



# High Line VBC Junior National News!

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## 31st Annual Boys Junior National Championships 2010

What is "Junior National's"? It is the *tournament of tournaments!* Put on by USA Volleyball, JN's brings together the best teams from around the country, including Canada and Puerto Rico. Everyone that attends JN's can look forward to the experience of a lifetime—making new friends, having first-time experiences, competing with the best!

Keep informed! Check [www.highlinevbc.com](http://www.highlinevbc.com) for all the latest JN news!

### Mark Your Calendars!

#### PARTICULARS:

- Held in Austin, TX — Rolling schedule (see below)
- 2 Classifications—Club and Open. We'll have teams in both
- All active High Line teams will compete

#### PLAY SCHEDULE:

- 18's – July 2 – July 5
- 16's – July 3 – July 6
- 14's – July 5 – July 8
- 17's – July 6 – July 9

**Time of play will be posted in June** (morning session or afternoon session)

#### HOTEL:

We are staying at:  
**Embassy Suites Downtown—Austin**  
300 S. Congress Ave., Austin, TX 78704  
(512) 469-9000

- ✓ All rooms have a bedroom with one king bed with a queen sleeper sofa in the living room.
- ✓ The rate is \$125 per night per room plus tax (=approx. \$144/night)
- ✓ We will need to provide a rooming list, inclusive of credit card numbers and expiration dates.
- ✓ Your Team Chaperone will be collecting this information tonight at this meeting. Your card will not be charged until you arrive, unless you have a late cancellation
- ✓ Solo travelers—see below

#### COSTS:

- JN Intent Fee OF \$400
  - Spring Club Dues of \$700
  - JN Hotel Room
  - JN Airfare and ground transportation
  - JN Dinners (3)
- JN/Spring Club Dues include:
- ♦ Tournament fees (Spring & JN)
  - ♦ Coaches, Chaperone, & Director costs
  - ♦ JN lunches
  - ♦ One JN team dinner (no parents allowed!)

<b>February 7, 2010</b> JN Intent Fee Due (non-refundable)	<b>\$400</b>
<b>May 30, 2010</b> JN/Spring Club Dues Due (Excludes airfare, ground transportation, hotel, and meals)	<b>\$700</b>
<b>May 30, 2010</b> Mandatory Parent AND Player Meeting—This includes all RETURNING players and parents as well!	<b>7pm</b> LBCC Small Gym

#### **IMPORTANT NUMBERS:**

- Randy Totorp's Cell — (562) 843-9381
- Charla Nuñez' Cell — (562) 618-4689
- Matt Silva's Cell — (562) 843-3355

#### **Pre-tournament Tickets**

To save money and time, it is wise to pre-purchase your JN tickets. Coaches, Players, and Chaperones do NOT need tickets. Pre-purchase becomes available March 19th at [http://www.usavolleyball.org/events/2403/page?page\\_id=7374](http://www.usavolleyball.org/events/2403/page?page_id=7374)

Deadline for ordering is **June 16th**

#### **What if...???**

If you have any special circumstances, please see **Charla**

#### Solo Travelers:

If your son is traveling without you, the Team Chaperone will take care of him. We will be putting up to 3 boys in a room that will be monitored by the Team Chaperone. Their hotel costs will be pro-rated according to the number of boys in the room and communicated directly with them. The payment for their hotel rooms will be due no later than **May 30, 2010**.

#### Transportation While at JN's:

We are 6 blocks from the convention center. During the competition, we will be walking back and forth each day. Your Team Chaperone will be coordinating transportation for your

team from the airport to the hotel as the hotel does **NOT** provide a complimentary shuttle other than within a two mile radius. Most likely, you will be using either a taxi or Super-Shuttle. Rental cars can be expensive, as parking at the Embassy Suites is \$15 per day.

**Remember...this will be coordinated by your Team Chaperone.**



# Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)

- Q: Do we get to go to JN's without a JN Bid?  
 A: Yes. The team will play in the Club Division—offers great competition with medals, etc.
- Q: How are we getting to Austin?  
 A: Each player and their family must make their own travel arrangements, then communicate those arrangements with your Team Chaperone. All players **MUST** be in Austin **no later than 9pm the night before** your session begins. Departure from Austin should be **no earlier than 6:30pm** the day of finals
- Q: Can I call the hotel directly?  
 A: **Please do NOT.** As part of JN's, USA Volleyball uses a Housing Authority to book our rooms. We must communicate with them at the club level only. Please direct any special needs or questions to Charla at: [cbnunez@verizon.net](mailto:cbnunez@verizon.net)
- Q: Will the boys be staying with their parents?  
 A: YES they will! (Unless they are traveling solo)
- Q: Can other family members be included in the airfare and hotel blocks?  
 A: As space permits — players/coaches/chaperones-first, parents-second, extra family-third. Talk to Charla.
- Q: Can I get an extra hotel room?  
 A: If space permits. Let Charla know your request, and she will try!
- Q: If we leave on the final day of JN's, what about showers for the boys?  
 A: We suggest you bring clean clothes to change into and have the boys wash up in the Convention Center bathrooms.
- Q: What are we doing about lunches?  
 A: We have contracted with Subway to have sandwiches delivered each day — whether your team is playing in the morning or the evening. Ordering will occur at the May 30th meeting
- Q: Can I get a room reservation for days outside of my assigned session?  
 A: If space permits. Let Charla know, and she will try.

## EMAIL!

We need you to stay connected! Your Team Chaperones will be communicating with you a lot over the next few months about JN's. Please read what they send you and respond quickly. We really appreciate your support!

## JN Corner

**Do you have [www.highlinevbc.com](http://www.highlinevbc.com) set as a "favorite"?** Please do! We will be posting a lot of JN information on our website in the "Junior Nationals Corner"

## Credit Card Availability

The High Line VBC website has the ability to accept credit cards for payment of Spring/JN Club Dues. A 3% surcharge will be added at time of payment.



## Important Websites:

- [www.highlinevbc.com](http://www.highlinevbc.com)
- <http://www.usavolleyball.org/events/2403>
- [www.austintexas.org/](http://www.austintexas.org/)
- [www.ci.austin.tx.us/austinairport/](http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/austinairport/)
- <http://www.tourtexas.com/>

## Things to Do in Austin — just a few ideas!

- Tour the State Capitol of Texas
- Lyndon Baines Johnson Library and Museum
- Stevie Ray Vaughan Statue
- Congress Avenue of Bats
- Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center
- Central Market
- The University of Texas
- Mount Bonnell
- Zilker Botanical Garden
- Barton Springs Pool

## Team Chaperone Responsibilities

### Everyone, Please Read!

USA Volleyball requires that each participating team have one Team Chaperone assigned. This person must be registered with USA VB and go through a background screening. The Team Chaperone must be housed with the team.

### Their responsibilities:

To ensure that all players are well-mannered, well-disciplined, and very cooperative creating "no incidents." In USA Volleyball terms, the Chaperone is responsible "... for the ENTIRE BEHAVIOR of the athletes on my team throughout their entire relationship with the USA Junior Olympic Boys Volleyball Championships."

The Team Chaperone will have control and responsibility for the players during the entire JN session – this means 24 hours per day. However, when parents are present, boys can be with them when it does not interfere with tournament times. **Please coordinate with your Team Chaperone in advance.**

### What else does the Team Chaperone do? They:

- ◆ Coordinate getting players to and from the tournament site
- ◆ Wash all uniforms each night
- ◆ Coordinate lunches for players
- ◆ Coordinate team events
- ◆ Coordinate team travel plans