



Please read the GPR tournament descriptions below:

### **Gold Series Tournaments**

New this year, the Gold Series tournaments are our regular season “featured” tournaments where the top competition will be guaranteed. These tournaments are NOT on National Qualifier weekends, so all club organizations have the opportunity to compete in-Region. To guarantee the competition level will be high, we may combine age divisions. These 3 dates will guarantee the best competition in the Region as well as serve as a great ranking tool when it comes to rankings for the Bid Tournament, where top teams have the chance to play each other before the GPR Bid. These tournaments will have a 3-match guarantee (unlike our normal Gold Tournaments that guarantee 4 matches), have certified officials, and have a **\$160 tournament entry fee**.

*Saturdays will be for the U11-14 divisions. Sundays will be for the U15-18 divisions.*

Jan 24-25 @ Premier Nebraska Training Facility (Gretna)

Feb 7-8 @ UBT Sports Complex (Elkhorn)

March 28-29 @ Kinetic Sports Complex (Lincoln)

### **Gold Tournaments**

Gold tournaments are our regular season tournaments for the top teams in the Region. These tournaments have a 4-match guarantee and all games start at 0-0 with a certified official on every court. **A Gold tournament entry fee is \$210.** Other costs to consider are that tournament directors will normally charge a spectator fee.

### **Silver / Bronze Tournaments**

Silver/Bronze tournaments are our regular season tournaments for the teams that fall short of competing in Gold tournaments. These tournaments have a 8-set guarantee and all games start at 7-7 and there are no certified officials, meaning the work teams will also have R1 responsibility. This allows the tournament to flow faster and tournament directors will often have “split sessions” where there is a morning session (generally from 8am-2pm) and an afternoon session (generally from 2pm-8pm). **A Silver/Bronze tournament entry fee is \$120.** Other costs to consider are that tournament directors will normally charge a spectator fee.

### **2026 Regional Championships**

The Great Plains Regionals will be held at CHI Convention Center April 11-12. This is a chance for all Region teams to experience competing in a large atmosphere event! Medals will be awarded to divisions winners and an All-Tournament Team will be selected in each division. There will be Gold, Silver, and Bronze Divisions (unless we need to combine) for 10-18s teams. **Tournament entry fee for all divisions will be priced at \$250/team. Bid and Gold courts will guarantee a certified official on every court. Silver/Bronze will likely have a certified official on your court, but priority will go to the Bid and Gold courts.** This tournament has a 4-match guarantee for all teams.

April 11: 10-14s Divisions

April 12: 15-18s Divisions

## **2026 Great Plains Bid Tournament**

The Great Plains Bid Tournament is a USAV qualifying event reserved only for teams who register through the Great Plains Region and are wanting to compete in the USA Volleyball Junior National Championships in summer 2026. Because this is a qualifying event, all members (athletes and coaches) are required to have full-season memberships. Teams will be ranked prior to the tournament using the results at regular season GPR tournaments, USAV qualifiers, and Club Director rankings. **GPR Bid Tournament entry fee is \$250 / team and will have a certified official on every court.**

The Bid Tournament will be a 2-day format IF there are more than 8 teams signed up in the age division. The first day will be pool play. From there, the top 8 teams from the pool will make it to the Gold Bracket on the second day and are eligible for a Bid. These teams will play the games out to 6th place, meaning each team will play minimum of 2, maximum of 3 games on the second day. The remaining teams will play in a “Club” bracket the second day and are not eligible for a Bid.

*NOTE: We will only be able to play a “Club” bracket the second day of play IF there are at least 11 teams in a division (top 8 go to “Bid”, bottom 3 play round robin in “Club”).*

Because this is a REGION Bid, we are requiring each team who wants to play in the GPR Bid Tournament to participate in 2 GPR GOLD OR GOLD SERIES TOURNAMENTS prior to the Bid Tournament. This will serve as a requirement to play in the GPR Bid and your team will not be accepted into the Bid until we are shown proof that your team is registered for two GPR Gold or Gold Series Tournaments within the 2026 season. This is not limited to an age division, a team can compete in any aged GPR Gold or Gold Series Tournament to meet the requirement. **Because the 18s Bid is early in the season, they only need to compete in 1 GPR Gold or Gold Series Tournament prior to their Bid.**

*NOTE: WILL ONLY BE 2 DAY FORMAT IF MORE THAN 8 TEAMS REGISTER FOR THE BID. IF 8 OR LESS, WE WILL ONLY PLAY ON SUNDAY. **THESE WILL SHOW UP AS A 2-DAY EVENT IN AES.***

Girls 18s: February 21-22 (Location: Premier Nebraska Training Facility)

Girls 11-14s: April 11-12 (Location: CHI Health Center)

Girls 15-17s: April 18-19 (Location: Premier Nebraska Training Facility)