

2017 Kansas City – MLK Tournament & 18s National Qualifier



Welcome to Kansas City!

Tournament Check-in:

Check-in will take place at Bartle Hall (Hall D) by the entrance to the up-escalator on Friday, or at Championship desk for the late check-in on Saturday.

We want to encourage all local teams to check-in on Friday evening also!
All teams must check-in before playing!

Check-in times & dates:

Jan 13 (Friday) 5-8pm All teams check-in

Late check-in only:

Jan 14 (Saturday-at Championship Desk) 7:00-9:00 am for all teams in the AM or PM Wave

Jan 14 (Saturday-at Championship Desk) 12:00-2:00 pm for all teams in the PM Wave

A registered Team/Club Representative or Coach will need to check-in.

The Team Representative/Club Rep or Coach will need to **verify and initial the team roster**. Once verified, the roster will be in effect throughout the event. The team roster is limited to 12 players and 4 adults. ONLY adults, who are on the verified roster, and are wearing credentials, are permitted to sit on the bench. Uniforms must meet USA Volleyball guidelines for Junior competition.

Credentials, ID's and Wristbands:

Only credentialed adults may sit on the player bench (Coaches, Team Reps/Club Reps etc). Credentials will be issued at Check-in for All out of region team - coaches. Credentials must be visibly displayed at all times and the individual must be able to provide proof of USAV Membership and be able to provide a photo id if requested.

All HOA Coaches will need to bring their credential to the tournament.

HOA Coaches - If you don't have a credential, you will need to come to the check-in on Friday or the Saturday check-in times to resolve this issue (see above for times)

All coaches will need to present a credential and photo id at the beginning of each match or obtain a wristband at check-in, to show their ID is verified

Out of Region coaches will receive guest credentials and a wristband (need proof of membership/photo id)
Only one wristband will be issued. You will need to wear the wristband for the entire tournament.

Please note that if Tournament Officials or Event Staff request verification of membership,

the individual(s) must be able to present official USAV membership and a valid photo id.

Facilities and Parking:

All matches will be played at the KC Convention center complex (301 W 13th St, KC-MO 64105), Courts 1 thru 30 are in Bartle hall, halls D and E. Courts 31 thru 34 are in Municipal Arena. Courts 35 thru 38 in the X-hall. All 3 halls are in the same complex.

Enter the convention center from the South side on 13th street. **No Food and Coolers are allowed in Bartle Hall/Municipal Auditorium. There is no admission charge at the door for this event.**

For maps and parking go to www.kconvention.com

Look for DOWNTOWN KC and then click the "Downtown Kansas City Map or Directions & Parking"

Practice:

For teams participating in the 18's qualifier divisions limited practice time is available on Friday evening between 5 and 8 pm.

Start times:

AM Wave: (8 am till about 3 pm) 18 Open, 18 USA, 16 Club, 14 Club, 12 Club

PM Wave: (2:30 pm till about 10:30 pm) 18 American, 17 Club, 15 Club, 13 Club

Playing Schedules:

Playing Schedules will be posted at the AES website the week of the event: Go to: www.advancedeventsystems.com

We recommend that you check back late Friday (Jan 13) or early Saturday (Jan 14) for any playing schedule changes.

Playing Format:

Teams will play pool play on days 1 & 2 and proceed to playoffs on day 3. Matches are best of 3 sets. Schedules/playing formats for all age divisions may be altered if a team drops at the last minute. On Monday, all teams will participate in single-elimination playoffs. The last matches are scheduled to start at 2 pm. Typically, matches later on the final day will fall behind some from their original scheduled time.

For all divisions, **tie-breaking sets** will be played if advancement to the Gold bracket is affected. Be aware that any tiebreakers will be played immediately following the completion of pool play. If your team may end up in a 3-way tie, make sure to stay in the facilities until you know for sure that there is not need for a tie-breaker playoff.

Medical/Trainers:

Medical Services for the event will be provided by Global Event Medicine. The main location will be in Bartle Hall, there will be also a trainer available in Municipal Arena.

Officiating:

First Referees will be provided for all matches.

All teams will need to provide a Second Referee, a Scorer, Libero Tracker, Scoreboard Operator and 2 Line Judges (player or registered adult whose name is on the Official Roster).

The Head Coach must be an active part of his / her team's officiating assignment (2nd Referee, at Scorer's table or line judge).

All protests will be resolved by the protest committee as selected by the Head Officials.

Recruiting Combine:

Championships Combines is hosting a recruiting combine in conjunction with the KC MLK Tournament. The Combine will be held on Friday, January 13th from 7:30-9:30 pm at the Kansas City Convention Center (Hall D) and is open to any high school age player, regardless if they are participating in the KC MLK Tournament or not.

The Recruiting Combine attracts coaches from NCAA Division II and III, NAIA and Junior College Volleyball program in Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, Texas, Iowa, Illinois, Nebraska, Colorado, Arkansas and Louisiana.

Last year we had over 35 colleges attending the combine and we expect that number to be higher this year.

To Register for the combine, go to: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2017-kc-mlk-tournament-combine-registration-29081430341?aff=es2>

Awards:

First, Second and Third place awards will be offered in the Gold brackets for all divisions. There are First and Second place awards for the Silver Brackets in all divisions.

All awards will be distributed near the Championship desk.

National Anthem:

We are still looking for a few players interested in performing the national anthem in the morning. If you are interested send an email to Chris@hoavb.org.

Bids for the 18's Qualifier Divisions:

Available bids: 18 Open - 2 bids, 18 USA - 3 bids, 18 American - 1 bid. For the 18 USA division, we will have to play a 3rd and 4th place match.

Teams who win a bid will have to come to the Championship Desk to sign their bid acceptance before they leave the facility.