



Tournament Guide

JJVA Volleyball Training Center
8457 Western Way Jacksonville, FL 32256

Information:

The 2025 JJVA Tropical Ice Challenge event is being conducted over three weekends. The 18 Open, and 12U – 18U USA divisions will participate over two days on January 11th-12th, 2025. The OPEN (12U – 17U) division will participate over three days on January 18th-20th, 2025. Third weekend will be the 12U – 18U Club divisions participating on January 25th-26th, 2025 played at the JJVA Volleyball Training Center. This tournament is sanctioned under USAV and will be governed by all rules and regulations of USAV Volleyball. This is a Level I event.

All matches will be best of three sets to 25 with a deciding set to 15. In the case a Pool of 3 teams without Cross Over matches, the matches will be all 3 Sets to 25. Please pay attention to pool description on Sportwrench.com for clarification within each pool/division. There will be no caps in any set. The OPEN division will receive the equivalent of 7 or more matches. The 18 Open, USA and CLUB divisions receive the equivalent of 5 or more matches.

Spectator Policy:

All tickets must be purchased online from sport wrench. All adult spectators must provide photo ID along with their QR code to enter the playing facility. No outside food or drinks can be delivered or brought in the facility. No Coolers, lawn chairs are permitted in the facility.

Due to allergies and safety concerns, there is a no-pet policy at the facilities. **SERVICE ANIMAL NOTICE:** Service animals are individually trained to do work or perform tasks for persons with disabilities. Service animals are to remain on leash and under the control of their handler at all times. Comfort or emotional support animals are not service animals and are not permitted. Pets are not permitted. Thank you for your compliance with this policy!

Spectator fees are \$15 for a day pass, \$35 for OPEN Division 3-Day pass, \$25 for USA/CLUB Division Weekend pass. Children 5 and under are free

Format/Warmup:

Our goal is to provide the most competitive matches, since it is so early into the 2025 Season we utilized your ending 2024 USAV team ranking, any available rankings this year, record so far this season, and head to head record this season to rank each team within the division. We also had to move some rankings with the divisions to minimize same club play and rematches.



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The format of the tournament will be Pool Play Round 1 (Saturday), along with any crossovers your division may have (3 team pools specifically) and Bracket Play on Sunday. AM wave will start at 8:00 am on Saturday. PM wave will start at 1:30-2:30 pm staggered start on Saturday. Sunday will start at 8:00 am with a staggered start throughout the morning.

All Clubs must bring their own volleyballs for warmup. Each Club is responsible for always keeping their equipment with them. We will provide a game ball for each court.

18 Open, 13 USA, 12 USA: Round 1 will be 3 Pools of 3. 1st place of each pool will make it to Gold, highest ranked 2nd place will make it to Gold. The winner of the next two 2nd place ranked teams will make it to gold. The Loser of this crossover will then play a Challenge Match against the Highest ranked 3rd place team for the last spot in the Gold Bracket. The remaining teams will go to a Silver Pool. This means, all teams will play 3 matches on Saturday, with the exception of the 2nd place team that will play the Challenge match, this team will play 4 matches on Saturday. Please keep an eye out for your schedule.

17/18 USA, 15 USA, and 14 USA: 3 Pools of 4 teams will be played Round 1. Round 2 will be 1st and 2nd place teams from each pool playing in gold bracket on Sunday. Silver bracket will consist of the 3rd and 4th place teams from the round one pools.

16 USA: Round 1 will consist of 1 Pool of 4 teams, and 2 Pools of 3. The pools of 3 will have a crossover match following finishing their pool play. Top 2 teams from the 4 team pool will go to the Gold bracket along with the 1st place teams from both 3 team pools and winner of the crossover matches (2nd vs 3rd of each 3 team pool). The bottom 2 teams from the 4 team pool and losing teams from the crossovers (2nd vs 3rd of each 3 team pool) will play in a 4 team silver bracket.

On Sunday, officiating duties MAY not be within your Age division. Please check your schedule for officiating assignments. Do Not leave the facility without checking with the Tournament Staff to confirm all officiating duties have been satisfied. Missing or No Showing an officiating duty will result in a fine.

Warmup before the first match will be 5-4-4 and every match after will be 2-4-4.

We anticipate releasing the tournament schedule on Tuesday, January 7th, 2025 for the 18 OPEN and USA Division, Tuesday, January 14th, 2025 for the Open Divisions and Tuesday, January 21st, 2025 for the CLUB Division. The schedule will be hosted on Sportwrench. Everyone should continue to refer to this schedule for any changes and up to minute scoring and results. As with all sporting events in this environment, there is always a chance of a late



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drop. This could change your schedule and/or the format of the tournament, but that is certainly not our plan.

Tie Breakers:

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 in matches or, in the case of 3 or more teams tied in matches: set percentage. If two teams are still tied on set percentage, the tie will be broken by the head-to-head result of their match OR if three or more teams are still tied the tie will be broken by point percentage. Note that the 3 or more teams tied procedure is slightly different than previous years based on the updated procedures used at the USAV Junior National Qualifiers and National Championship events.

Awards:

Awards will be rewarded to first, second, and third place finishers in the Gold bracket in each Division. The winner of the Silver bracket in each Division will also be rewarded an award. Award information will be given in the Performance Training Facility upon the completion of the division championship match. An award slip will be given to the Coach of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place finishers to gain access to the Performance Training Facility. Only Teams with the award slip will receive medals. Coaches, Athletes, and Fans of the qualifying Team are allowed in the Performance Training Center during the Medal Ceremony.

Officials/Crew:

A first official (R1) will be provided for each match. Each team will be responsible for providing down official (R2), two-line judges, one official scorekeeper, one libero tracker, and one visual scorekeeper per court. A Coach or an Adult on the Team Roster must perform a duty at the table. We prefer the rostered adult perform the duty of the R2 official. Please pay special attention to your pool/bracket to ensure an officiating assignment is not missed. *Teams missing an officiating assignment will be fined up to \$150. Teams late to an officiating assignment will be penalized one point per minute in their following match.*



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Only Coaches can approach the Tournament Office with questions and/or complaints about play, officiating, or schedule. No parents or athletes will be allowed to enter the tournament office or file complaints without a coach present.

Schedules are subject to change. Please continue to check sportwrench for the most up to date schedule. If you have a question about your schedule, please come to the Tournament Office before leaving the facility.

If a team does not show up for a scheduled match, the team will be penalized up to \$150 per match. Missing or forfeiting a match affects not only your team but your opponent's ability to compete in the number of matches that the tournament guarantees.

Protests:

If a protest is to be filed, it must be done within 60 seconds of the time of the incident.

The first referee is obligated to acknowledge and record all protests. **ONLY THE FLOOR CAPTAIN OR COACH MAY FILE PROTESTS.**

All protests will be handled by the Protest Committee and their decision is binding. A Protest Committee will ideally consist of any two of the following:

- Head Official
- Tournament Director
- Assistant Tournament Director
- Site Director
- Highest rated available official or a non-involved Club Director

All efforts will be made to ensure two of the above members are able to appear at a protest, but protests can be completed with just the Tournament Director, Assistant Tournament Director, Site Director, or Head Official, if needed.

Athletic Trainers:

Athletic Trainers will be onsite at the JJVA Training Center for both dates. They will be located at the corner of Gate 1. Pre-Wrapping, Taping and Icing Services are free to the Athletes before, during and after matches. Athletes must bring their own Tape and Pre-Wrap or they can purchase Tape and Pre-Wrap in the Pro Shop onsite.

Facility Rules:



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Parking at JIVA is free and limited. Teams are encouraged to carpool as much as possible.

Athletes are not permitted to impede onto another playing court during a rally. The ball will be deemed out of play if this occurs.

Due to incidents in previous years, there will be a no tolerance policy for misbehavior by players/teams and spectators in the venues:

- Ball Handling is NOT allowed outside of the playing court and facilities.
- Play on any other Court in the facility is NOT allowed unless designated by the Tournament Director
 - 1st Violation - Warning
 - 2nd Violation - Report to Coach/Club Director
 - 3rd Violation – Discretion of Tournament Director (Dismissal from Tournament, Red Card start of next match, Offenders Out for first Set, etc..)
- NO Food Deliveries will be accepted at ANY of the facilities.
- Coolers and outside food and drink are NOT ALLOWED in ANY of the facilities.
- Only individual water and sports drinks may be brought inside the facility.
- Spectators are NOT allowed on Any court at any time.
- Spectators are NOT allowed to approach an Official, Officiating Team, or Score table at any time.

Violation of these policies or any other general misbehaviors may result in immediate dismissal from the facility for the remainder of the day/tournament. We ask that all spectators, coaches, and players abide by the: [FL Region USAV Spectator Code of Conduct](#).