

HOW TO QUALIFY FOR THE AVPFIRST NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

All boys' divisions, as well as girls 10U and 12U are open events and will remain so until all the allocated positions are filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

For the girls 14U, 16U and 18U age divisions, there are two ways to qualify for the AVPFIRST National Championships:

1. Direct Bid Earning Events

- AVPFIRST will run a series of automatic bid qualifying events. These include 13 Zonal Championship Events, the AVPFIRST Gold Series Events, and an East Coast Championship. Top teams from each event will earn an automatic bid to be utilized with the same partner.

2. Zonal Qualification

- We have split the country into 13 zones. Within each zone there will be multiple events that are designated as "AVP America Certified."

Players, who are current AVP members, competing in AVPFIRST or AVP America certified events gather AVP points and battle for the opportunity to represent their zone at the National Championships. To give themselves the best chance at earning a bid to Hermosa Beach, players need to plan on playing multiple AVPFIRST and/or AVP America events. Their best 5 finishes will be combined with their partner's best 5 finishes to establish rankings within their zone.

The following will be observed when awarding zonal bids:

- A team will be formed by two individuals. Their points, in accordance with the below requirements, will be added together and then ranked in the age group and where they are applying for a zonal bid.
- Points do not need to be earned together.
- Only AVPFIRST and AVP America points earned from an age division can be used to qualify in that same age division.

At the end of zonal qualification, two individuals will be required to apply as a team for a zonal bid. They can do so in any zone or age group in which both players have competed. Their best 5 results per team member will count and they will be sorted by the following criteria:

- Firstly, number of events played in-zone: Athletes must've played at least one event in the zone or zones they are applying for a zonal bid. This number will cap out at three events even if the athlete counts four or five points finishes from the zone where they are applying for a zonal bid. This number will then be added to their partner's number of events and used to sort teams from 6 events to 2 events.
- Secondly, number of points earned in events which count toward earning a zonal bid. A maximum of 2 out of zone finishes can count for zonal rankings.
- The teams who nominate will then be ranked within that zone and bids will be awarded to the highest ranked teams based on how many positions are available.

Zonal Qualification for Hawaii will be within the following dates: June 5th, 2018 – June 10th, 2019

Zonal Qualification for Norcal and SoCal will be within the following dates: July 10th, 2018 – July 1st, 2019

Zonal Qualification for Northwest will be within the following dates: July 9th, 2018 – June 24th, 2019

Zonal Qualification for all other zones will be within the following dates: June 27th, 2018 – June 17th, 2019

*After the completing of 2019 Zonal Qualification, any athlete wishing to earn zonal qualification points towards the 2020 National Championship must play in the division they wish to compete in for 2020. **The 2018 AVP First National Championships and any Tier 2 events run prior to July 31st 2018 will not count toward Zonal Qualification for 2019