



Keystone Region Girls Championship Manual

(The following manual contains information regarding the Pennsylvania Kick Starter, Capitol City Freeze, Lucky Charm Classic and Champions Cup)

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2023-2024 Season

Keystone Region reserves the right to adjust or alter the procedures and policies outlined in this manual for the 2023-2024 season. To ensure that proper safety measures are taken for all participants and staff, Keystone Region will adhere to all required local and national guidelines, safety protocols and restrictions, including any and all regulations related to COVID-19.

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Article I. Rules of Play

The 2021-23 USA Volleyball Regulations for Domestic Competition will be in effect. (For the complete rules, see our region website, www.keystoneregionvolleyball.org, under “officials.”)

Article II. Match Format, Warm-ups, Playing Schedule, Tiebreakers

The first two rounds of play, warm-ups will be 2-4-4 (2 minutes of shared ball handling followed by 4 minutes for each team beginning with the serving team). Teams must serve within their court time.

The warm-up time for each match will begin immediately upon the completion of the previous match. The match will begin at the end of the official warm-up time. We ask coaches and their teams to monitor the progress on their court as matches will begin early if a match does not use up their allotted time period.

All 4-team pool play matches will be played best two out of three sets. The first 2 sets are to 25 rally score points. Any required third sets will be one set to 15 with rally scoring points. Team in 3 team pools with crossover matches will also be best two out of three sets. Team in 3-team pools with no crossover matches will automatically play all 3 sets to 25. There are no caps in any of the sets being played. There will be no changing sides this year.

2023 Qualifier tie breaker procedure will be followed for Bid divisions.

All non-bid divisions will use the following Tie Breaking rules. The rules will be applied sequentially in this order without repeating any previous rule.

1. Match % - Number of matches won divided by number of matches played.
2. Head-to-Head match result between two teams. This criteria does not apply in a 3-way tie.
3. Set% - Number of sets won divided by number of sets played.
4. Point% - Total number of points you scored in the pool divided by total number of points scored against you.
5. Coin Toss.

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Article III. Team Work Crew Responsibilities

The Keystone Region will schedule a first referee for each match. In accordance with USAV: Teams are responsible for providing an officiating/work crew for matches in which they are not scheduled to play. Those work assignments can be found in the official play schedule. For planning purposes, be prepared to provide the following officials:

- Second referee
- Certified scorer
- Scoreboard operator
- Two line judges

For each minute the work team is late or incomplete, one point will be given to their next opponent (up to 25-0 forfeit). A second offense will result in the loss of your next match.

Article IV. PROTESTS

If a protest needs to be filed, it is to be done at the time of the incident, not later. The Head Official will handle any protests prior to the next service. All decisions by the Protest Committee will be final. Judgment calls may not be protested. Protests will only be considered for situations outlined in the USAV Rule Book.

Article V. Pennsylvania Kick Starter

This is a 2-day event with NO stay and play requirements.

The **18's Freedom division** will be offered at this event which will award the winner the Freedom Bid to 2023 GJNC. A team must be registered and in good standings in the Keystone Region to play in this division. A team is considered to have met this requirement if they are accepted into the event.

Non-Bid Divisions will also be offered.

Article VI. Capitol City Freeze

This is a 2-day event with NO stay and play requirements.

The **18's Bid division** will be offered at this event. The team that finishes 1st will be awarded the National Bid and the team that finishes second will be awarded the American Bid to 2023 GJNC. A team must have played in at least **TWO** Keystone Region Events before the Capitol City Freeze to be eligible to

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play in the Bid Division. A team is considered to have met this requirement if they are accepted. Teams that are not eligible will be switch to a non-bid division.

Please be advised that if a team qualifies, they must accept the bid they have earned and are not allowed to decline. If your team does not wish to complete at the 2023 GJNC then you need to contact results@krva.org to be switched to a non-bid division.

Non-bid divisions will also be offered for 12s to 18s American level.

Article VII. Lucky Charm Classic

This is a 2-day event with NO stay and play requirements.

The **14's to 17's Freedom division** will be offered at this event which will award the winner the Freedom Bid to 2023 GJNC. A team must be registered and in good standings in the Keystone Region to play in this division. A team is considered to have met this requirement if they are accepted into the event.

Non-Bid Divisions will also be offered.

Article VIII. Champions Cup

This is a 2-day event with NO stay and play requirements.

The **14's to 17's Bid division** will be offered at this event. The team that finishes 1st will be awarded the National Bid and the team that finishes second will be awarded the American Bid to 2023 GJNC. A team must have played in at least **TWO** Keystone Region Events before the Champions Cup to be eligible to play in the Bid Division. A team is considered to have met this requirement if they are accepted. Teams that are not eligible will be switch to a non-bid division or dropped.

Please be advised that if a team qualifies, they must accept the bid they have earned and are not allowed to decline. If your team does not wish to complete at the 2023 GJNC then you need to contact results@krva.org to be switched to a non-bid division.

The Regional **Champ Divisions** will be offered at this event. A team must have played in at least **ONE** Keystone Region Events before the Champions Cup to be eligible to play in the Champ Division. A team is considered to have met this requirement if they are accepted. Teams that are not eligible will be dropped.

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