



Tournament Guide

The JVA Tropical Ice Challenge is a single ranking event occurring over two weekends, January 16-18 (Open/USA) and January 23-24, 2021 (Club).

The Open/USA division will feature two courts (13-14) at Jacksonville Ice and Sportsplex while all eleven courts will be utilized at the Jacksonville Juniors Volleyball Training Center both weekends.

Information:

All matches will be either best of three sets to 25 with a deciding set to 15 OR three sets to 25. Please pay attention to pool description on Sportwrench.com for clarification within each pool/division.

In an effort to reduce spectator density there are certain matches that will require officiating from the "Previous match winner." Please pay special attention to your pool/bracket to ensure an officiating assignment is not missed. *Teams missing an officiating assignment will be penalized one point per minute in their following match.*

Tie Breakers:

There will NOT be any tie-breaking games played.

In the case of a tie, the teams will be ranked by head-to-head results in case of a 2-way tie in matches or, in the case of 3 or more teams tied in matches: set percentage. If two teams are still tied on set percentage, the tie will be broken by the head-to-head result of their match OR if three or more teams are still tied the tie will be broken by point percentage. Note that the 3 or more teams tied

procedure is slightly different than previous years based on the updated procedures used at the USAV Junior National Qualifiers and National Championship events.

Awards:

Awards will be given to first and second place finishers in Gold Brackets and first place finishers of Silver and Bronze Brackets. Awards will be given at the court upon the completion of the division championship match.

Officials:

A first official (R1) will be provided for each match. Gold Bracket finals will also provide a paid second official (R2).

Protests:

If a protest is to be filed, it must be done at the time of the incident, NO LATER! The first referee is obligated to acknowledge and record all protests. ONLY THE FLOOR CAPTAIN MAY FILE PROTESTS. The exception to this rule applies to the 14U and younger divisions, where the acting team coach may act.

All protests will be handled by the Protest Committee and their decision is binding. A Protest Committee will consist of any two of the following:

- Tournament Director
- Assistant Tournament Director
- Site Director
- Head Official
- Florida Region of USA Volleyball Board Member
- Highest rated available official or a non-involved Club Director

Facility Rules:

Due to incidents in previous years, there will be a no tolerance policy for misbehavior by players/teams and spectators in the venues:

- Ball Handling is NOT allowed outside of the playing facilities.
- Masks must be worn at all times inside the playing facilities unless eating in the designated eating area or drinking while seated.
- Coolers and outside food and drink are NOT ALLOWED in ANY of the facilities.
- Only water and sports drinks may be brought inside the facility.

Violation of these policies or any other general misbehaviors may result in immediate dismissal from the facility for the remainder of the day/tournament!