

NERVA JUNIORS BOD MEETING COMMISSIONERS REPORT



TED STEVENS OLYMPIC AND AMATEUR SPORTS ACT 1978

In 1978 Congress adopted the Act in response to criticisms of the AAU, effectively removing that organization from any governance role. The Act established the United States Olympic Committee and provides for national governing bodies for each Olympic sport. The Act provides important legal protection for individual athletes

USA Volleyball became the National Governing Body (NGB) of Volleyball

More than 8 million children participate in sports under the umbrella of Olympic organizations

In March 2017, Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.) proposed legislation that would amend the Ted Stevens Act to make everyone who works under Olympic organizations mandatory reporters of suspected abuse and require stronger abuse-prevention measures throughout these organizations.

USA VOLLEYBALL

1995 Rick Butler (one of the founding members of JVA) Banned for Life by USA Volleyball

2000 readmitted with restrictions after legal action – allowed to coach boys only

- Criminal charges were not filed against him
- Additional allegations 2017

2018 USA Volleyball reinstates permanent ban and ban on attending all events

AAU - Permanent disqualification but can attend events

JVA - suspended from participating but can attend events

Just months following Rick Butler's ban from the JVA, AAU and USA Volleyball, he was seen as a spectator at a recent JVA World Challenge event in Louisville, Kentucky on the same court as the daughter of one of his victims was playing.

ESPN NEWS

Former AAU president received \$1.5 million to leave amid scandal

Roger Goudy's signature achievement in the AAU has been to make volleyball its second-largest sport. **He achieved that by striking an alliance with a powerful Chicago-area coach, Rick Butler.**

Butler coached in the AAU having been banned by another volleyball organization after its ethics panel found he'd lured three minors into having sex with him. He fought the charges, claiming the girls were all of legal age, and the relationships were consensual.

Despite that ban, Goudy struck a deal that aligned the AAU with a league that Butler helped create, the Junior Volleyball Association.

USA VOLLEYBALL BANNED LIST



2019 Atlantic City

Challenge

Jason Jones – tournament

Director

<https://www.teamusa.org/usa-volleyball/about-us/safesport/suspe-nded-list>

SO WHAT DOES THIS MEAN

1. AAU does only an online background check - 35% of USAV Fails will pass online B/C

2. AAU and JVA DO NOT enforce SafeSport

From the SafeSport Center: **failure to comply with a federal statute meant to protect the public safety is negligence per se and an easy win for the claimant.** Under the Act, the claimant may bring a civil lawsuit in U.S. District Court. They can recover actual damages or liquidated damages in the amount of \$150,000 and the costs of the action including reasonable attorney's fees. The court may also allow punitive damages.

3. There are no regional rules for either organization recruiting or compliance

4. Potential for liability as to who will be primary insurer for dual member clubs

Bottom Line: BUYER BEWARE and BE OBSERVANT

JVA AND ZERO GRAVITY NEW ENGLAND EVENTS

Zero Gravity JVA Power League

Jan 12/13 Zero Gravity Power League #1: The Rim, Hampton, NH

Jan 26/27 JVA Challenge Series: Starland, Hanover, MA

Feb 9/10 Zero Gravity Power League #2: Sportsbarn, Derry NH

Mar 16/17 Zero Gravity Power League #3: St. Johns Prep School, Danvers, MA

Apr 27/28th Zero Gravity Atlantic City Championships: Atlantic City, NJ

East Coast Power –KRVA club in partnership with Zero Gravity has been contacting NERVA Clubs. Claims NERVA is antiquated. Appears to be made up of new basketball facility teams.

Joining Zero Gravity in the volleyball movement are 6 other basketball clubs: Middlesex Magic, NE Playerz, Massachusetts Huskies, Connecticut Swarm, Greenwich Stars, and Syracuse Select.

USA VOLLEYBALL MEMBER BENEFITS

Courthouse Background Checks

Officials Training

Liability Insurance - must be a sanctioned event

Secondary Medical - can cover deductible

High Performance Pipeline

USAV Qualifiers and events

Identify with USA National Teams

FREE player and coach game officiating education modules

FREE IMPACT training for beginner coaches. Indoor and Beach combined. (2018 will be 2 hours shorter)

NERVA MEMBER BENEFITS

5 Guaranteed one day FREE events

3 Major convention center events (4 in 2021)

FREE Premium online access to Art of Coaching Volleyball for every coach (NERVA pays \$8.50 of the cost)

Partnership pricing for Molten products

Administrative direct service for club directors

FREE COI for clubs

Background Check - NERVA pays \$9.50 of the \$17.50 cost

NERVA supplies awards for all local events (over 70 events each NERVA date)

Largest adult tournament structure in the country (over 250 events seasonally)

NERVA HP Program - \$500 for athlete, Region contributes balance

SAFESPORT 2018-2019

NEW SafeSport Course was released 2017 and is valid for 2 years

Most of our Region coaches are required to renew this upcoming season.

Discussion are ongoing as to a refresher course for renewal which will be shorter.

SafeSport center is now open handling 49 NGB's

6 months 808 reports, Ave 135/Mo – Ave 8 DQ's/week -- (OVERALL, all sports)

Online reporting is available directly or via NEVolleyball.org

SAFESPORT 2018

Mandatory Policy coming (mandated by Congress)

One on One coaching policy

Region certification of compliance

USAV working with SafeSport center to ease rollout and implementation

SAFESPORT 2018

GENERAL RULE – If you need a Background Check you need SafeSport

REPORTING:

Online at: <http://nevolleyball.org/nerva-safesport/>

Direct at: <https://www.teamusa.org/usa-volleyball/about-us/safesport/make-a-report>

IMPACT CLASSES FOR 2019 SEASON

NEW

Beginning SEPTEMBER 2018

IMPACT ONLINE is FREE

Course has been reduced by 2 hours and is now combined
with Beach IMPACT

NERVA INSURANCE SANCTIONING REQUIREMENTS

Below is a direct quote from the USA Volleyball insurance carrier:

“We can only cover sanctioned events and activities. If the practices are not sanctioned or if a player is not a USAV member but is participating in the practice, not only is the player not covered but the practice could not meet sanctioning requirements which require all members to be USAV Members.”

This makes it very clear that ALL participants MUST be current USAV members in order to be sanctioned by our Region and thus covered by Esix. **If one participant is not a member then the entire sanction is void and there is NO COVERAGE.**

Anyone running their own in house league or signing up members as AAU/JVA and not USAV must be aware of this situation and realize the liability of these actions.

NERVA TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS AND TRAINING

Online on Webpoint under Events

Requirements to be a TD:

- Current Membership
- Current Background Check
- Current SafeSport Certification
- Completion of TD course
- *Recommended that TD's take IMPACT but not Required*

USA/NERVA REGISTRATION SYSTEM

Bids are being finalized

2 bidders Webpoint and SportEngine

Go Live date **SEPTEMBER 1, 2019**

We have volunteered to be a test Region – 34 others.....

USAV to continue to pay for the system

More Information when available.

USA VOLLEYBALL NATIONALS

From Kristy Cox, USAV events

Conglomerate teams **are not allowed** at USA volleyball national events. All players must be from the same club and players from other clubs are not allowed to participate on that team regardless if they played a qualifier or not.

All players **MUST** be from the same club.

NERVA INTER-REGIONAL EVENTS

Registration for ALL NERVA Convention Center Events
opened **October 1st**

[ALL event Info on NEVolleyball.org](http://NEVolleyball.org) and JVCTournaments.com

Stay and Play requirements for 2019 will be for all teams located 60 miles or more from the playing venue and a minimum of 5 rooms per team must be booked.

NERVA Prime - Pre-booking Loyalty program option for clubs in effect.

GENERAL HOTEL BLOCKS

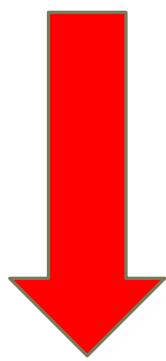
General Hotel Blocks for remaining rooms after those assigned through NERVA Prime will open on:

October 30: NE Winterfest in Hartford

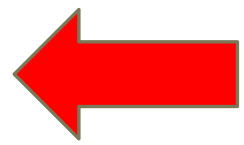
November 1: NERVA Junior Qs in Springfield

November 2: Rhode Island Rumble in Providence

November 6: Mizuno Boston VBF



First To The Finish



New England

WINTERFEST

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WINTERFEST

Jan 12 – 13, 2019 Winterfest 1 – 27 courts

Jan 19 – 21, 2019 Winterfest 2 – 27 courts

Jan 11-12, 2020

Jan 18-20, 2020

2021 forward- Winterfest splits into 3 weekends

Jan 9-10 Weekend #1: Boys and MAYBE one older Girls Club Division,

Jan 16-18 Weekend #2: Older Girls over MLK,

Jan 23-24 Weekend #3: Younger Girls weekend



MIZUNO BOSTON VOLLEYBALL FESTIVAL

FEB 22, 23, 24, 2019 (97 COURTS)

FEBRUARY (21) 22-23, 2020 (18 COURTS) PROVIDENCE

MAR 6, 7, 8, 2020 (90 COURTS) BOSTON

2 WEEKENDS – FRI TO SUN – SPLIT TBD

2021: FEB 26-28 & MAR 5- 7

2022: FEB 25-27 & MAR 4-6

2023: FEB 24-26 & MAR 3- 5

2024: FEB 23-25 & MAR 1-3

2025: FEB 21-23 & TBA

2026: FEB 27- MAR 1 & MAR 6- 8

2027: FEB 19-21 & FEB 26-28

2028: MAR 3-5 & MAR 10-12

2019 BOSTON VOLLEYBALL FESTIVAL

97 Courts projected

- Girls 14-18s divisions will be a full 3-day event starting with an 8am or 3pm wave on Friday.
- Boys 18's will be a full 3-day event starting with 3-team pools beginning on Friday at 5:30pm
- The remaining Boys Divisions and Girls 12's and 13's will begin Play on Saturday morning

USA HP National Tryouts

Sitting Volleyball Court

NEW SPECTATOR ADMISSION POLICY

All spectators will use SCAN and GO with license verification

Same system as Big South and Capital Hill

Coaches will have barcodes, players will have key tags



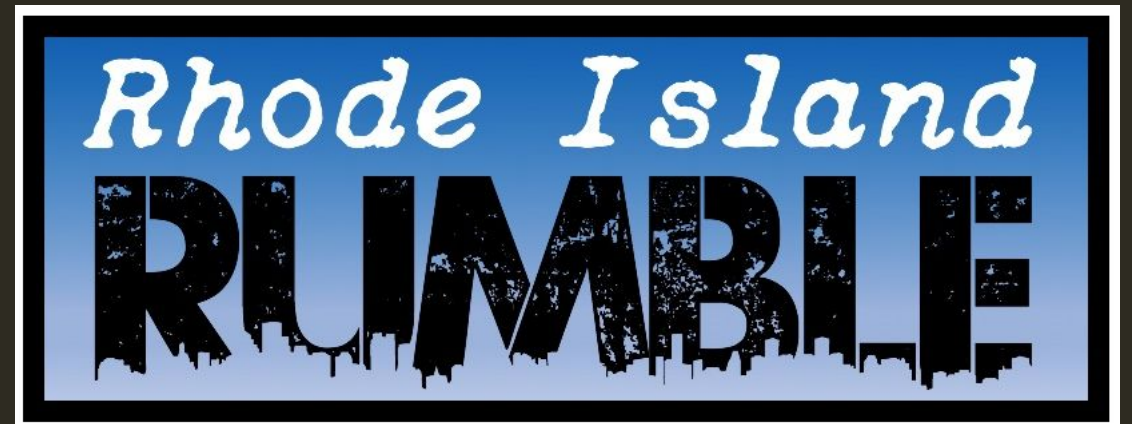
RHODE ISLAND RUMBLE

2018 – 175 teams and 31 Vendors
142 NERVA - 23 GEVA – 4 IREVA – 4 WEVA - 2 Canada

April 13-14, 2019 & April 27 – 28, 2019
144 teams on 18 courts each weekend ALL matches at the Convention Center

14-18 Club Divisions Weekend 1 and 12-18 Open Divisions on Weekend 2

April 10 – 12 & April 24 – 26 2020
April 16 – 18 & April 23 – 25 2021
April 15 – 17 & April 22 – 24 2022
April 7 – 9 & April 14 – 16 2023
April 12 – 14 & April 19 – 21 2024
April 11 – 13 & April 18 – 20 2025
April 3 – 5 & April 18 – 20 2026
April 9 – 11 & April 16 – 18 2027



NEW NERVA EVENT

Providence RI Presidents Day – 3 day tournament

Begins February 2021

Details TBD

Will give the Region 1 Convention Center event per month

USAV LOGO PROGRAM

NERVA will offer any club that will enter into the contract with USAV a \$2.00 per uniform rebate as an incentive to use the logo.

This rebate will be issued upon receipt of a copy of the original invoice emailed to Dave. We hope you can take advantage of this program and to show our pride of being part of a National program.

Clubs using logo this 2018:

Avidity, Coastal, Dragons, Husky, Gators, Thunderbirds, Walpole



USAV LOGO AND TRADEMARK

USAV tightening up use of their logo and trademarks.

DO NOT use their logo without permission or a contract. Region will supply more information on this when available.

USAV Currently working on a dual logo for Regional and Club use.

ART OF COACHING VOLLEYBALL PARTNERSHIP

AGREEMENT:

- The Art of Coaching Volleyball will create premium access codes for the New England Region Volleyball Association(NERVA) that will give all NERVA coaches premium access to all videos, courses and premium benefits on The Art of Coaching Volleyball website. NERVA cost \$8.50 per coach. Upon registration (monthly/biweekly) coaches will receive login info via email.

All NERVA group members will also receive:

10% discount on all products offered in the Art of Coaching Volleyball On-Line Store (discount excludes Pocket Radar and VERT Items).

\$50.00 discount on any Art of Coaching Volleyball clinic registration.

**About 350 coaches took advantage of FREE Online offer
Clinic hosted 302 Coaches**

MOLTEN PARTNERSHIP

Molten will provide free yearly:

- A. 80 volleyballs
- B. 50 SPB mesh ball bags.
- C. Level 4 Pricing on all molten products

NERVA will provide:

The designation of Molten as the Official Volleyball of NERVA. The designation includes:

1. The use of Molten volleyballs in the NERVA championships;
2. The use of Molten volleyballs in all NERVA hosted camps and clinics; and
3. All NERVA High Performance teams will practice with and travel with Molten equipment including volleyballs, ball bags and ball carts.

The recommendation by the *NERVA* to its membership that Molten volleyballs be used for league play.

Hudl - Mark Robinson & Sarah Tighe

Bringing sports and technology together

Video technology, stats → and then how we can use it

Global Company

2016 - Volleyball product; 2017 team started

Volleyball Assist - stats in 24 hours

Volleymetrics → how athletes move throughout the game

Lots of partnerships → Coaches lounges

Basic Stats like what you would post on Maxpreps