

## 2020 Kansas City – MLK Tournament & 18s National Qualifier



Welcome to Kansas City!

**Locations:** Please be aware that we are using 2 locations this year: Bartle Hall and the HyVee Arena. Check schedules carefully to make sure that your coaches, players and parents go to the right location!

The 2 sites are 1.4 miles apart. A shuttle will run in a continuous loop between the convention center and the HyVee Arena. This is intended for the teams that are in down town hotels and don't have transportation to get the Arena. If your team is scheduled at the HyVee Arena, all their matches for the day will be at that site. The bus will start at the convention center at 6:30 am and run till 10:30 pm. We expect that it will take about 15 minutes for the bus to go back and forth.

### **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! Teams driving in on Saturday can check in at the championship desk at both, Bartle Hall and the HyVee Arena.

### **Check-in times & dates:**

**Jan 17 (Friday) 5-8pm All teams check-in at Bartle Hall**

Late check-in only:

Jan 18 (Saturday-at Championship Desk) 7:00-9:00 am for all teams in the AM or PM Wave

Jan 18 (Saturday-at Championship Desk) 12:00-2:00 pm for all teams in the PM Wave

Teams that play at the HyVee Arena on Saturday and do the late check-in, will have to do so at the HyVee arena.

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.

### **18 and Under teams SafeSport requirement:**

All players who turn 18 years of age by the end of the tournament, need to be SafeSport

certified. To prevent any disruption in play, the center for SafeSport allows athletes who are 17, turning 18 during the season to take "the Core-clinic" given parental consent. Once a player turns 18, he or she will not be permitted to continue play until "Core" SafeSport training has been completed. [Complete the parental consent form](#) before registering for training if you have a minor athlete who needs to take the training. Once the form is completed, your child will be enrolled in SafeSport training. A notification of registration will be sent to the email address on file to access the course.

Once you turn 18, you will be able to enroll yourself into the SafeSport training program.

To do so, logon to your Webpoint account. Go under the USAV CLINICS tab to USAV COACHING CLINICS. Find the CORE CENTER FOR SAFESPORT training and register for the clinic.

Then click on the red USAV ACADEMY button to complete the training.

No players that play in the 18's National Qualifier at Bartle Hall this weekend and are 18 years of age, can start play without completing the training.

**Rosters:**

Several teams have yet to enter their rosters in the AES system. Please take care of that asap. Thanks

**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, background screen, SafeSport certification and Impact and a 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 played at the KC Convention center complex (301 W 13<sup>th</sup> St, KC-MO 64105) or the HyVee Arena (1800 Genessee St. Kansas City, MO 64102)

Courts 1 thru 32 are in Bartle hall, halls D and E. Courts 33 through 36 are in Municipal Arena (connected to the Convention Center). Courts 37 thru 48 in the HyVee Arena.

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

For maps and parking go to [www.kcconvention.com](http://www.kcconvention.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, 15 Club, 12 Club

PM Wave: (2:30 pm till about 10:30 pm) 18 American, 17 Club, 14 Club, 13 Club

### **Playing Schedules:**

Playing Schedules will be posted at the AES website the week of the event: Go to: [www.advancedeventsystems.com](http://www.advancedeventsystems.com)

We recommend that you check back late Friday (Jan 18) or early Saturday (Jan 19) 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.

In the 18's National Qualifier divisions, **tie-breaking sets** will be played if advancement to the Gold bracket is affected and teams are tied in match and set record. 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.

In the 12 through 17 Club divisions, **NO** Tie-Breaking sets will be played, unless all tie-breaking criteria are exhausted. Ties will be broken on Set percentage and Point percentage.

### **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 at the HyVee 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).

**A rostered Coach must be an active part of his / her team's officiating assignment (2<sup>nd</sup> Referee, or the active Scorer).**

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 17th from 7:00-8:30 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 40 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/2020-kc-mlk-recruiting-combine-registration-70970846713>

### **Blood Drive:**

We will again this year host a blood drive on Saturday, January 18 and Sunday, January 19 from 10 am till 4 pm at the convention center. Room 3501B right off hall D by Championship desk.

### **Live Streaming:**

Ballertv will be live streaming all matches during the event. Go to this link to sign up for the live streams: [https://www.ballertv.com/heart-of-america-volleyball?channel=webbanner&channel\\_source=heart-of-america-volleyball](https://www.ballertv.com/heart-of-america-volleyball?channel=webbanner&channel_source=heart-of-america-volleyball)

### **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.

### **Bids for the 18's Qualifier Divisions:**

Available bids: 18 Open – 1 bid, 18 USA - 2 bids, 18 American - 1 bid. For the 18 USA division, we may have to play a 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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.