USA Volleyball
Junior Assembly Report
May 20, 2026

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JA met on May 18-19, 2026 and JA Administrative Council met on May 19, 2026 in person in Orlando, FL.

- **Elections** (four-year terms)
  - *JA Administrative Council Pacific Boys Rep- Steven Petesch (PS)*
  - *JA Administrative Council Atlantic Girls Rep- Krista McGivern (CR)*
  - *JA Administrative Council Border Boys Rep- Joaquin Santa Cruz (AZ)*
  - *JA Administrative Council Border Girls Rep- Heather Koehler (DE)*
  - *JA Administrative Council Central Boys Rep- Brian Sharkey (BG)*
  - *JA Competition Committee Chair- Scott McQueen (HO)*
  - *JA Programming Committee Chair- Brian Sharkey (BG)*
  - *JA Rep to the USAV Board of Directors- Kim Greenback (GL)*
  - *JA Associate Chair- Chris Clauss (GW)*

- **New Business-** The JA discussed whether or not we should amend our ByLaws to allow for proxy voting. Chrissy Elder presented on Try Volleyball. We will be updating the JA website to include multiple programming initiatives recommended by JA representatives with a goal of producing a library of resources for region use. We also had a motion as follows:

  - **Motion 1:** USA Volleyball should offer a free TryVolleyball membership to any Region/Region-approved clinic at any time of year. (Passes Unanimous)
  - **Motion 2:** All tournament/rostering systems must require head coaches to be 18 years old with a membership and background screening as a default minimum requirement. (Passes Unanimous)
  - **Motion 3:** The JA recommends keeping the court “recommendations” as written in the rule book for U8, U9 and U10 (Passes Unanimous)
  - **Motion 4:** The USAV and NFHS rule sets should be consistent when it comes to centerline violations for education purposes (Passes 15-7)
    - Note: Please encourage USAV take the lead and do what is right for the sport when it comes to this rule.

- **Motion 5:** The JA motions to ask USA Volleyball to come up with its own scholarship program to honor athletes planning to pursue education opportunities past high school. (Passes Unanimous)
- **Motion 6**: The JA motions that the positions of the chair of the junior assembly, the associate chair of the junior assembly and the rep of the Junior Assembly to the USAV Board of Directors be a member of the junior assembly. (Passes unanimously)
- **Motion 7** –Change 14 Open thresholds to get bids to the same as 13 and 18 Open (1 at 8 teams, 2 at 12 teams, 3 at 16 teams). (Passes unanimously)
- **Motion 8** –Change 13 USA thresholds for getting bids to the same as 13 and 18 Open (1 at 8 teams, 2 at 12 teams, 3 at 16 teams). (Passes unanimously)
- **Motion 9** –Eliminate the 15 minute rule for matches (i.e. not allowing matches to start more than 15 minutes before time. (Passes 26-1)
- **Motion 10** –Change the wording on page 43 in the champ manual to say "It is required that there be 1st and 2 nd referee for gold level (3rd pool) Matches, semifinal and final Matches and any additional bid mid matches in the Open division, as well as semifinals and finals and any additional bid matches in National, USA, Liberty, and American Divisions. Any exceptions from this must be approved by the USAV event department in writing." (Passes unanimously)
- **Motion 11** –Allow 13-17 Liberty to give out bids similarly to the American divisions (Liberty Red, Liberty Blue, Liberty White) with a minimum of 96 teams. (Passes 25-2)

- **JA Administrative Council**- discussed the following key points:
  - The JAAC discussed various different ways that we can continue to make our voice a bigger presence at the national level and also provide more opportunities for juniors to connect with their JA reps. Suggestions included giving the Regions content creator some content to post that is JA driven, added JA reps to the USAV website with the RVAA reps, having commissioners list their JA rep on their region website, and continuing to build on our JA website.