



Path to the National Beach Tour Junior Championship



USA Volleyball offers junior beach competition to boys and girls ages 10 to 18 years. Each gender has the following age divisions: 12 and under (12U), 14 and under (14U), 16 and under (16U), 18 and under (18U). **All athletes must be current members of USA Volleyball in order to participate at all USA Volleyball or USA Volleyball Sanctioned Events.** To join or renew a membership, go to <https://www.teamusa.org/usa-volleyball/membership/regions>.

The National Beach Tour Junior Championship (NBTJC) is comprised of three Divisions:

- Open Division** – Our elite competitive division. Teams are required to earn a bid at a Beach National Qualifier (BNQ) event in order to register for this division. Boys may also earn an Open Division bid at Beach Regional Qualifier (BRQ) events.
- American Division** – This division is only available for girls. Teams must earn a bid by competing at a BRQ event. Boys that compete in BRQs and earn a bid will be awarded Open Division bids.
- Patriot Division** – This division is available for both boys’ and girls’ teams who have not earned a bid, but would still like to compete for a National Title. Registration is open to eligible, current USA Volleyball members.

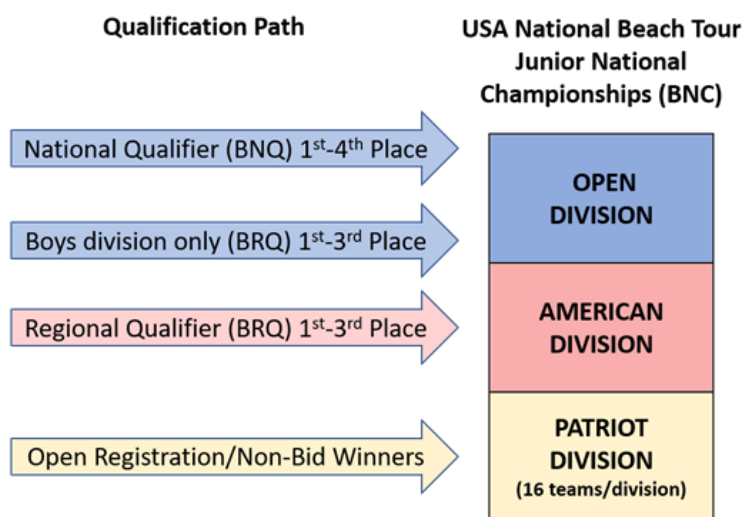
National Beach Tour Junior Championship Qualifying Events

What is a Beach National Qualifier (BNQ)?

A BNQ is a national level tournament where athletes from across the country, and international athletes are welcome to participate. BNQs provide bids to the Open Division of the NBTJC to the top 4 finishing teams, per age group, per gender.

What is a Beach Regional Qualifier (BRQ)?

A BRQ is a region level tournament where athletes from within the host’s USAV Region are welcome to participate. Athletes from outside the host region may request permission to participate by contacting the host region. BRQs provide bids to the top 3 finishing teams, per age group, per gender. Girls will receive bids into the American Division while Boys will receive bids into the Open Division of the NBTJC.



BNQ events are licensed by USAV and operate under the parameters set forth by USAV. BRQ events are operated and managed by the Regional Volleyball Associations.



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Participation Information

USA Volleyball utilizes the USA National Beach Ranking System to determine tournament seeding. Athletes can earn points by participating at USA Volleyball sanctioned events. Rankings are based on the five (5) best finishes in the previous 365 days. Rankings hold for one (1) year with points falling off after 365 days. Go to <https://usav.seedingpal.com/home> to view current rankings.

How Bids Work:

Bids are awarded to both athletes on a team. It is not required to compete in the NBTJC with the same partner the bid was earned with. At least 1 athlete per team must have earned a bid in order to participate in the Open Division and for Girls in the American Division of the NBTJC.

Athletes/teams may earn multiple bids in one (1) or different age groups but can only accept one (1) bid and division to compete in during the NBTJC.

New for 2020:

If an athlete/team has earned bids in different age groups or different divisions, they may only select one division and age group to compete in. All divisions and age groups will be running at the same time this year. To avoid schedule/match conflicts, athletes/teams cannot compete in multiple groups.

BNQs do not trickle down bids for the Open Division

BRQs may trickle down American Division bids, but no further than to 5th place

International Athletes:

A limited number of international teams will be allowed to participate in the NBTJC. To apply for an entry into the event, teams must complete the following:

- Letter of Good Standing for all athletes on a team & coaches wishing to participate
- Medical release forms for all the athletes on a team
- Foreign Participant Registration form for all athletes on a team
- An official letter (on signed letter head) from the federation that provides the team's official ranking or national standing. Contact information for the federation must be included in the letter for verification.

Once all documents are received, teams will be permitted to register for the Open, American, or Patriot Division of the National Beach Tour Junior Championships. **Acceptance is not guaranteed.** All paperwork must be completed and received no later than **June 15th, 2020**. Acceptance is dependent on availability of space at the competition venue as well as teams being in good standing with USAV as well as their home federation.

To register for a tournament/event:

Go to www.NationalBeachTour.com for a list of BNQs and BRQs and click on the event you would like to participate in. Remember that you need a partner and both participants must have a current USAV membership. One participant registers the team.

For additional information, please refer to the manual on our website: <https://www.nationalbeachtour.com/about>