

## 2025 AAU Volleyball Annual Meeting Agenda Items

- 1) 2026 Season Dates
  - a) January 17 and 18 - starting dates
  - b) March 21 and March 28 ending dates
  - c) Weekend before gold tournament is non-qualifying tournaments
- 2) Gold Tournament Dates
  - a) 4th Grade - March 28, 2026 (Lake City)
  - b) 5th Grade - March 28, 2026 (SE Polk)
  - c) 6th Grade
  - d) 7th Grade - March 28, 2026 (Ankeny)
  - e) 8th Grade - March 21, 2026 (Cedar Falls and DNH)
  - f) 9th Grade - March 28, 2026 (Hull)
  - g) 10th Grade - March 28, 2026 (Dordt College)
  - h) 11th/12th Grade - March 28, 2026 (Orange City)
- 3) Boys playing - we will continue with the current rule
  - a) Current rule they can play only at 4th grade, 5th grade, 6th grade
  - b) Only 2 boys allowed to play on a team
  - c) They can play at grade level
  - d) Please share any ideas on how to increase opportunities for boys
- 4) Gold Tournaments
  - a) This was the 1st year several sold out - qualifying standards
    - i) 4th Grade
    - ii) 5th Grade
    - iii) 6th Grade
    - iv) 8th Grade
  - b) 4th Grade, 5th Grade, 6th Grade, 7th Grade and 8th Grade
    - i) Will need 2 qualifications for the gold tournament
    - ii) Weekend before the gold tournament is a non-qualifying weekend
    - iii) For example - 7th Grade (this will be the standard for all grades)
      - (1) Gold Tournament is March 28
      - (2) March 21st will be a non-qualifying tournament
      - (3) Last weekend to qualify is March 14/15
        - (a) On Monday, March 16 teams with 1 qualification may register
    - iv) Dates will change based on the date
  - d) 9th Grade, 10th Grade, 11th/12th Grade
    - i) Will need 1 qualification for the gold tournament
  - c) You should register for the gold tournaments as soon as possible
    - i) You will want to keep track of when and where you qualified
    - ii) You will submit that information when registering
- 5) Keep hammering home that this is not club all teams should be from same school only
  - a) Tournament Directors should inform Zac Ceresa of any select/elite teams

- 6) Everyone must have an AAU membership.
  - a) This is the responsibility of the tournament director to verify all participants have a valid membership (if a team plays without AAU memberships, it is not an aaU tournament)
    - i) This is important for Insurance regulations
- 7) Your position (Director of Iowa AAU volleyball) should be a paid position.
  - a) Moving forward the AAU director will be paid
- 8) When serving what is the rule for a retoss, drop or catch?
  - a) You can catch or let drop
- 9) New Chairperson - Zac Ceresa
  - a) Email: [ceresavball@gmail.com](mailto:ceresavball@gmail.com)
  - b) Phone: 630-373-2216
- 10) Officiating
  - a) Training videos to help with consistency
    - i) Refing
    - ii) Scorekeeping
- 11) Ryzer
  - a) How to prevent a team from registering you do not want in a tournament?
    - i) You can drop them from the tournament and refund them
      - (1) Be sure to let them know why you are dropping them
- 12) Libero Uniform
  - a) Make sure it is contrasting from other uniforms
    - i) It is best if one of the uniforms is a single solid color
- 13) Tournament Directors
  - a) Please require the correct roster format
  - b) Please be visible during the tournament to address any problems or issues
  - c) Should not be coaching, they should be running the tournament
- 14) Registration Platform
  - a) Looking into other options (Bound, TM2Sign, etc)
  - b) Please send any questions/concerns to Zac
- 15) Website
  - a) Will be working on updating
- 16) AAU Clinic
  - a) Should we continue to offer
    - i) We will continue to offer, plan to hold in different parts of the state
  - b) Where should it be held? Who can host? The following have volunteered
    - i) Marshalltown
    - ii) Nevada
    - iii) Waterloo Columbus
  - c) When should it be offered?
    - i) Will communicate dates once they are set

#### 17) Tournament Formats

- a) Should not make a team stay after pool play just to officiate
- b) You must play out all matches even if you are running late and hosting an AM/PM tournament.
- c) Tournament directors need to know if a team is playing up. Ask teams if they are playing up as you may need to play out the 3rd/4th place match to find the next qualifier
  - i) A team playing up cannot take a qualifying spot from age level team
- d) Reminder that teams are guaranteed 4 matches
  - i) Pool play can be 2 sets to 21, no cap for a match
- e) All sets go to 21 win by 2 no cap, 3rd sets to 15 no cap

#### 18) Serving Line

- a) We will continue with current rules
  - i) 4th Grade may come into court 23 feet from center line to serve
  - ii) 5th Grade may take 1 step over the end line to serve
  - iii) 6th Grade may take 1 step over the end line to serve

#### 19) Serving

- a) Consider implementing a number of points scored and then have to move back behind the serving line.
- b) Encourage coaches to move players back, there will be no formal rule

#### 20) Intent of AAU

- a) Remember the intent of AAU - develop skills and learn the game

#### 21) State AAU Tournament

- a) Strongly recommend adults to line judge, especially gold bracket