

USA Volleyball Girls Junior Club Championship (GJCC) FAQ

Inaugural Event: June 5–7, 2026 | Columbus, Ohio

1. What is the Girls Junior Club Championship (GJCC)?

The GJCC is a new, stand-alone, non-bid national championship event hosted by USA Volleyball, designed specifically for girls junior club teams in the 10u-17u divisions. The inaugural event will take place June 5-7, 2026, in Columbus, Ohio.

2. What age groups and divisions will be offered?

The event will include eight age divisions:

- 10u, 11u, 12u, 13u, 14u, 15u, 16u, 17u

Each age division will feature multiple competitive playoff divisions:

- Division 1, Division 2, Division 3

This allows for teams of varying skill levels to compete in a national championship environment.

- Divisions will be set after pool play on day one; teams will not self-select a division during registration.
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3. How is this event different from USAV's Girls Junior National Championship (GJNC)?

- The GJCC is a non-bid event — teams do not need to qualify or earn a bid to participate.
 - The event is open to any USAV club that wishes to enter teams and participate.
 - The event will replace the Patriot Division for 10u-17u divisions at the GJNC, freeing up more space for bid-awarded teams at the GJNC.
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4. Why was the GJCC created?

The GJCC was developed to:

- Provide a high-quality non-bid national championship option for clubs and teams.
 - Offer more clubs an opportunity to experience a national event atmosphere.
 - Expand opportunities for USAV clubs during the current quadrennial.
 - Support continued growth and better meet demand for USAV-sanctioned events.
 - Allow for additional Junior National Qualifier (JNQ) events to be added throughout the country, reducing travel costs for many clubs.
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5. What is the format of the GJCC?

- Three-day event (Friday–Sunday)
- Day 1: Pool Play
- Day 2: Challenge Rounds by division
- Day 3: Bracket Play with awards across all levels (Gold, Silver, Bronze, Copper brackets)

- A Club Cup will also be awarded to the top overall club across all divisions.
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6. How many teams will be accepted in 2026?

- The inaugural event will offer space for up to 450 teams in 2026, with plans to expand to 1,000+ teams in future years.
 - Teams by age division, for 2026:
 - 10u – 48 teams
 - 11u – 48 teams
 - 12u – 48 teams
 - 13u – 48 teams
 - 14u – 72 teams
 - 15u – 72 teams
 - 16u – 72 teams
 - 17u – 48 teams
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7. How will this affect the Patriot Division at GJNC?

- Beginning in 2026, the Patriot Division for 10u-17u will be phased out of the GJNC.
 - This change will allow for more bid-awarded teams to participate in the GJNC main event.
 - The GJCC will serve as the new national championship opportunity for teams in those age divisions who previously competed in Patriot.
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8. Who can enter the GJCC?

Any USAV-affiliated club team that:

- Is registered with USA Volleyball through its region
 - Meets USAV membership and eligibility requirements
 - Submits an entry before the registration deadline (pending space availability)
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9. When will registration open?

Specific dates for the 2026 GJCC registration window will be announced by USA Volleyball later this year on www.usavolleyball.org and through regional communication channels.

10. Will this event rotate to other cities in the future?

The inaugural GJCC will be held in Columbus, Ohio, with plans to rotate or expand to other major volleyball destinations as the event grows.

11. Can a team compete in both the USAV Girls' Junior Club Championships (GJCC) and the Girls Junior National Championship (GJNC)?

No. Teams may only compete in **one** of the two USA Volleyball national championship events — either the **GJCC** or the **GJNC**, not both.

If a team registers for the GJCC and later earns a qualifying bid to the GJNC, they **must withdraw from the GJCC to participate in the GJNC**. This policy ensures a clear and fair separation

between the two events and allows USAV to optimize scheduling, space, and competitive integrity across both championships.

12. Who do I contact if I have questions about the USAV GJCC?

For more information, please contact: events@usav.org

Or visit: www.usavolleyball.org