M**

United Airlines:

Chi-town Challenge: To make flight reservations online please click on discount code [ZRBN508268](#)

Southwest Airlines:

Southwest Airlines is pleased to offer JVA Chi-Town Challenge attendees discounted fares. To utilize the discount, book via SWABIZ® using [this link](#). Discount valid for travel 10/30/2025 to 11/5/2025. Company ID number: **90070271**

HOUSING

We have partnered with Team Travel Source (TTS) to handle our housing needs. JVA does not have a stay to play policy; however, teams and families are encouraged to book their hotel accommodations through TTS. Booking through TTS allows us to get the best hotels at the best rates.

Contact TTS with any housing questions:

volleyball@teamtravelsource.com

502.354.9103

Book housing for Chi-Town Boys Challenge [HERE](#).



**TEAM
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TEAM CHECK-IN

Teams need to submit and finalize their roster within AES by **FRIDAY, OCT 17.**

Online Team Check-In will open at 12 A.M. October 26 and close at 12 P.M. October 29

- Teams will need to check-in online before their arrival to verify that their roster is complete.
- Club Directors with AES account access are the ONLY people that can check in teams online.

Group Check-In is the **PREFERRED** method of pick up for your **ENTIRE CLUB.**

Credential pick-up times for all teams are:

- **Friday, October 31**
 - 6-9 P.M. CT at Fatpour Tap Works McCormick
- **Saturday, November 1**
 - AM Wave: 7-9 A.M. CT at F1/F2 (lobby of West Building)
 - PM Wave: 1-3 P.M. CT at F1/F2 (lobby of West Building)

 - AM Wave: 7-9 A.M. CT at C1/C2 (lobby of North Building)
 - PM Wave: 1-3 P.M. CT at C1/C2 (lobby of North Building)

Questions Regarding Team Check-In?

Contact tournaments@jvavolleyball.org

TEAM ELIGIBILITY

2025-2026 AAU Indoor Boys Volleyball Age Divisions

Age Definitions:

Team members must meet the age definitions for their age group.

18 and Under - Players who were born on or after July 1, 2007 **OR** Players who were born on or after July 1, 2006 **and** a high school student in the twelfth (12th) grade or below during some part of the current academic year are eligible to compete on 18 and under teams.

17 and Under – Players who were born on or after July 1, 2008

16 and Under – Players who were born on or after July 1, 2009

15 and Under – Players who were born on or after July 1, 2010

14 and Under – Players who were born on or after July 1, 2011

13 and Under – Players who were born on or after July 1, 2012

12 and Under – Players who were born on or after July 1, 2013

11 and Under – Players who were born on or after July 1, 2014

10 and Under – Players who were born on or after July 1, 2015

Age Waiver Policy:

Please see AAU Age Policies [here](#).

REGISTRATION, DIVISIONS, AND PLAYING WAVES

Tournament Registration:

The entry fee for the tournament is \$875 per team. JVA members receive a reduced registration fee of \$850. Refunds will be given, less 25% up until Friday, October 3. No refund will be given thereafter for teams that withdraw. If the Chi-Town Boys Challenge is cancelled by JVA/AAU, teams may receive up to a full refund at their discretion.

Gameplay Locations:

There will be three playing halls within McCormick Place:

- West Building
- Skyline Ballroom (located in West Building)
- North Building – Halls C1/C2

Divisions of Competition:

Competition will be offered in 4 divisions, highest to lowest; OPEN, PREMIER, ELITE, CLASSIC

- 12s
- 13 Open, Classic
- 14 Open, Premier, Classic
- 15-18 Open, Premier, Elite, Classic

Playing Waves:

- AM Wave (8 A.M. start time)
 - 18s, 16 Open, 16 Premier, 16 Classic, 14 Open, 14 Classic, 13 Classic
- PM Wave (2:30 P.M. start time)
 - 17s, 16 Elite, 15s, 14 Premier, 13 Open, & 12s

SEEDING AND SCHEDULES

Seeding, Schedule, and Results:

Teams will be seeded by a JVA/AAU committee, which may vary by event. Schedules will be posted on AES approximately one week prior.

Pool play will take place on Saturday and Sunday; bracket play is on Monday, concluding by 6:00 P.M. Teams traveling from Chicago are advised not to schedule Monday flights before 6:00 P.M.

Live schedules and results will be available through AES.

RULES OF PLAY

JVA/AAU follows the 2023-2025 USAV Indoor Domestic Competition Regulations.

Match Format/Warm-Up Procedures

- All divisions will play best of three set formats. Divisions that have 3-team pool(s) with no cross over match in combination with 4 team pools in the same division will play all 3 sets to 25. Pool finish will be based on set percentage as all 3 sets will count for finish placement. 3-team pools are not our recommended format and we will do everything we can do to avoid them. However, there are times where it is completely unavoidable.
- All crossover and challenge matches will be "match play" best of 3 sets.
- All warm-ups will be 2-4-4 (2 min shared ball handling, first 4 min court time for serving team, and last 4 min court time for receiving team). Teams must serve within their court time. The team off the court should assist in ball shagging during the on-court teams' warm-up.
- A new libero can be designated before each set.

Officials and Team Officiating Responsibilities

- The Head Official will schedule a First Referee (R1) for each match
- **Work teams will need to provide a rostered adult as Second Referee (R2), Official Scorer, Libero Tracker and 2 Line Judges. An adult on the official roster needs to be court side at all times.**
- The work team needs to report to the Head Official no later than the beginning of the serving team's warm-up. For each minute the work team is late or incomplete, one point will be given to their next opponent (up to 25-0 for forfeit).
- Each work team must have an adult present and identified to the R1 during a team's work assignment.

Pre-Match Protocol (All Non-Gold Finals):

Prior to the start of the 1st set, both full teams will line up behind the service line. At the signal of the head official, both teams will wave to each other and spectators. The starting line up will remain on the court for the lineup check, and the libero shall be waived in by the head official.

Ties in Pool Play - DO NOT LEAVE YOUR COURT AREA UNTIL YOUR POOL HAS BEEN DECIDED!

TWO WAY TIE:

- The result of their head-to-head pool match will determine the winner in ALL CASES.
- There will be NO PLAYOFF regardless of whether it affects the GOLD.

THREE-WAY TIES (Teams advancing to GOLD):

- Head-to-head results are used to determine pool finishes for teams that are tied in Match record.
 - A team that beats all other teams with which it is tied in Match Record will finish ahead of the other teams in the pool.
 - If there are only two teams tied in matches, the head-to-head winner of those 2 teams earns the higher pool finish.
- Set percentage is the 2nd level of breaking ties and is used to rank a pool in which all three teams remain tied after applying the rules in step 1.
 - Teams with a higher set percentage finish ahead of teams with a lower set percentage.
 - If only two teams are tied in both match and set percentage, the team that won head-to-head receives the higher finish in the pool.
 - Three-way tie for first place: If after steps 1 and 2, all three teams are still tied in match AND set percentage, the three teams will be seeded by points. The highest seed as determined by points, advances automatically. The highest seed will ref one set to 15 between the two lower seeds. The winner of this set takes the second spot in gold.

- Three-way tie for second place: If after steps 1 and 2, all three teams are still tied in match and set percentage, the three teams will be seeded by points. The highest seed will ref one set to 15 between the two lower seeds. The loser of the first set will ref one set to 15 between the winner of set 1 and the top seed. The winner of this set takes the second spot in gold.

THREE-WAY TIES (NO teams advancing to GOLD):

- If a tie occurs and no teams are able to advance to GOLD. Steps one and two from the above criteria will be used. In the case teams are still tied in matches and sets. Point differential will now be used to decide the pool. NO PLAY-OFF match will be played.

Code of Conduct/Disciplinary Action:

Any participant listed on the official roster who is causing unfavorable situations either prior to, during, or after the event is subject to disciplinary action by the Tournament Director(s). Anyone discovered in possession of or consuming illegal drugs, alcohol, tobacco products, or e-cigarettes (vaporizers) will be immediately expelled from the event. There are no warnings for possession or consumption of materials listed above for players or any other underage person whose name appears on the tournament roster. Expulsion will be immediate. Pets (other than service animals) and weapons of any kind will NOT be allowed in the event.

View the JVA Zero Tolerance Policy [HERE](#)

MISCELLANEOUS

Volleyball Rental

JVA/AAU does not have volleyball rental available. All teams are responsible for bringing their own volleyballs for warmups. JVA/AAU game balls will be provided.

Athletic Trainers

Athletic Trainers will be available inside of McCormick Place.

Facility Rules

No outside food or beverage allowed. No coolers will be allowed. There will be seating provided along each court for spectators. Camping chairs will NOT be allowed in the Convention Center due to a potential fire hazard.

Tournament Souvenirs

Our Pro-Shop will have tournament t-shirts and a wide variety of JVA and AAU apparel.



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