

LOUDOUN ELITE VOLLEYBALL
NATIONAL TOURNAMENT ATTENDANCE POLICY

At Loudoun Elite Volleyball, attendance at National Tournaments is a critical part of each team's seasonal commitment. For teams with a national-level event in their season plan, full participation is expected.

Why National Tournaments Matter

Participating in national-level tournaments provides tremendous value to our athletes and teams:

1. Elite Competition: Players gain exposure to top-level opponents, pushing their limits and accelerating skill development.
2. Skill Development: Facing strong competition from around the country sharpens technical and tactical abilities.
3. Team Bonding: Traveling and competing together fosters camaraderie, trust, and a strong team culture.
4. Season Finale: A national tournament offers a meaningful and memorable way to close the season, celebrating goals achieved.

Club Policy on National Tournament Attendance

Participation in the end-of-season National Tournament is a required part of the post-season commitment for Loudoun Elite teams.

Order of Priority for National Tournaments (Indoor Volleyball)

a. Save the Dates for Both Tournaments

All families are required to keep open the dates for both *USAV Girls Junior National Championships (GJNC)* and *AAU Nationals* until the team confirms which event it will attend.

Failure to keep these dates available may impact your athlete's future eligibility for Loudoun Elite programs.

b. If the Team Earns a USAV Bid

The team will attend USAV GJNC as the designated post-season tournament (does not apply to Elevate teams).

All costs related to post-season practices, coach stipends, administrative fees, travel support for coaches, and tournament registration are included in the season fee.

c. If the Team Does Not Earn a USAV Bid

The team will attend AAU Nationals in Orlando, Florida (again, this does not apply to Elevate teams).

d. Be Prepared for Late USAV Bids

Families should make **fully refundable** arrangements for AAU Nationals whenever possible. In some cases, a team may receive a late bid to USAV Nationals after deciding to attend AAUs.

*If that happens, the team will **not** attend AAUs and will attend USAV GJNC instead.*

Key Reminders

- USAV Nationals take priority over AAU Nationals. Please plan accordingly.
- Club reserves the right to adjust tournament priorities. Loudoun Elite Volleyball may, at its discretion, adjust which tournament a team will attend. This decision will be made based on team performance, logistics, or other factors.

These decisions are made solely by the club and are not open to family discretion. We ask for your understanding and flexibility.

- Attendance is expected. Players are expected to honor their commitment to attend the National Tournament.

Unexcused absences (such as booking conflicting vacations or trips without prior communication) may affect a player's eligibility for future seasons.

Final Note

By following this National Tournament Attendance Policy, Loudoun Elite Volleyball ensures that all athletes have the opportunity to compete at the highest level possible while promoting team unity, growth, and excellence.