



2017 ARMED FORCES MEN'S VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

1. COMPETITION RULES: Current USA Volleyball (USAV) Domestic Competition Regulations (DCR), as amended by the Armed Forces Sports Council (AFSC).
2. GAME BALL: As determined by USA Volleyball.
3. TOURNAMENT FORMAT:
 - a. Shall be competed at the 2017 USA Volleyball A-Division National Championships.
 - b. Service teams shall compete within the A Division using USA Volleyball's tournament play format. USA Volleyball will group the Service teams within the same pool during the first round of competition. Competition format is played two out of three sets per match.
 - c. The Armed Forces champion shall be determined by the results of head-to-head competition between the Service teams. In the event two or more teams have the same record, the tie-breaking procedures in paragraph 5 below shall be used to determine the 2017 Armed Forces Champion.
 - d. Teams may advance to the elimination rounds within the A Division at the conclusion of the first round of pool play within the A division.
4. DRAW: As determined by USA Volleyball.
5. TEAM STANDINGS: Final team standings are determined by each team's match win record as mentioned in paragraph 3 above.
6. TIE- BREAKER POLICY:
 - a. Breaking a tie for Armed Forces Championship gold or silver medals at the conclusion of round-robin play within the A-Division is determined in the following order:
 - 1) Head-to-Head competition between the two Service teams during tournament play (based on matches won, NOT sets won).
 - 2) If still tied, the overall record of the Service teams within the pool play, including other teams grouped within the same pool.
 - 3) If still tied, the final standings after the Service teams advance beyond pool play.
7. FACILITY AND PERSONNEL: As determined by USA Volleyball. Armed Forces Sports may be required to reimburse USA Volleyball for officials used in matches conducted by Armed Forces Sports outside the regular national championship tournament (e.g. international friendly with Canada).
8. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS: (Subject to change per USA Volleyball National Championship schedule)

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- a. Day One Teams Arrive
- b. Day Two Team Practice Sessions (Based on USA Volleyball Schedule)
Team Check-in
Organizational Meeting
Informal Icebreaker
Team Photos
- c. Day Three Competition Day 1 (Armed Forces Championship)

Armed Forces Championship Awards Ceremony – Conducted at
competition site
- d. Day Four Competition Day 2
- e. Day Five Competition Day 3

USA Volleyball National Championships Awards Ceremony – Conducted
at competition site

Note: Authorized team members must attend the event in their Service
warm-ups and appropriate footwear (no open toed shoes/flip-flops).
Individual athletes who do not comply will not receive awards.
- g. Day Six Teams Depart

9. AWARDS:

- a. Individual: Each member of the winning and runner-up teams (to include the entire team composition) receives individual awards.
- b. Team: No team trophy is presented.
- c. All-Tournament: No All-Tournament award presented. USA Volleyball will include Service members as part of the USA Volleyball A-Division National Championship All-Tournament honors.
- d. Military Team Award: In the event the Canadian Armed Forces compete alongside the U.S. Service teams within the first round of pool play within the A-division, the team with the best overall record shall receive a plaque, recognizing the best “Military Team”

10. TEAM COMPOSITION - ARMED FORCES CHAMPIONSHIP:

Roster not to exceed 16 individuals:

12 Players (The designated “libero” is one of the 12 players)

1 Coach

1 Asst Coach

1 Certified Athletic Trainer/Physician*

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TOTAL: 16

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* Medical personnel listed on roster must be trained medical providers and properly certified/licensed. Teams are not authorized to substitute this position with an additional coach or statistician. Personnel failing to provide appropriate credentials (if challenged) shall be deemed unauthorized and removed from the bench.

Note: Rosters must be submitted NLT four days prior to championship report date. Only the above personnel are authorized in the designated Service bench area. All Services must adhere to USA Volleyball registration rules and deadlines.

11. SELECTION PROCESS - HIGHER LEVEL AND ALL-TOURNAMENT:

a. There will be no further higher level competition for Armed Forces Volleyball in 2017 after the USA National Championship.

b. In the event the Canadian Armed Forces Volleyball Teams compete, an impromptu selection meeting shall be organized by the Service coaches to select a U.S. Armed Forces Volleyball All-Star team. This team will compete in a friendly exhibition match organized by USA Volleyball if agreeable to USA Volleyball.

12. FORMS AND ROSTERS:

a. All final rosters must be turned in to the Host Project Officer at the Organizational Meeting. Rosters for the Armed Forces Championship will be finalized at this time. Teams are not authorized to compete at the Armed Forces Championship until the final roster is submitted.

b. All athletes, coaches and staff from each Service must sign the Armed Forces Sports Participant Code of Conduct (appendix C) in order to participate at the Armed Forces Championship. The Code of Conduct shall be submitted at the Organizational Meeting. Failure to do so shall disqualify athletes from competing at the Armed Forces Championship and advancing to higher level competition.

13. ALCOHOL POLICY: There will be no alcohol consumption at the sports venue by personnel involved in the Armed Forces Sports competition, including sports staff, until all competition for the day has been completed to include the award ceremony on the final day if the awards banquet immediately follows the event. The venue is defined as the playing area, venue parking lot, and the assigned eating/spectator area. This policy will not apply if the awards banquet or ceremony is conducted as a separate event at a later time. However, more restrictive installation policies in regards to alcohol will take precedence. Violation of this policy shall result in immediate suspension from the remaining championship/event, disqualification from higher-level competition and selection to the All-Tournament Team, and shall be subject to further disciplinary actions by the AFSWG.

14. ICE-BREAKER SOCIAL. Authorized team members must attend the event in their Service polo or logo shirt, coordinated slacks, and appropriate footwear (exceptions may be made dependent on host site letter of instruction). Guests may attend with pre-coordination with the host site and Service representative. Final decision will be based on availability. Guests will assume costs associated with attending the ice breaker

a. The Ice-Breaker Social is an official function and shall be conducted in accordance with local base policies and all participants are expected to conduct

themselves in the highest professional manner. Informal activities such as skits, hazing and other activities that include offensive language/behavior are not authorized.

15. HANDLING OF RULE VIOLATIONS: If there is a violation of the SOP or specific sport rule, the AFS Representative or in their absence, the project officer, will address the respective Service Representative to resolve the issue. Service Representative will resolve the violation before the Service competes in the next game. All code of conduct violations shall be handled according to the Armed Forces SOP (Paragraph 8.b.(4)(e)).