

2021 Junior Program Guide



AVP AMERICA

What is the difference between AVPFirst and AVP America Juniors?

AVP America is an organization that affiliates outdoor amateur volleyball tours, leagues and clubs. The goal is to create a true National Ranking System, provide Promoter and Player Benefits and aid in the growth of the sport at all levels. All events earn appropriate AVP Points.

- **AVP America Juniors** - Arm of AVP America dedicated to building a National Junior Tour, Clubs and Education initiatives.

AVPFirst is the nonprofit youth programming arm of the AVP Pro Beach Tour, utilizing sport as a tool for positive youth development. With a mission of improving the health and wellbeing of underserved youth through the sport of beach volleyball, AVPFirst provides a series of free clinics and community based initiatives designed to engage at risk youth in positive, volunteer led activities.



2021 JUNIOR EVENTS



4 STAR EVENTS

2021 Nationals / Beach Week | July 21 - 23, Atlantic City, NJ

2021 East Coast Championships (ECC) | November 26 - 28, Clearwater Beach, FL

2021 West Coast Championships (WCC) | November, California

Bids required for Girls Divisions 18,16,14,12 and for Boys Divisions 18,16,14



3 STAR EVENTS Open

2021 Arizona Championships | April 10 - 11, Mesquite, AZ | Bids earned to ECC & WCC

2021 Southeast Championships | TBD | Bids earned to ECC & WCC

2021 Texas Championships | June 18 - 20, San Antonio, TX | Bids earned to ECC & WCC

2021 Midwest Championships | July 25 - 26, Racine, WI

Bids awarded to 1st, 2nd, 3rd (2) & 5th (4)



2 STAR EVENTS Open

Locally Run

Increased Ranking Points

Bids awarded to 1st, 2nd, 3rd (2)

Bids awarded to Nationals (Dec '20 - June '21)

Bids awarded to ECC & WCC (June '21 - Nov '21)



1 STAR EVENTS Open

Locally Run

Bids awarded to 1st & 2nd

Bids awarded to Nationals (Dec '20 - June '21)

Bids awarded to ECC & WCC (June '21 - Nov '21)

BIDS Beach Week & Nationals: Earned from December 1, 2020 thru June 20, 2021. These events have limited space and will be based on a first come, first serve basis. Bids do not guarantee a spot in the tournament. East Coast & West Coast Championships: Earned from June 21, 2021 thru November 8, 2021.

2021 Junior Programming

2021 Event Breakdown

- **4 Star Events** - Bids required for ALL Divisions except Boys 12U
- **3 Star Events** - Open
 - Increased Ranking Points
 - Bids awarded to 1st-5th
- **2 Star Events** - Open
 - Locally run
 - Increased Ranking Points
 - Bids Awarded to 1st, 2nd, 3rds (2)
 - No trickle down bids
 - [Apply Here](#) to host a 2-star event
- **1 Star Events** - Open
 - ALL AVP America 1-star Events will award bids to Nationals, Beach Week, WCC & ECC
 - 1 & 2nd places earn bids
 - Minimum 5 teams required to award bids
 - No trickle down bids
 - Please send your bid winners an email using [THIS TEMPLATE](#)

Bids Breakdown

Awarded to Girls 18U, 16U, 14U, 12U & Boys 18U, 16U, 14U

Nationals & Beach Week - Earned from December 1, 2020 thru June 20, 2021 (This event has limited space and will be based on a first come, first serve basis. Bids do not guarantee a spot in the tournament)

East Coast & West Coast Championships- Earned June 21, 2021 thru November 8, 2021

*Teams that earn a bid together are not required to play together, but one teammate must have earned a bid for a team to compete at 4-star events.

2021 Junior Tour Schedule

April 10-11	Arizona Championships	Mesquite, AZ	★ ★ ★
June 18-20	Texas Championships	San Antonio, TX	★ ★ ★
July 7-10	California Championships	Hermosa Beach, CA	★ ★ ★ ★
July 21-23	Beach Week /Nationals	Atlantic City, NJ	★ ★ ★ ★
July 28-29	Midwest Championships	Milwaukee, WI	★ ★ ★
Aug, 2021	Northwest Championships	Seaside, OR	★ ★ ★
Nov 13-14	West Coast Championships	Huntington Beach, CA	★ ★ ★ ★
Nov 26-28	East Coast Championships	Clearwater Beach, FL	★ ★ ★ ★

AVP Juniors Tournament Guidelines

- All events must be open to the public and posted on the AVP America schedule
- Wilson shall be the official ball used
- All participating players must be AVP members.
- AVP America Promoters are responsible for entering the results on the AVP America site ***no later than 3 days post event***
- ***ALL events are considered 1-star events, unless otherwise deemed by the AVP America staff. This means that ALL events award bids to AVP America events.***

Tournament Format Guidelines

All Juniors Events are bid events as long as they follow certain Format Guidelines. Juniors Bid events must be pairs events (2 v 2) and teams must sign up as pairs. Queen and King type events are not eligible to award bids.

Below are recommended tournament formats for AVP America Juniors Events

- **1-Day Events**
 - Pool Play followed by Single Elimination Playoffs.
 - Pools of 3, 4 or 5 teams are preferred, with 6 Team Pools being used only in certain overflow situations. [Click Here for Pool Sheet](#)
 - FIVB/AVPA Modified Double Elimination Pools [Click Here](#) for Match Play events - followed by single elimination playoffs.
- **2-Day Events**
 - Match play - Double Elimination
 - Modified FIVB/ AVPA pool play followed by Single Elimination Playoffs.
 - Any overflow pools are pools of 3, Unless a division had 6 Teams (run on 2 Courts)

For More Information on Formats or Event Formatting Concerns - Contact Carly Gant cgant@avp.com

Tournament Guidelines

- Boys Teams Competing in Girls Divisions -

AVP America has implemented the following rules for Boys teams competing in Girls Divisions

- **Boys Teams may compete in girls divisions at 1-star events ONLY**
- **Boys Teams must play up an age division (ex if their division is 14U, they must play Girls 16U)**
- **Boys Teams cannot make playoffs in a girls division**
- **Games against the girls teams will not count for the girls teams that lose, nor will the points.**
 - **Ex. A girls team goes 3-1 losing their only game to Boys so their playoff record would be 3-0 and points from the game against the boys will not count**
- **Boys Teams' results will not be entered in girls divisions, they will be entered in the proper boys age group**
- **Boys Teams competing in Girls divisions will receive a bid if they are the only boys team in their division in the tournament**
 - **If there are two boys teams in an age division in the tournament:**
 - **Both teams will receive bids**
 - **If there are 3 teams in the division:**
 - **There must be a semis & finals based on pool play performance**
 - **1st & 2nd place will receive bids**
 - **If there are 4 teams in the division, they should be playing in the Boys division. 4 teams is sufficient to run a division. Bids can be awarded to 1st & 2nd.**
- **For Coed Junior Teams, the same rules apply, but bids are only awarded to the male partner.**